

20TH MAY - LOBUCHE

SO TYPICAL IN 2 MONTHS WE HAVENT HAD A MORNING WITHOUT SUNSHINE AND HEY PRESTO, THE FIRST FOGGED IN DAY WAS THE ONE WE WERE DUE TO LEAVE BY HELICOPTER. NEEDLESS TO SAY, NO VISIBILITY NO CHOPPER. COMPLETELY FRUSTRATED AND THINKING MY HIKING BOOTS WERE HISTORY, WE WERE TOLD BY PERTEMBA TO HEAD TO PERICHE ASAP AS THERE MAY BE A "WINDOW" (I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED WITH WEATHER WINDOWS MYSELF) WITH WHICH WE COULD FLY OUT.

ON TIRED LEGS WE BOTH RUSHED DOWN TO TRY AND CATCH OUR "WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY" TO DEPART FOR KATHMANDU. I HAVE SEEN FOG LIKE THIS BEFORE IN BOTH ENGLAND AND HONG KONG AND KNEW THAT IT WAS SOCKED IN FOR THE DAY. WE SPENT THE DAY READING AND WITH A SIESTA AND PRAYED FOR GOOD WEATHER FOR TOMORROW.

WE ALL HAD DINNER AND THEN CONGREGATED AROUND THE YAK DUNG FIRE CHATTING TO OTHER TREKKERS IN THE LODGE A REALLY NICE GROUP OF AUSTRALIANS.

IVE BEEN REALLY VAIN I HATE TO CONFESS AND STUCK MY ARCTERYX PHOTOS WITH MY WEBSITE DETAILS IN ALL THE LODGES ON THE WAY DOWN WITH ANDRONICO GIVING ME GRIEF ALL THE TIME!!!