MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

MATIENZO 1982

Friday July 16th

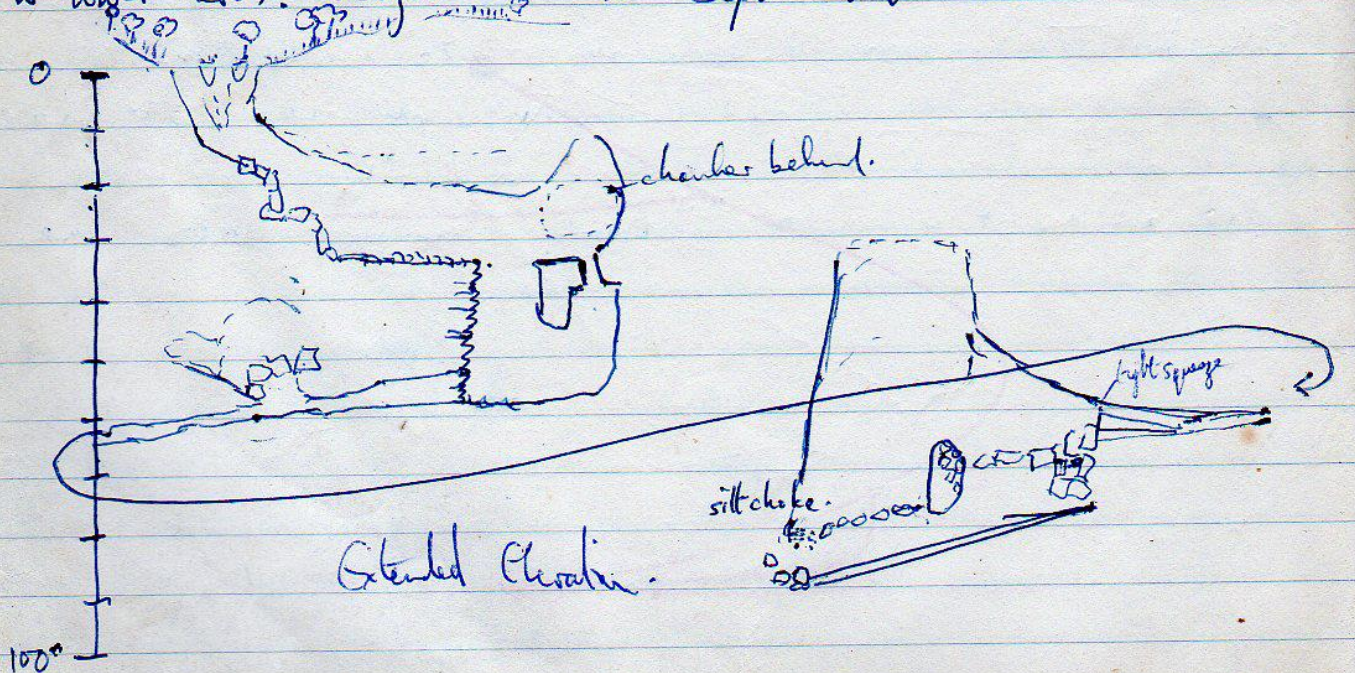
Pete, Juan, Squirrel* and Penny to investigate Lores above Carcueso. They didn't go. Low cloud. Some Rain.

* Miguel Bosque alias ardillo leña.

Saturday 17th July.

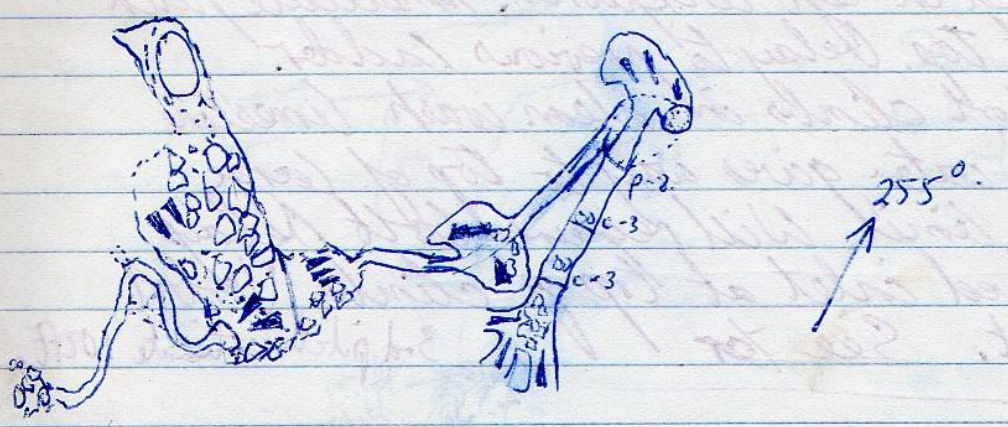
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Miguel Bosque, Juan e Penny to CUEVA DEL BOSQUE stream sink just down from Alisas into La Vega on north side. Climb from surface down to forkes climbs to head of pitch in <2> x 5m passage. 8m pitch to continuation of dry streamway. This degenerates immediately to crawling – eventually after 30ft to a tight squeeze into chamber. All rather loose. Chamber is <3m> x 10m long; at far end streamway is blocked with silt. Chamber start has a hole through boulders into the stream passage which becomes choked after about 50ft. Various high level bits choke or just drop back to lower levels. Length ≈ 200ft Depth about 80ft.



Extended Elevation.

Grade 1 [definitely].



CUEVA DEL BOSQUE

17th July

TORCA

XIO see me Youngsters' trip to ~~Cueva~~ Azpilicueta (John, Julie, Pete)

From the entrance a loose slope to a loosor short climb brings you out at the head of a pitch of 15' into a largish chamber (20' × 30') with 3 shafts.* The most promising was descended to a ledge after about 20' at which point ~~the~~ one of the other two shafts came in. The shaft then became very large with the ladder running out after about 110' with 10' or 20' still to go to the floor where a window into a parallel shaft can be seen.

From the ledge a traverse to the left

may bring someone into a passage. See further ~~up~~ thrilling installment (s)

* thought the 3rd shaft would be entered on going through the aforementioned slot, but apparently not.

19.7.82. Team as above plus Miguel del Bosque.

Add one ladder length to previous limit of exploration and pit floor. Inlet on left unexplored. Immediate pitch of 15', tight at top. Belay to previous ladder. Descend 3 short climbs in clean wash limestone with trickle of water gives way to top of large open shaft — limit. Will require 60ft ladder. Another unexplored inlet at top of climbs. Verbal contact throughout. See ~~for~~.

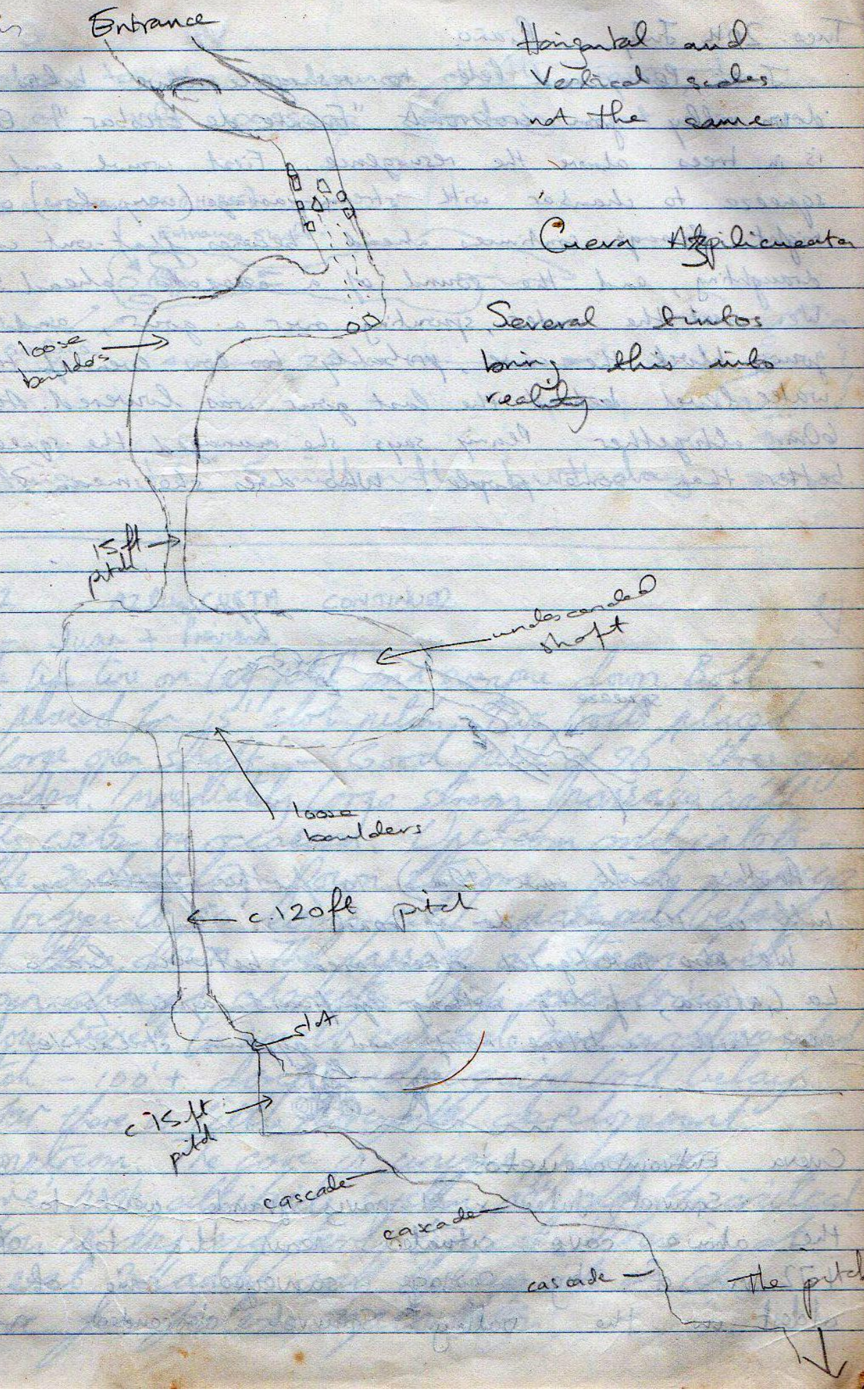
3rd pitch estimate 100ft.



Jan Jan + Remy up to Cisterna to survey mine. Found that a 30° sloping tunnel will be necessary at about 185° bearing for 10½m. Now need pick axe. Carried on up hill and to the east to head of valley leading down to Cueva del Zorro. Many holes — only some looked at — some shafts — good potential with some holes draughting out.

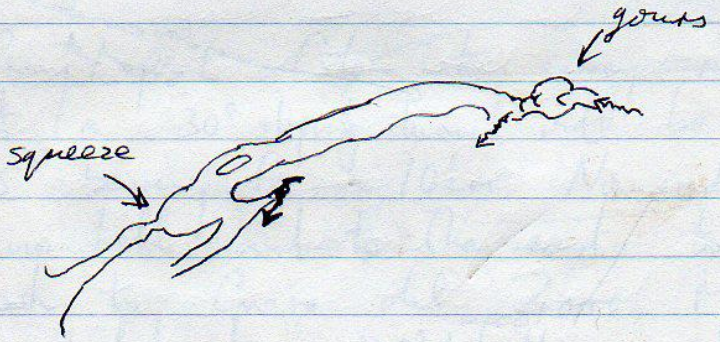
Carried on up to cabanas above Comedianto and came down panning Cabritilla — this needs another look? Thunder rumbling overhead all day made the walk interesting!




Entrance
Horizontal and Vertical scales not the same.
Cueva Espiliceata
Several limbs: being this limb reality
loose boulders
15ft pitch
undercanded shaft
loose boulders
c.120ft pitch
slit
c.15ft pitch
cascade
cascade
cascade
The pitch

Tues. 20th July. Riaño.

Juan, Penny and Pete to resurgence cave below road down valley from crossroads "Fuente de Escobar." Entrance is in trees above the resurgence. First crawl and squeeze to chamber with stream-passage (very low) on right. Passage continues ahead, becomes flat-out crawl, draughting, and the sound of a cascade ahead!! We meet the water, sporting over a gour, and these gours block the cave, probably too low even if the water-level behind the last gour was lowered. About 60m. altogether. Penny says she managed the squeeze better than some people. Who does she mean?



Another small cave (10m) in further ~~further~~ up the hill on the other side of road.

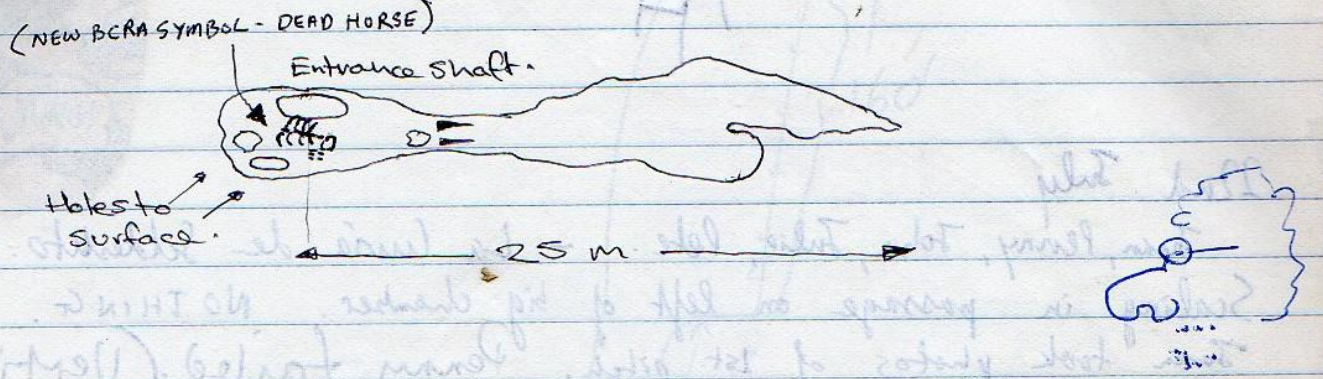
We also investigated other area between Riaño and La Gatuna, finding nothing significant apart from 5m cave with sandstone roof and gypsum stalactites.



Cueva Entrambascuetos.

Squirrel, Julie & El navis grande went to survey the above cave, situated near the top of Cueto. 172 m of big passage surveyed, some of the oldest in the valley! Squirrel descended a 25'

shaft, close to the entrance of the cave, to 25 m of vift passage ending at a choke.



* celebrating its 5 millionth birthday soon.

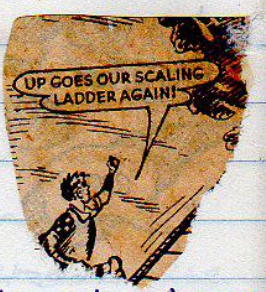
21·7·82 AZILICUETA CONTINUED.

Team - Juan + Privans.

Double life line on 'big pitch' and everyone down. Bolt belay placed for 45' slot pitch. Two bolts placed for 'large open shaft'. - Good pitch of 90' three gulp descended. Immediately large stream passage with little water on occasion. Upstream and inlets - little exploration. Down stream - wide passage gets bigger to 50' domp pitch - natural belays and three down. The passage at stream level again changes character - high meandering vadose trench to small cascade and undescended pitch - 100'+ domp and requires bolt belays So far there is little horizontal development downstream. The cave is unique being an active high altitude system although the initial section is dry and fairly typical. There is at present 3 ladders and belays etc in the cave for future exploration.



CUEVA AZPILIGUETA
6TH PITCH. NO NATURAL BELAYS.



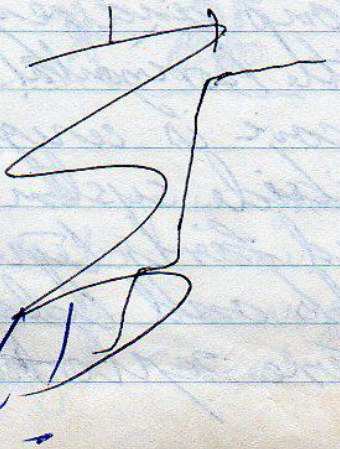
22nd July

Susan, Penny, John, Julie, Pete. – La Cueva de Seldestato. (370)
Scaling in passage on left of big chamber. NOTHING.
Susan took photos of 1st pitch. Penny ~~failed~~ (Vertigo)

23rd July AZPILCUETA

The 100'+ pitch undescended on the 21st was rigged using 150' ladder via a suspect ~~so~~ bolt, put in by Pete. We would have had a second ~~bolt~~ bolt, but John found out after fixing it with its wedge, that the tommy bar on the tool would not ~~allow~~ let it unscrew! We tried to modify the wall, but one of my blows hit the tool & ~~it~~ it snapped off at the bolt!

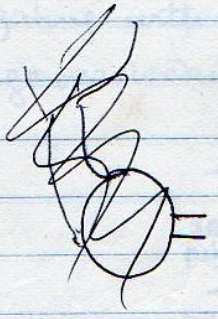
Phil descended the 150' ladder to find it short; came up & went down again on 225' of ladder, it just reached the bottom, with a belay at 160'. Squirrel came down with a line to plumb the ~~rock~~ next pitch, it is at least 150' (see diag). This means that the pitch at the end is at least 400' high!

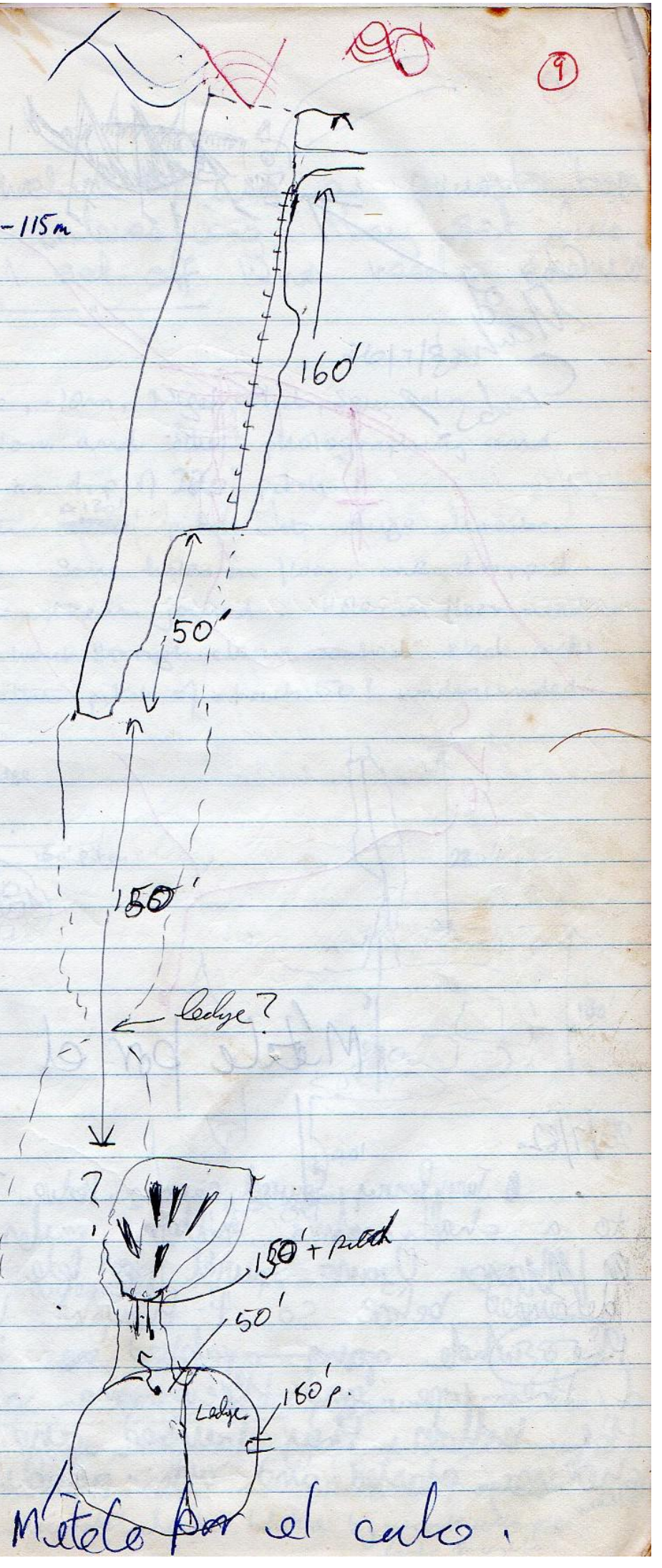


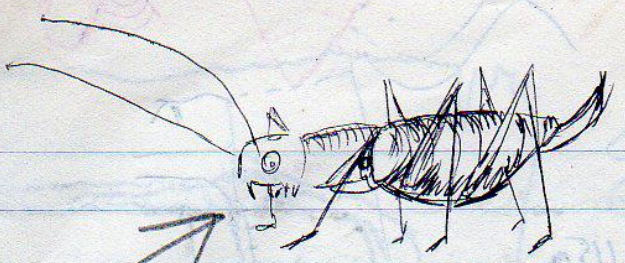
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Update

Julie + Juan surveyed to -115m and upstream.

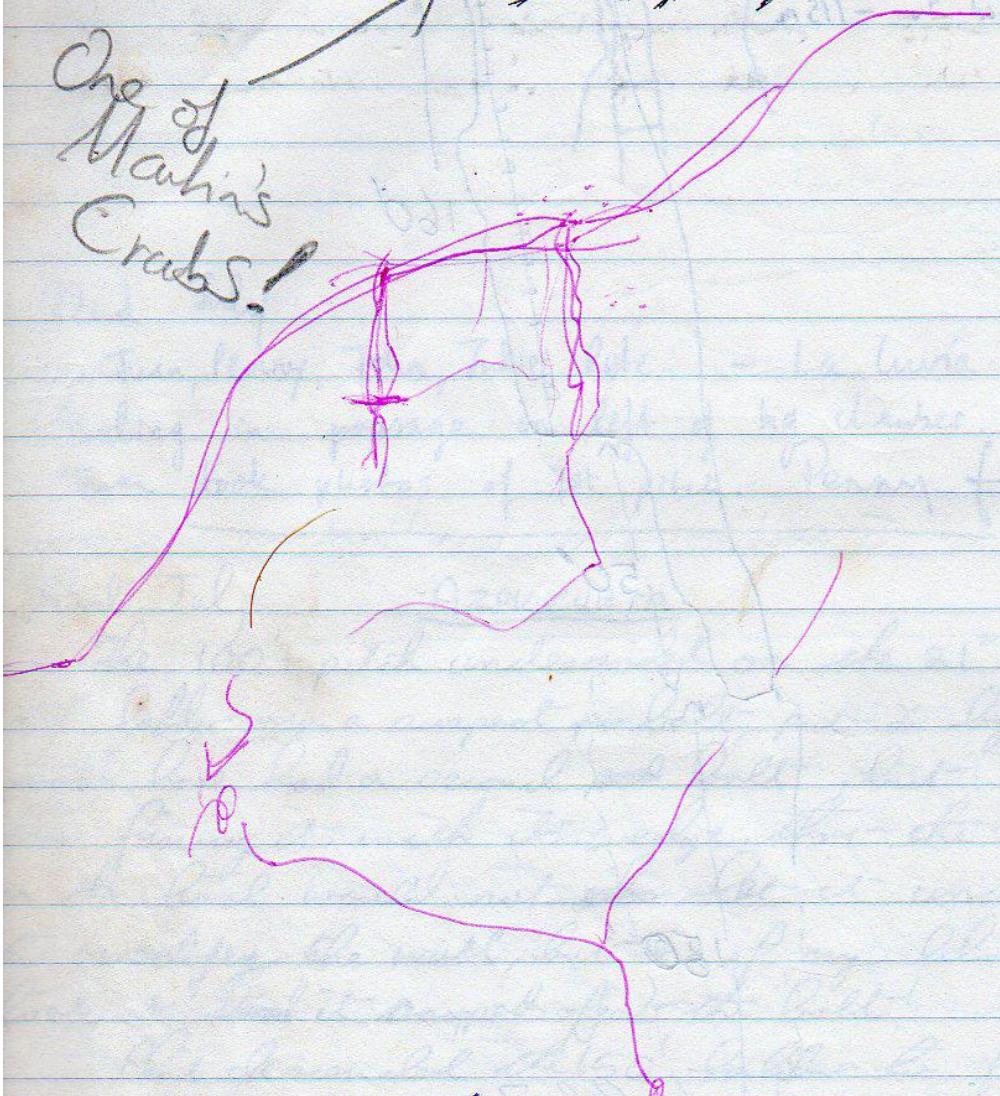






slow moving
lifesize. bright green.
what is it?

One of Mario's Crabs!



Métele por el culo

25/7/82.

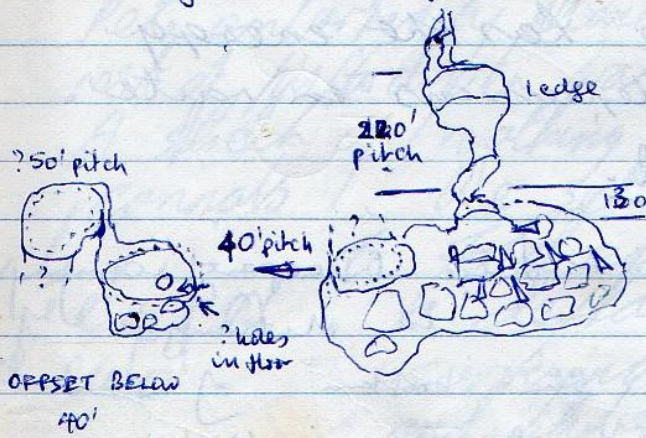
Juan, Lenny, Squirel, Carmen, Pedro, Julie & Big Nose went to a shaft not a million miles away from Cruz Vzaro Squirel & Pete said it had been descended before so I thought I was safe. Then the whole gang grabbed me tied me to the end of the rope and threw me over. When I hit the bottom they laughed and threw me a stocking plaster and an apaden, then as an

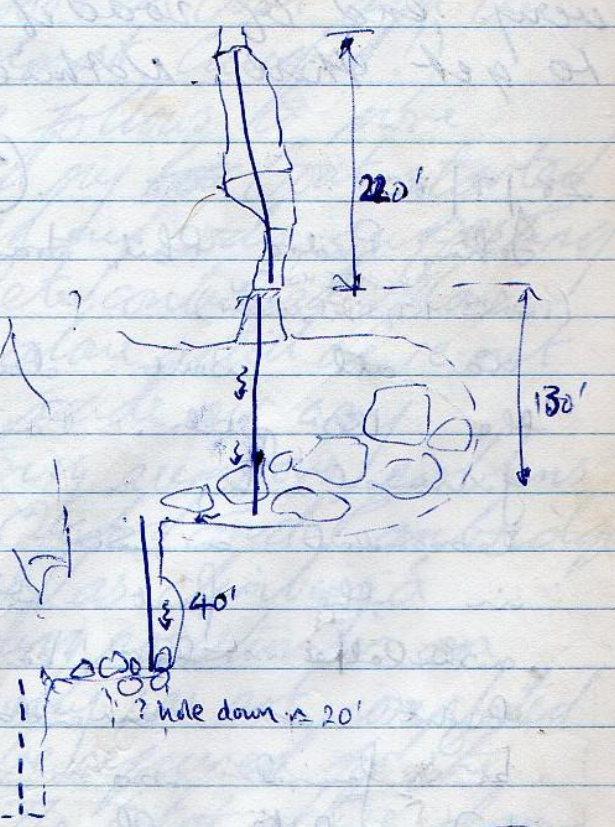
afterthought two shelaes to use as prusik loops to make things interesting they set live to the rope as I set off. Who needs enemies

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AZPILICUETA 26/7/82.

Juan, Paul Taylor, Julie, John, Nigel, Phil, Squirel.
Two parties, one to bottom and other photographing and surveying down as far as top of 220' pitch.
Below 160' was another ~130' pitch into huge chamber containing large boulders. Some holes in floor, one dropped about 40' down to where stream joined. Holes in floor need investigating with ladder. Went through clean washed black rocks to ledge overlooking another pitch of about 50' undescended.

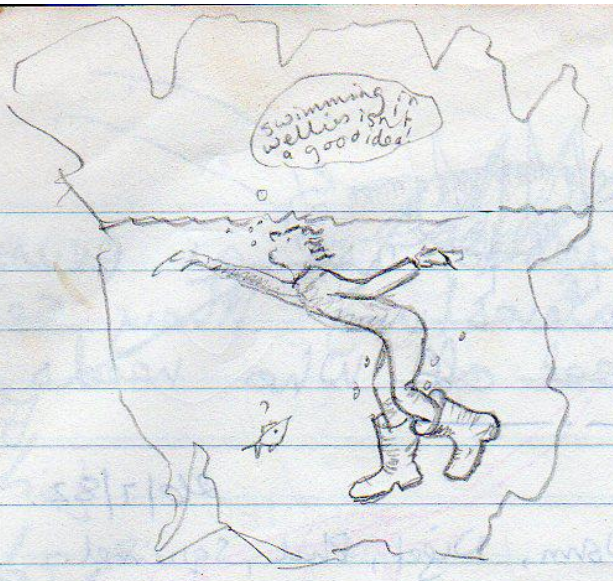




20'
120'
20'
90'
40'
220'
130'
40'
?50'
680'

387?

CAVE AT THE BACK OF PETE'S HOUSE (20 MINS UP THE HILL)
Small cave with goat shit and good draught needs thaw with hammer + chisel, see Pete or Frank.
it "went" to single well decorated chamber blocked by recent collapse lost draught.



27/7/82 Squeal, Pete surveyed Squeals passage using the 2 diggs.

28/7/82 Juan + Penny walked up logging road at end of Sel de Sato Rd. Some shafts at very end of road if anyone has the energy to get there. Nothing in depressions en route.

(333) Azul.

28/7/82 John, Pedro, Phil, Frank, Paul + Julie (Deepest woman in Matienzo).
(FRANK'S 1ST + LAST I HOPE 1ST. SRT. LESSON)

We all went down to the bottom of the 130' pitch. Paul went down a 40' followed by a few others. He then descended a 50 blind shaft. Blind in the fact that the only shafts available to be descended were too tight or suicidal. No way on could be found so we got out + dolachleaf. We left the tackle at the bottom of the 120' pitch.

They hadn't even kept the bar open for us!

27/7/82 Pete Miguel Bosque Frank, Paul G. and Nigel & Paul Ebenhore. - 'The survey of Sgodiers passage' (KOÑADA)

Pete, Miguel Frank and Paul dropped down into Sgodiers passage between the Dolonstein Lake and the cascade, unpacked two dinghys and inflated them, smashed Spanish sweet words against bell-off. Pete's boat was wider than canal passage in places and disembarkation untill cascade. Technique - ~~climb~~ through inflatable, into pool below* cascade, climb down and dive for boat. (By this time I was beginning to realise why so many continental caving incidents are associated with inflatables.) At the second rapid Pete embarked by placing one foot in boat and the rest of his body in water (I almost capsized!) A stretch of walking passage follows to more canals. We set off, and my ~~boat~~ boat started to fold up around my body, suggesting a deflation. Pete centered above, surveying back along until we re-met and thereby we made our way upstream encountering numerous problems associated with Oxford and Cambridge rowing teams. Such as climbing a cascade from standing position in an inflatable. The survey was not completed but boats will not be required for the next trip. The total active downstream passage should be in the region of ½ a nautical mile.

Pete le por el culo

JULIE:-

LOWEST

WOMAN

IN

MATIENZO

BULLSHIT; YOU MEAN

BEAUTIEST

LADY



I AM THE DEEREST LADY IN MATIENZO

Julie

P.S. BURP, FART, WINGE, MOAN, GRIPE.

THE END

The rest of this book is dedicated to ~~drinking~~ cawing.
So am I.

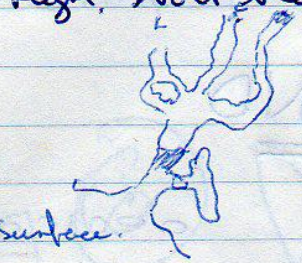
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30/7/82.

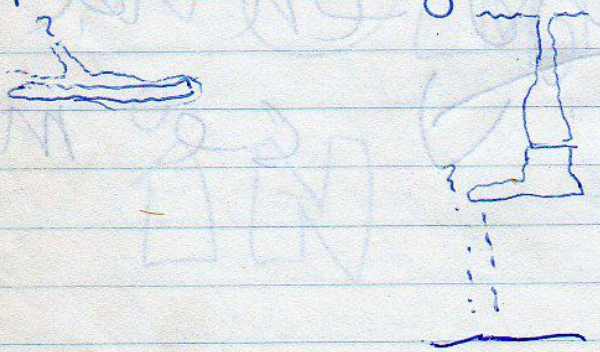
Descended two unvisited pots Paul Taylor.

1. Short drop of about 4 m to small chamber. Three descending rifts about ½m wide leading off. Left route. Over rock stopped after 3m. Centre and right. both blocked by rock fall after approx 12 m.



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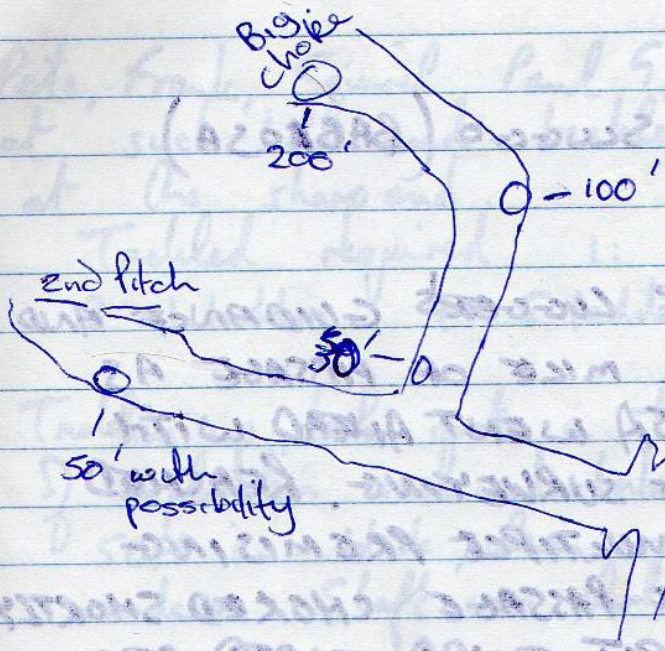
2. A 15 m descent through a surface crack. Opened out at bottom to 2 m wide. A small passage on right led off but was re-entered as way in to right. A further two with a lump hammer necessary as a further drop lay beyond.



Cotaron. 30.7.82.

John + Slug. Went to descend shafts above the 2nd pitch. The one near the big boulder slope was 200 ft with a big ledge in the middle and a choke at the bottom. The next was ~~too~~ 100 ft with a ledge in the middle and a choke in the bottom. The next choked at 30 ft And the last, above Marvins marvels passage choked at 50' but a trifa to remove a large glossar may gain entry to a tight take off pitch which, judging by the sound of dropped rocks gets

substantially wider. Hoya un rancho grande



meanwhile, while we sweated and laboured to no avail :-

30/1/82: Frank, Penny, Jan, Pete, Julie, Paul G, Paul Taylor, Squirel

Detackled Agujero and went to next shakehole West with tree. 15ft down to large bulbous ledge and then 75ft pitch to choked floor. (ϕ 2m). A number of tight rifts go off from shaft walls. The one at the bottom accepts rocks to ~ 20ft down but is too tight. (331) →.

Then to Cabaña where Nigel descended to steal tackle for shaft pushing in the future.

Then to 337, descended by Paul T. (Cave 1).
Then to 386 " " " " (Cave 2).

AND

Coteron - new ½ mile :-

31/JULY '82 JOHN, JULIE, SLUGGO (BABOOSA)

REACHED STATION 7 UNDER LUGGER'S GUIDANCE AND SETOFF TO LOOK AT THE 1/2 MILE OF PASSAGE AS PROMISED AND DIRECTED. BABOOSA WENT AHEAD WITH JOHN AND JULIE FOLLOWING SURVEYING. REACHED LARGISH CHAMBER WITH MULTIPLE PROMISING PASSAGES GOING OFF. FIRST PASSAGE CHOKED SHORTLY. SECOND ENDED AT EDGEOF PIT. THIRD ENDED AT BOTTOM OF PIT. FOURTH LED TO SQUEEZE INTO 2ND LARGE CHAMBER WITH PASSAGES OFF. FIRST PASSAGE WENT TO OTHER SIDE OF PIT AS ABOVE. COUPLE OF CLIMBS UP LOOKED PROMISING BUT WENT TO NOWT. OTHER SCRAMBLE UP RAMP LED TO ~~THE~~ VERY PROMISING LOOKING RIFT TYPE PASSAGE GOING EASILY FOR A WHILE BEFORE COMING INTO WELL DECORATED AREA. WAY ON INVOLVED SMASHING SOME STAL. TWO TIGHT AND IMPALING SQUEEZES LED TO MORE PASSAGE BUT DISSAPOINTINGLY CLOSED DOWN TO BLIND ENDING. SOME FABULOUS MATT BLACK STALS IN THE AREA. MAINLY WHOLE AREA A WIERD MAZE.

ON RETURN LOOKED AT HOLE IN FLOOR. A DANGLEING LOOK (BEING HELD UPSIDE DOWN BY WELLIES) REVEALED POSSIBLY A CONTINUATION OF PASSAGE AT BOTTOM. NEEDS A 25' LADDER FOR A GOOD LOOK.

31/7/82 Torca de Cabeña. ← MATIENZO PITCH-EATERS' CLUB

Pete, Frank, Squirel Paul G, Jean picked up tackle at suck-hole and tackled rest of pot — Squirel at the sharp end.

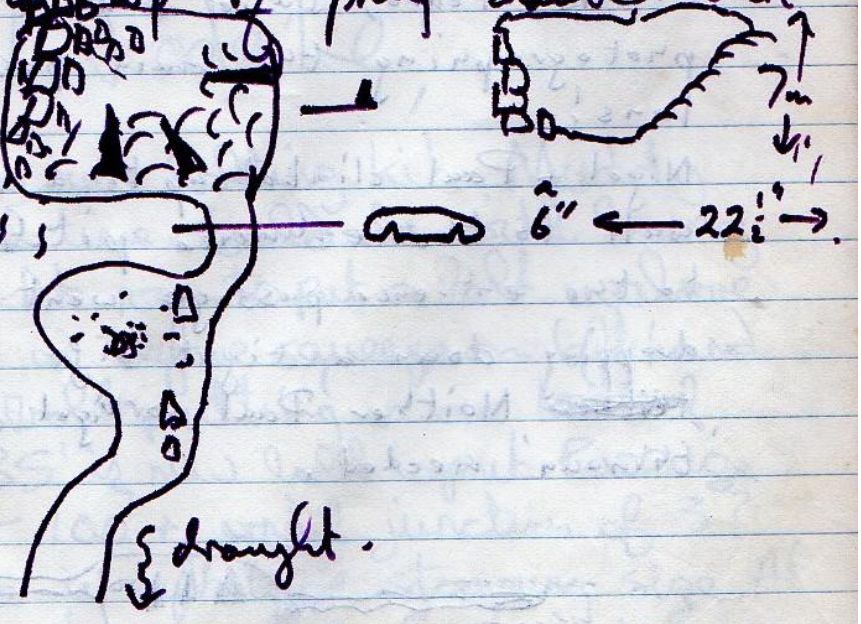
Tackled required 1: 4 ladders; 2: 3 ladders
3: 1 ladder 4: 5 ladders.

Tackling up took quite a time so photos and minimum of exploration were undertaken. ~~Paul and~~ Pete descended soft in blade, clean washed shaft off the east wanders. Shaft was choked.

1/8/82 + Penny

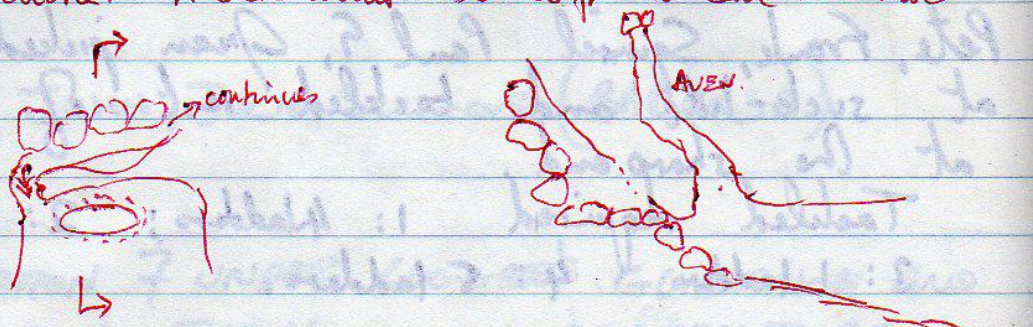
Pete, Frank, Jean up to cave behind Pete's home (see 26/7/82). Boulder blocks a strongly draughting hole and is demolished by Frank. Tight crawl leads to top of pretty chamber. Chat chokes.

(Cont)



Los Embescadoe. Nigel Lugger Paul T. Slug 1/8/82

Pushing at end. Lugger dug through part of choke into crawl under roof over choke. Added about 20-30 ft to cave. Followed draught



Attempt to push up aven above failed.

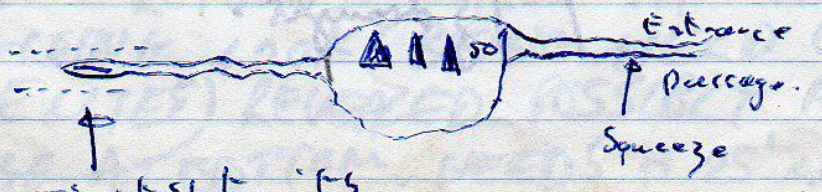
2nd August — All
It rained

Arrivals: Big Steve, Ian, Andy Taylor

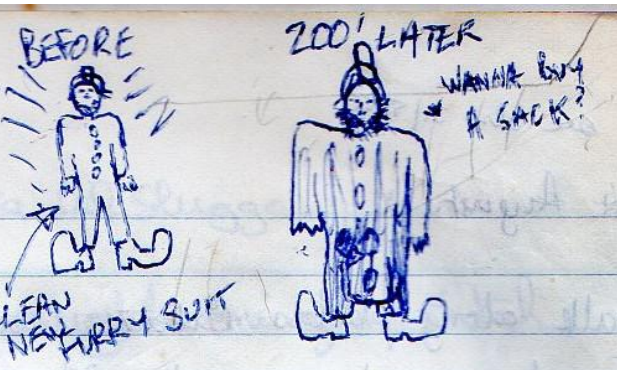
3rd August BIGGO — Paul Belling, Nigel, Frank, Julie, Paul Taylor, Pedro.

Frank, Pedro, Julie and Paul T. went off photographing the main passage using 200m (250mm) telephoto lens.

Nigel & Paul climbed up to a black hole on the opposite wall to the entrance pitch. Small passage similar to the entrance passage went for 50' or so before dropping down a tight rift into a 2' high bedding. Neither Paul nor Nigel could fit through so a 'thin-out' needed.



Gatuna



3rd August Newcave at ~~Riano~~

Penny, Juan, Slug.

Under Juan's guidance we went to investigate an area near Riano which noone had yet been. There are plenty of deep dolines in the area most of which are blind. Higher up the valley is dense vegitation making looking into the depressions very hard work. A machete would come in handy. Juan came across one depression with a drafting passage. A stooping stage soon gives way to a flat out crawl after 100' of which a mud dig was reached. This was dug out leaving a horrendous muddy sludgy pit which has to be squeezed through. This leaves one at the head of a nasty tight take off to a 50' pitch which was not descended as we had no tackle. A strong draught was present, so we departed. (394)

4th August New Cave at ~~Riano~~ Gatuna Slugge

Slug, Big Nose ~~I~~ Update!

Returned with ladders and bolting kit. Muddy Squeeze is worse each time. Could do with being put somewhere else. No room to put a bolt in above pitch so one was put in before squeeze on left hand side. Needs new ~~post~~ bolt putting in one head of pitch. Pitch length 35' & new bolt is put. Passage continues at bottom for 100' + until junction of 3? passages of similar size ie rift type stooping size. At junction passage appears to enter roof of much larger passage ~~where~~ will pitch of 25' +. ~~Into~~ Still

continued over

see also 31/8/81.

4th August — Frank and Nigel

Walk along below Cabaña and above Reñada. Found several remnant old caves, some may be refinds.

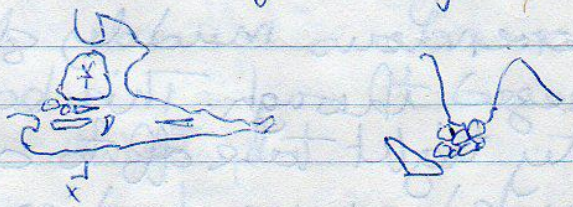
330 A: Remnant cave with five entrances: right hand and centre sections used by goats.



330 Shaft above left hand section dropped in from daylight. Bearing about 330° to Cabaña.

388 B. Draughting shaft - very interesting, just down valley from a few trees. Plumbed to 30 feet first drop then stones fell another 30 feet or so. Draft blowing out cold.

389 C. More remnant cave, on joint line. Old stal inside. Phreatic looking passage at end not pushed - full of mucky stal.



390 D. Open rift - choked

391 E. Open cave with short small phreas behind and misleading echo. — see

392 F. Shaft - no draught. about 50 feet deep in Karst. Beech tree over the shaft. Ought to be checked out.

393 G. 40ft deep shaft in middle of pillar Karst. Clean fluted shaft, just next to a tree filled but blank hollow. No draught. needs checking.

¡La puta su madre!

4th August Cueva Del Sluggo.

undescended. Still strong draught coming up pitch.

4th Aug.. Pete - Squirrel - Surveyed 50m of passage off stations 62 & 71.
Juan - Andrew - Failed to find route through boulder choke into new passage.

¡Coño!

5th August Nigel, Paul T. Cueva ?

Returned to 388 with tackle. Descended open shaft of 14m and used same 30m rope for next pitch of 6m into chamber. No signs of prior exploration. Floor all slab covered sloping down large chamber to narrow point. After steep slope, another slippery pitch follows to slippery chamber - like walking on ice. Narrow opening (with draught) leads to a circular chamber with high aven above. Some (4) jaw bones are stalled into the floor. At far side of chamber, a narrow squeeze and 4m pitch lead to a pool of water in another aven. Outlet is a too tight rift leading to a clearly visible pitch of about 100 ft or more. Needs hammer and chisel. Cave was surveyed on way out and all tackle removed.

Tackle required at present.

Entrance	14 m
Climb up/down	none required
2nd Pitch	6m
3rd Pitch	7m
4th Pitch	4m
5th Pitch	undescended - suspect 30m

5.8.82.

Cueva de Collada. Juan, Slug, John.

Got very wet and shitty on the way in. Descended previously undescended pitch, into a passage about 20' × 3', which degenerated into sandy floored stoops and crawls until a 13m diameter boulder floored chamber is encountered, passage from this is followed for not very far at all to a draughting choke. Numerous short inlets and oxbows all over the place. Got more or less dry just in time to get very wet and shitty again on way out.

Much of cave is in limestone common with Uzueka. Cave surveyed and detackled

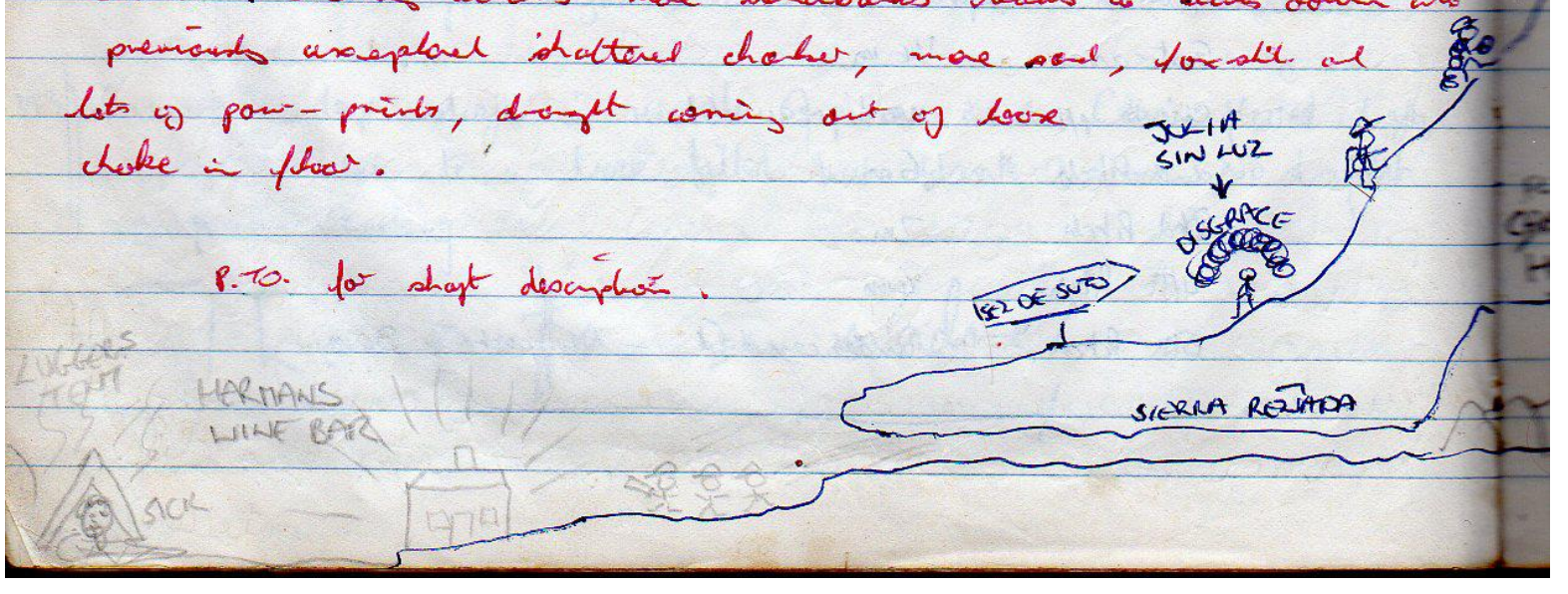
7/8/82 Torca Cabeña Phot. Miguel del Barko (Squirrel) Julio. Andrew Big Nose Steve. Frank (El Secco)

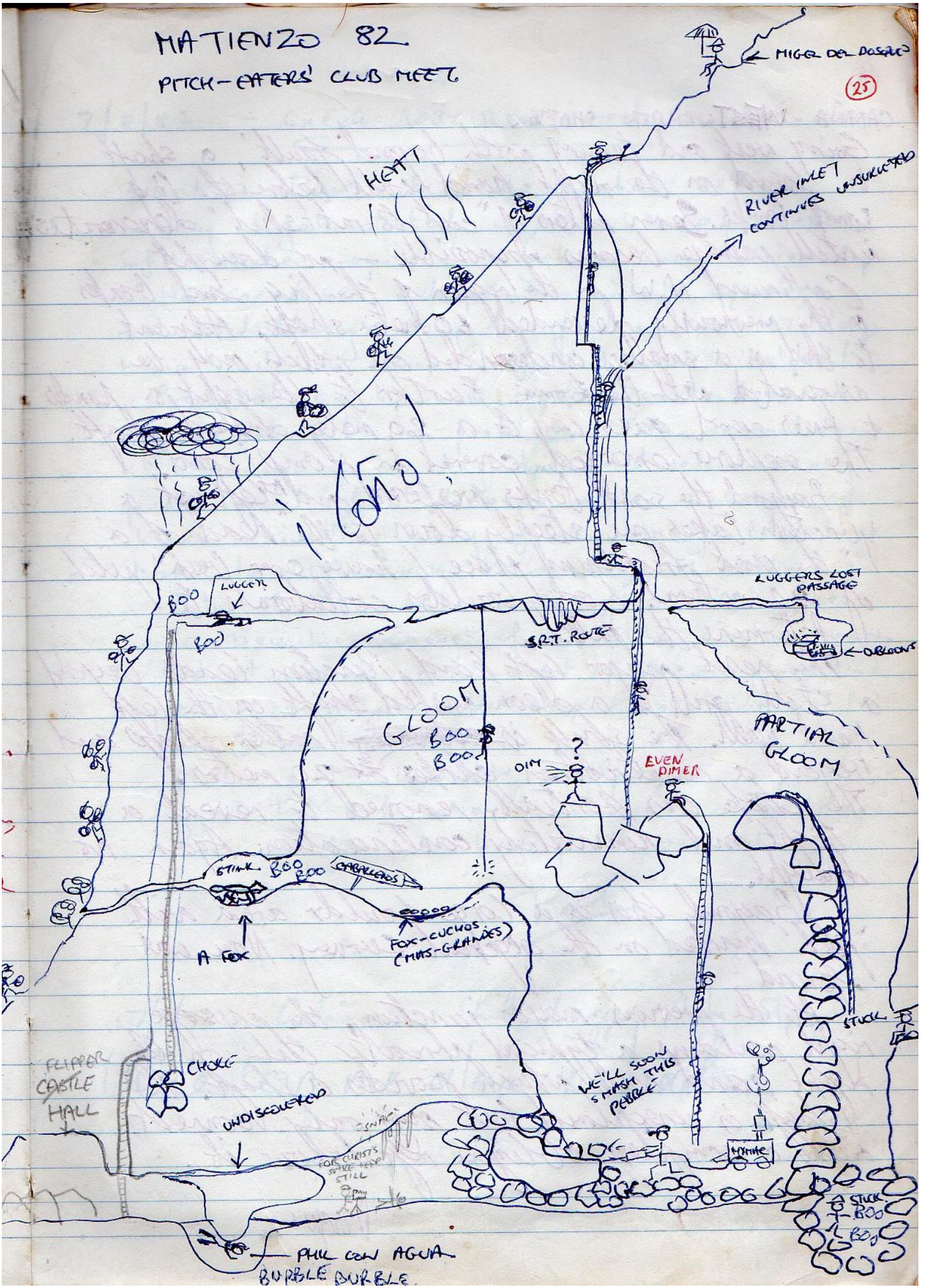
Phot, Julio + Frank photographing + finding fox shit in East Wanders.

Andrew Steve + Squirrel – shaft plummetting.

East-Wanders. Photographed along to mile at relatively low junction with mezza size chamber at boulders on left branch. Large sand banks on RIGHT contained lots of fox shit, but no skeletons etc. A draughting low passage with mud up left full of stal leads to a stal breakdown chamber. Crawling across more sandbanks leads to climb down into previously unexplored sheltered chamber, more sand, fox shit, lots of paw-prints, draught coming out of loose choke in floor.

P.T.O. for shaft description.




MATIENZO 82
PITCH-EATERS' CLUB MEET
(25)
MIGER DEL DASSAC
HEAT
RIVER INLET CONTINUES UNSURVEYED
1 CON 1
LUGGERS LOST PASSAGE
LUGGER
BOO
BOO
S.R.T. ROUTE
GLOOM
BOO
BOO
DIM
?
EVEN DIMER
PARTIAL GLOOM
STINK
BOO
BOO
CHALLENGE
A FOX
FOX-CUCHOS (MAIS-GRANDES)
FLIPPER
CASTLE
HALL
CHOKE
UNDISCOVERED
SNIFF
FOR CHRIST'S SAKE KEEP STILL
WE'LL SOON SMASH THIS PEBBLE
STUCK
STUCK
BOO
BOO
PHIL CON AGUA
BUBBLE BUBBLE

CABAÑA - ~~WEST~~ WANDERS' SHAFTS.

Going west and turning north beyond 'fault', a shaft is found on the right hand wall before the big sand banks. Seven meters of "cut to rat shit" degenerates until passage becomes impossible — no draught.

Continuing N.W. in the region of the big sand banks on the previously descended 60 meter shaft. Adjacent to this is a smaller undescended one which may be associated with the former. Further to the right, a rocks & trees comb gives way to a 20 meter choked shaft. The explorer emerged covered in damp sand.

Beyond the sand banks westward and left at a junction takes one steeply down to the head of a "the most frightening place I have ever been" pitch of 24 meters. Loose boulders collaborate to determine the pitch.

The next major left hand junction leads beyond a steel grill to a clean washed shaft on the left hand wall. The shaft is ~~[illegible]~~ rather steep and beyond a constriction chokes at 20 meters. The choke was partially removed to reveal a tight and uninviting continuation. Again, no draught.

Beyond this is a large boulder area with 'pitch' marked on the original survey. None was found?

At the previous major junction, the passage right contains a typical phreatic tube on the right hand wall which provides a shaft. The shaft is unexplored but may only connect with a complex obligue right below it.

Bogue.

7/8/82 – Cueva 388 Revisited

Lank + Paul 4. descended 388 on string + got shited up to the eyebrows. Soft calcite everywhere + getting very churned up.

Hammered out a deeper tube calcite squeeze + abseiled through only to find it was 7' deep + big bloody hole above to fall through instead!

Proceeded to the real constrictions + hammered 1st one out with no problem. The second one at the top of the big drop did not look very promising at first, however after a couple of hours chiselling away finally manage to enlarge the hole big enough to squeeze through.

Enlarged the hole more from the other side. Now big enough for double decker busses.

Did not descend as ① numbers of wire strops ② time getting on ③ hole looked deep ④ string looked too short ⑤ knackered.

Made exit – horrible + slippy.

Suggest 1st bit should be done on ladders + string for the big pitch onwards.

Paul

7/8/82. Cabaña. Phil, Lugger, Andy, Shug.

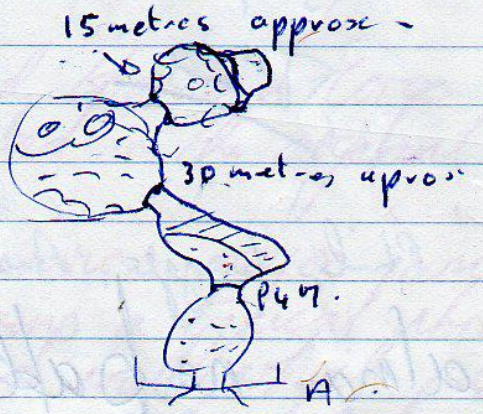
¡Que con me alma no pabo!

8/8/82 – Cueva 388 Revisted – Again!

John + Paul G descended using ladders this time to the top of the big pitch. – Shitty as ever. Belayed to decaying stal straws + descended. 30 metres approx lands in stal covered chamber pitch off to one side 15 metres approx, narrows down + becomes choked with calcite. Detackled + made exit.

Diverted on the way out by discovery of 150 metres approx of new passage with rowing draught. For exchange nice + dry with sandy floors etc. 25' pitch at end lands in a low wide chamber, which chokes in all directions. The Draught appears to come from a small aven and various phreatic tubes in the roof. Needs Surveying –

Paul G.

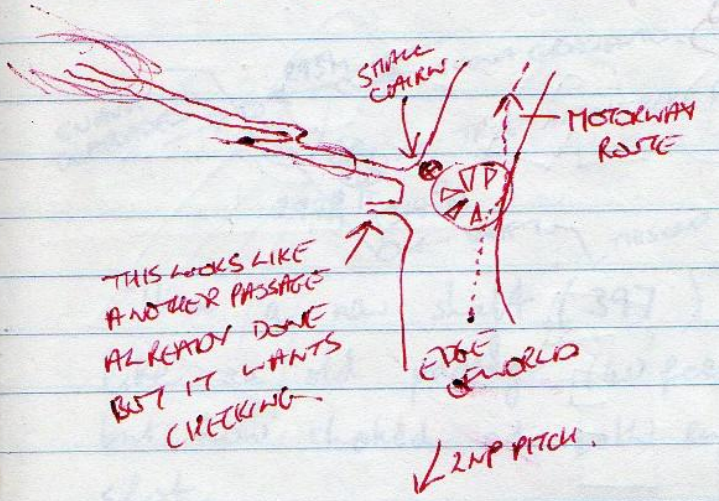


¡Adios con el corazon!

NO RAIN TODAY

3/8/82 Cateran. Shafts + Photos - Juan. Steve. Judy. Frank.

Rephotographed Morris' Morels. Much better this year with plenty of water in gour pools etc. Went to edge of world whilst waiting for others + found 100M + of passage, old dusty staff following a phreatically enlarged joint with a couple of shattered chambers (its still going).



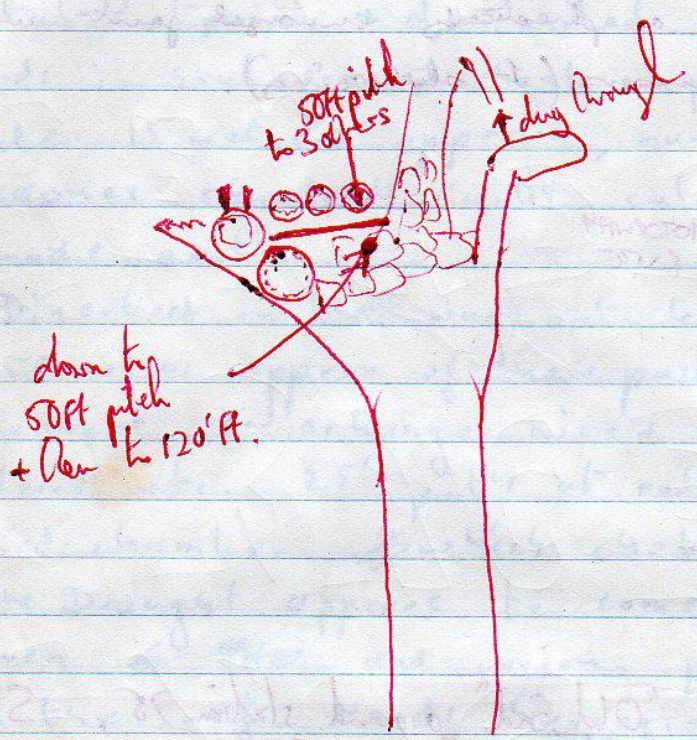
Steve and Juan to "Old End" around station 75. Short climb down through boulders with a tight squeeze lead to 50ft pitch. Base has 170' passage to head of 120' pitch. Boulders loose so Steve down to head of 120' pitch while Juan watches belay saw through calcite.

Steve then ploughs horizontally into boulders and then up. Still going following draught. Juan locates a 50ft shaft then into RH passage which was dug through to Tobos bit. This needs a good look at.

Both then to 50ft pitch and descend to stal chamber with 3 pitches maximum about 50ft. All pitches rather dirty and not at all like normal Caterau.

Survey over.

Ronald



Cabang

hegge Phil surveying passage from dropping over band yesterday, and descended 2 pitches with another waiting.

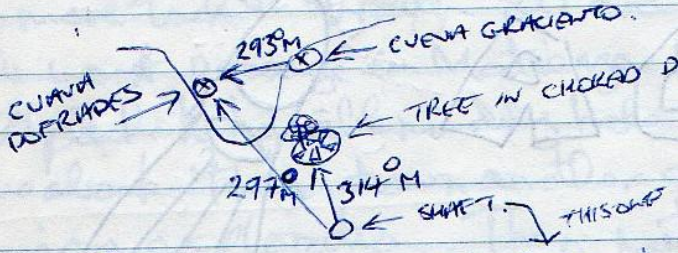
"Me cago en la leche de se puta madre"

ALMOST NO RAIN TODAY.

9th August

Juan, Frank, Paul and Pete to shafts above Coterón.

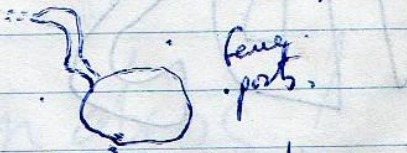
On way up Frank found a new cave 396: GREASY CAVE CUEVA GRACIENTO — It's in a line of cleits, sloping inwards down to an old phreatic chamber with lots of slippy shit, burrowing about ups and downs leads to second small chamber with passage to left leading to 15' pitch down a dribbling slope not descended YET.



Then a new shaft (397) 50 feet deep into what looks like an old passage (60 feet high 15 feet wide) lots of stal but now choked at both ends except for one very narrow slot.

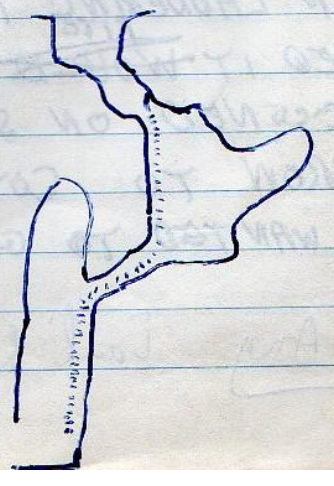
Then a new little cave (398.) choked. Length 10m Twin entrances.

Finally to first objective, descended by Juan (342).



Then further up the hill to obvious depression and sandstone bed — nothing interesting.

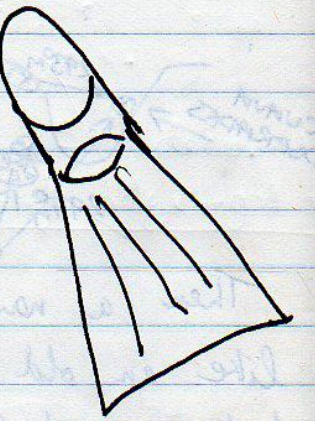
Back to other shaft (343.). Not bottomed, 75 feet of ladders dangled 12 feet above floor of shaft, narrow rift leading out. Perhaps draughts in. Near to pitch and even at top of New Ramp Passage in Coterón.



(Check bearings from field map and check position on base map).

9TH AUG.

THE GREAT REÑADA RACE ENDS TODAY



WE WER THER

SUMAT LIKE THAT

JOHN LUGGER & THE BLG UN WHENT DOWN COTERON FOR A CHANGE THINGS WENT QUITE WELL UNTILL WE REACHED (IT) ~~THE~~ FON LADDERING THE BLG 150'? STEVE WENT DOWN FIRST DECIDED IT ~~WOULD~~ RITE GON CALLED US WANKERS FIRST CLASS WE RECONED ON SECOND CLASS SO DESCENDER JUMPED COTERON TO COTERON QUITE QUICKLY THOROUGHLY WRONE AGAIN PISSED OFF WANTED TO GO OUT SO WE FOUND REÑADA.

9/2 Any Last Buddha Estonia Ff Stuffed Mark Paraje

NO RAIN AGAIN. CRAG FAILED,



10th Aug. Cañada finished for this year
Pete, Phil, Paul, Shug, Andillo, Jan, Lloyd.

Went up to entrance with great hopes & glory hoping to come a good second place in the great Reñada Race. Phil parked car at entrance to Reñada he was so optimistic. Carried up 26 extra ladders and suitable ropes. Sent to bottom of entrance series and then moved off in pairs to move tackle through 300' crawl to head of big pitch. Easily the worst passage in Matienzo. All down big 100' pitch then 50' pitch to horrible muddy hole which Jugger forgot to tell us about. Then down another small pitch to point of previous exploration. Then nothing. No way on. So Salford Phil hit the cave lots of times; hard with pitch hammer but still nothing. Then we came out. All sat at top of 2nd pitch with mounds and mounds of tackle 26 ladders. Paul got annoyed with Jan. Then we went home to mass adoration in Hermans. And something a lot more use than a broken pin.

Reñada: Continuing in stuffed work [illegible]

¡Me caigo buen dios!

S.R.T. - FAILURE REPORT.

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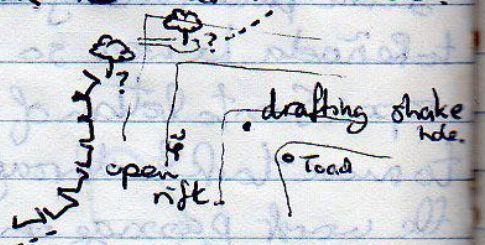
TICK WHERE APPLICABLE: ✓

1. ROPE SNAPPED ABOVE YOU ☐
2. ROPE SNAPPED BELOW YOU ☐
3. FINGERS STUCK IN RACK ☐
4. BRAIN STUCK ☐
5. NO PERMIT ☐
6. TOO DIM TO SEE ☐
7. FRIGHTENED OF GHOSTS ☐
8. COULDN'T TIE BOWLINE ☐
9. PEIZL STUCK IN BUM ☐
10. PISSED OFF WITH TEAMS ☐

SIGNED J. B. Foxy.

10th Aug Pat

Took a walk up above Toad. Several possible shafts with one open descending rift, approx 150' above Toad.



Probably >50' deep. Came around top of ridge - good area.

11th Aug

Loggos, Frank, Slug, Tony, Jnem Cotterm - Remades through trip photos + surveying.

11th Aug. Buddha, Lank, Pat, John Ian Lloyd into Sanalogan Passage.

Descended 60' pitch & climbed up to 20' to large draughting passage on far side. Followed this for but lost draught in big passage. Only draft to be found is at furthest point coming from a small blow hole in the floor of chokes. Started digging through clay & calcite while Buddha et al surveyed at. Quite diggable with a spade / hammer / bar; about 6' long, flat at body size.

On the way out we examined a lot of phreatic maze up & down strongly draughting pits — still couldn't find the way on.

Pat.

13th August.

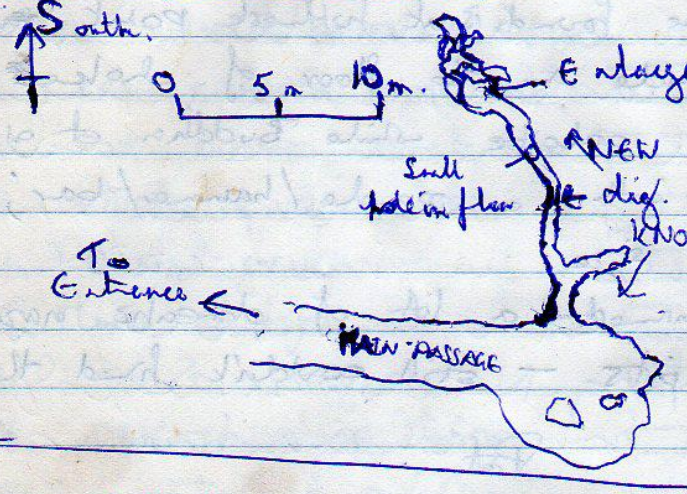
Andy, Colin, John :- Cueva del Zorro.

Went up to Cueva del Zorro to dig draughting hole noted by Bill "The Hat" Haynes at end of 1981 season.

A low crawl off to left of main passage led to short 4" high section which draughted vigorously. The floor was easily dug under excessively low section to give rise to passable squeeze after 2½ hours digging. Squeeze proved awkward due to bend in passage & uphill section immediately beyond and very rough rock & sharp stals. Approximately 5 m of crawl beyond squeeze led to 3m of high rift passage with high level passage of similar length above. Draught was found to come from 3" high wide fractose rifts, and no feasible passable passage

was found. Very disappointing. Being Friday 13th something had to wrong, and it did. A piton hammer disappeared into a deep impenetrable slot, never to be seen again.

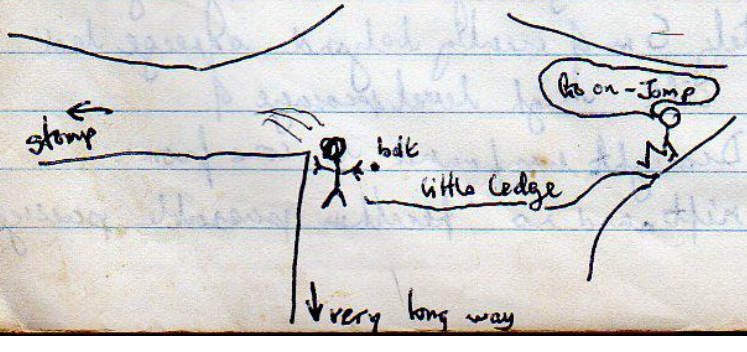
Cueva del 7 ovs. - '82 series



Pete, Patricia Slug ~250m in Risco. Friday the 13th in Risco

Returned to climb at top of aven on the south side of the passage before the Tonto Series. Pete & I had seen (at Easter) the passage across the top of the aven often refered to by Juan Carlos. Slug to do the daring climb around the aven, Pete to hold the rope, Pat to go oh, ah, fucking hell I'm buggered & I'm going over there. No problems for Slug & two bolts. Large passage running off with deep pits, some possibly to main passage floor. About 200m of stomper in two parallel trunckes terminating in break down with sandstone boulders; other end has a hairy traverse & over muddy boulder ledges which might go. Needs surveying. Some very very fine formations need photoing.

Getting back across aven requires brown trousers.



Still rigged.

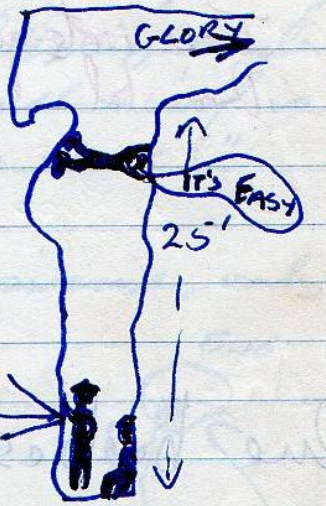
Phil Leg Iron, ~~Big Nose~~ Steve — ~ 500m in Renada Off Bottlee Passage

-Got to traverse at end of Bottlee. Steve climbed up rift, said it was easy! Leg Iron not happy about climb, I just got Steve to put a ladder on it.

La pata es madre!

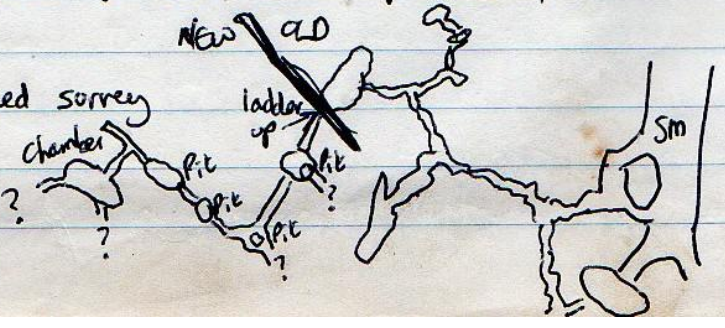
Steve traversed out, Phil lifelining, put bolt in for ladder and got thro' new passage. We explored about 500m of new stuff to choke at end. good ~~Dep~~ draught will dig. Did Survey on way out.

On way out we used rope on climb, Steve also used rope so not to show up up!



15/8/82 Patrick, Tad, Andy, Ian Lyd in Renada. LEGIRON

Went to dig at end of Stuffed Monk ~~Pass~~ extension found by Lank/Buddha etal on 11th — Couldn't find it!! Had a look around for other dig at end of Stuffed Monk & finally ended up climbing one of the avens at end of winding gallery on Nth side of Stuff Monk. Gallery descends so probably climbed up to same level as SM (70'). Rift running off East with very deep pits in floor; several ways off, several running off mainly N & E.

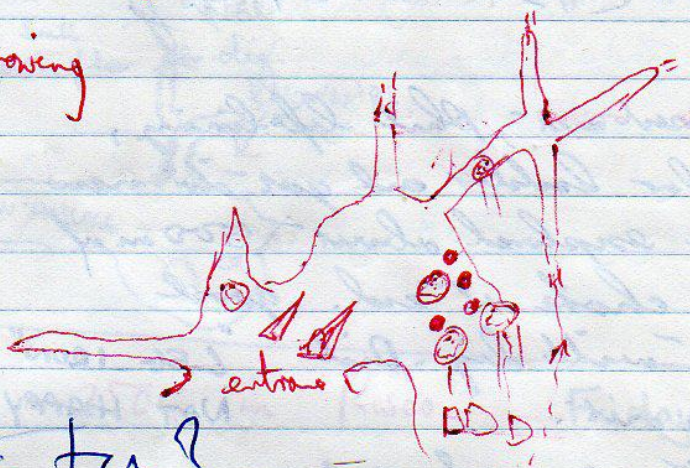


Approx 150m, need survey

Rigged with ladder at base of aven.

15/8/82 Juan, Kenny, Julie to Gatuna to find another cave. Half an hours digging at 153 produced flat out crawl straight into full decorated chamber with holes going off in all directions. All closed down quite quickly, thought being lost. About 80m long - but another part of the Gatuna maze.

Trees roots growing
Crystal.



¿Que bebes tu?

Osink.

16/8/82 Juan, Slug, Andy, Doug (Portugal), Martin into Coterm - photographed new ramp and had another attempt at Edge of the World.

Doug down shaft on RH of Ramp about ~~70ft~~ 50ft deep with tight, damp meandering passage at bottom - gets too tight.

BOULDER AT PITCH UP IS NOW LOOSE AND NEEDS DROPPING. OR LADDER RELOCATING.

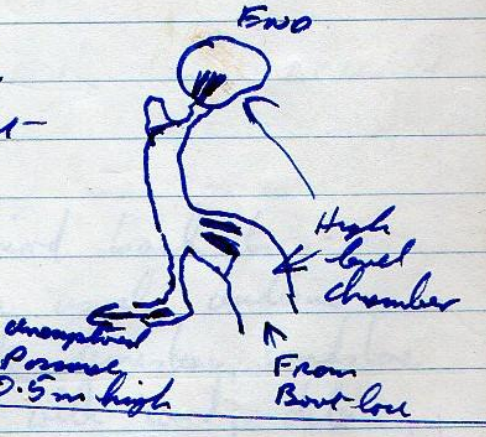
16/8/82 Phil, Pete, Steve into Renada - bottom end dug through into x km.

Got to Steve's climb, used rope to get up, also met Pete "not-happy". "LADDER IS WARRANTED TO BE SAFE".

Went to dig after a look at some side passages. Dig was as expected. I'm of very digging under hanging ~~slosh~~ death. All the bank would a roof is very lose "CARE MUST BE TAKEN IN THIS SLOT!"

Explored & surveyed 400 m of new passage, only one possible way on in RH passages at end.

On way out passage & passage near the dig was looked at; it went, good draught - to a rift passage, still going!



17/8/82 Slug into Pisco

Coño!

17/8/82 Juan Pete Julie Andy to Ruiano - Gatuna ridge.

Shown shafts by chap met at cabaña.

399 - By track covered with eucalyptus logs - slightly below a stone covered shaft. About 20ft deep.

400. In field surrounded by posts, wire and stone wall. Sound of sizeable trickle entering part way down shaft. about 100ft deep.

401 By track surrounded by barbed wire. About 40ft but blast hole appears to go deeper.

402 By In jungle filled area – about 120ft deep. Hoose above could offer wire.

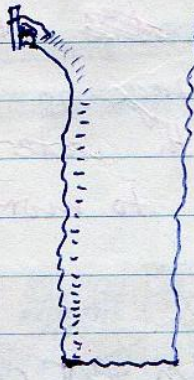
17/8/82 Pat, Joe, Liz up new logging track from Vega to Peñatido.

Rediscovered Mostajo.

403 Dug drafting hole in large collapsed area. Crawled in but draft comes from hole in boulders in floor after 10 feet.

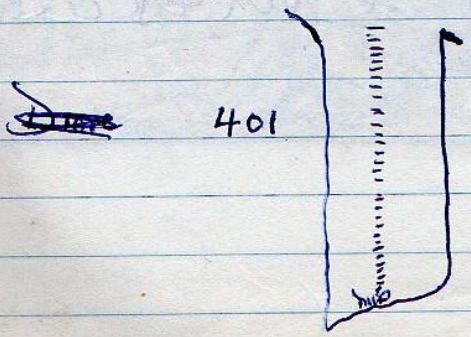
Had a very good look around in the field below the track but found nothing!

18/8/82 Juan, Penny, Julie, Hilary and Spaniard back to shafts noted yesterday. 400 attracted the usual audience of Spaniards with kids, dogs, etc. Alternate limestone sandstone on the descent of 60ft and floor choked with sandy debris.



400.

Audience drifted away as we drove to 401. Met them again here plus one or two others. Again about 60ft deep with cows, rubbish, sand, blocks on floor. Choked. Black hole from yesterday was an illusion

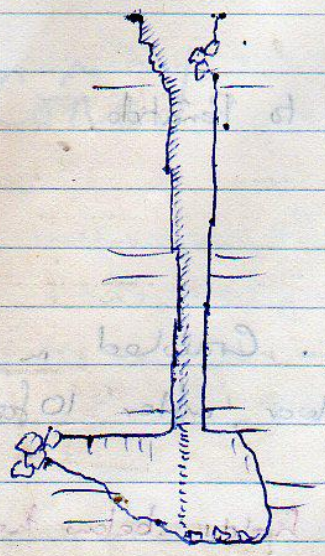


~~Drove~~ 401

Drove on to 402 but as this required a short jungle bash, audience dropped to 2.

Three ladders proved to be two short so

ascended to attach another and dropped into sizeable chamber.
90ft Shaft - again with sandstone beds.



Choked at bottom of chamber a couple of stal flows + a few stal.

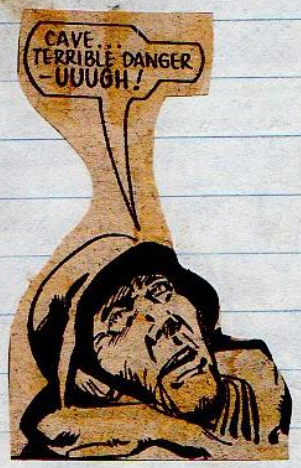
Thanks to Penny, Julie and the Spaniard for life lining and to Hilary for ladder rolling.

Revada, Leg Iron Passage. Pete, Phil, Andy, Big Nose
18/8/82.

Andy and Big-Nose push on while Pete and Phil survey - slow progress along meanders - meet wide-eyed explorers on way back. They found the stal! Footprints! Big chambers! Cascades! Even "decent-sized passage" Where can it be? we wonder as we start crawling, then pop out in chamber ~~stal~~ with climbable aven and pitch down. Side passage in maze leads to the stal and another chamber with water at the bottom. John follows other side-passage to more water. Still going in all directions.

Las vacas del pueblo ya se han escapado

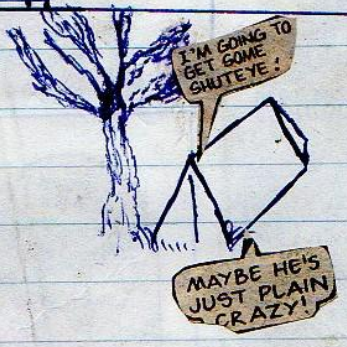
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF the EXPEDITION



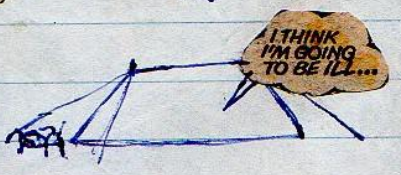








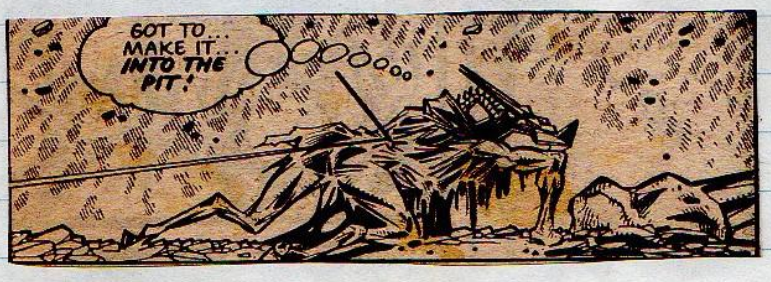


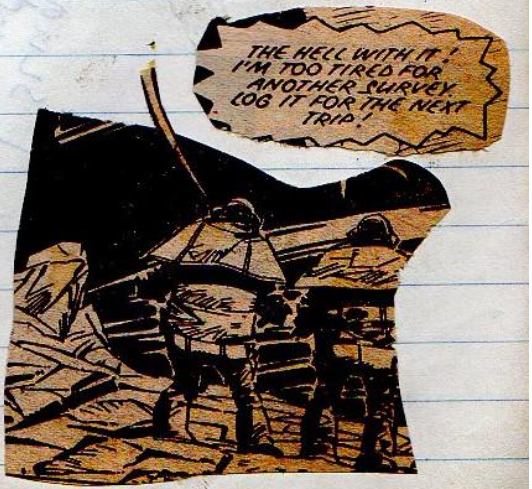


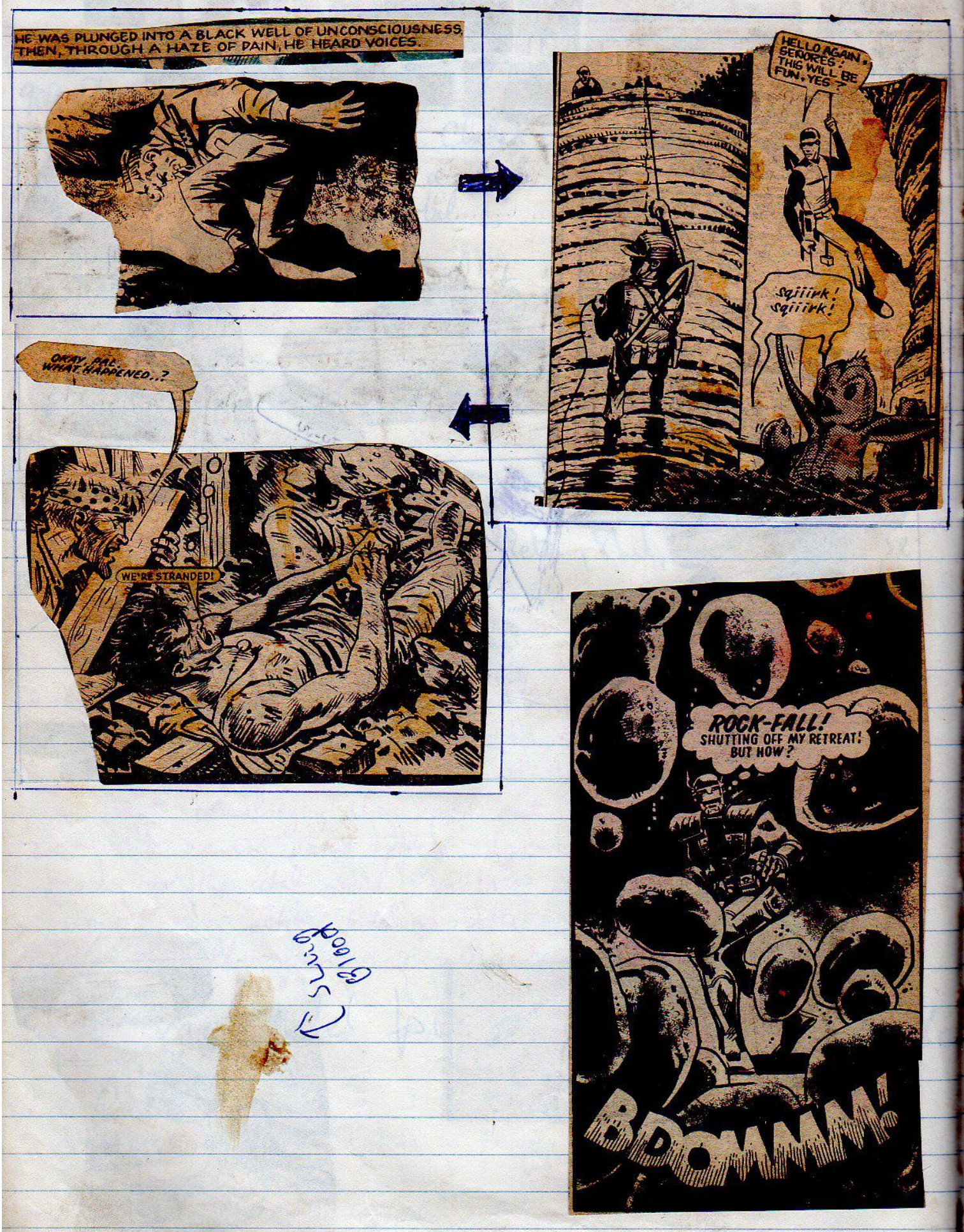
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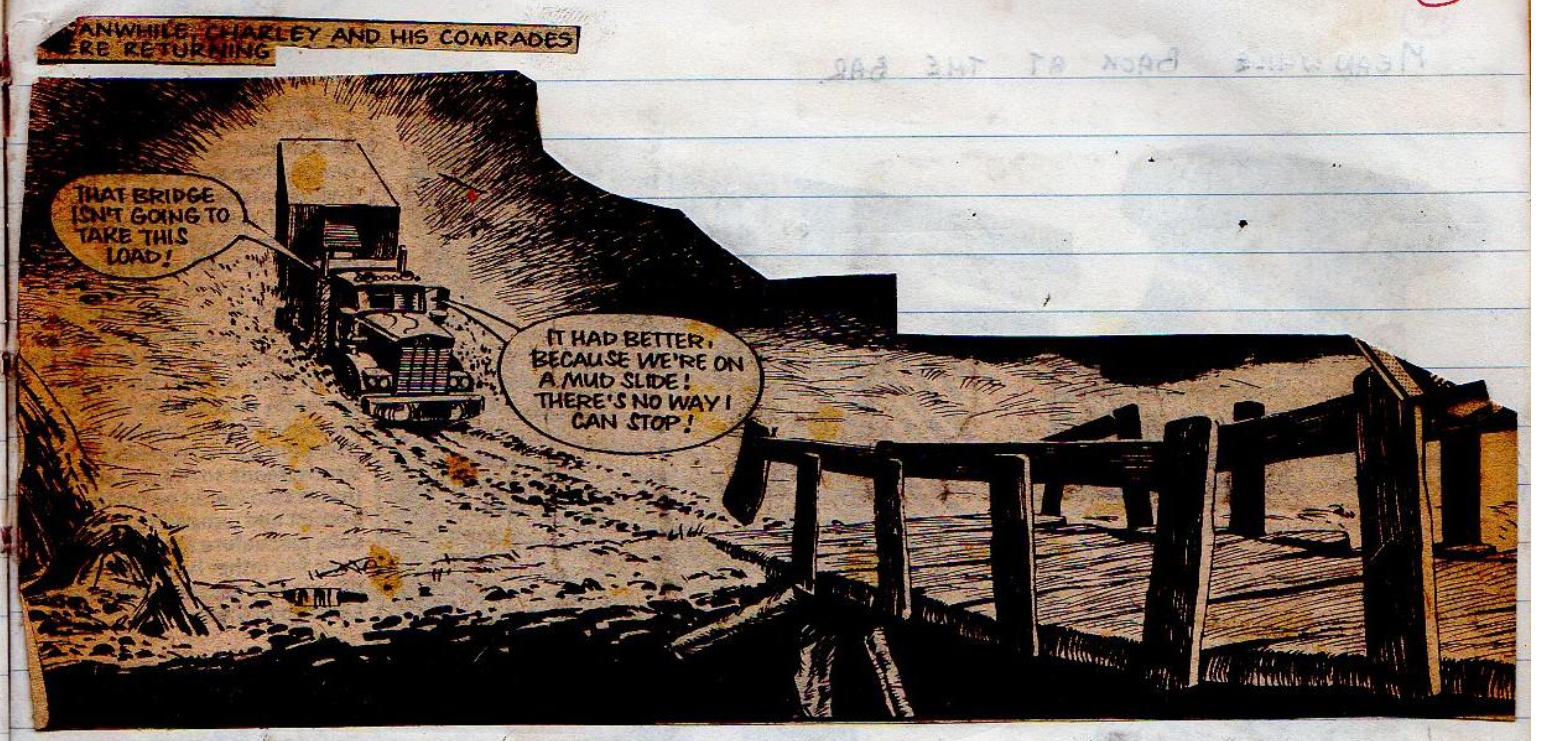
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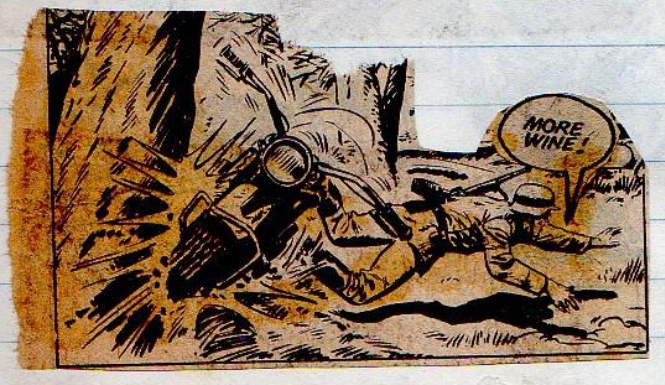
THEY DROVE TO THE CAVE AND...






HE WAS PLUNGED INTO A BLACK WELL OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS. THEN, THROUGH A HAZE OF PAIN, HE HEARD VOICES.
HELLO AGAIN, SERGORES. THIS WILL BE FUN. YES?
Sqiiirk! Sqiiirk!
OKAY, PAL. WHAT HAPPENED..?
WE'RE STRANDED!
ROCK-FALL! SHUTTING OFF MY RETREAT! BUT HOW?
BOOM!



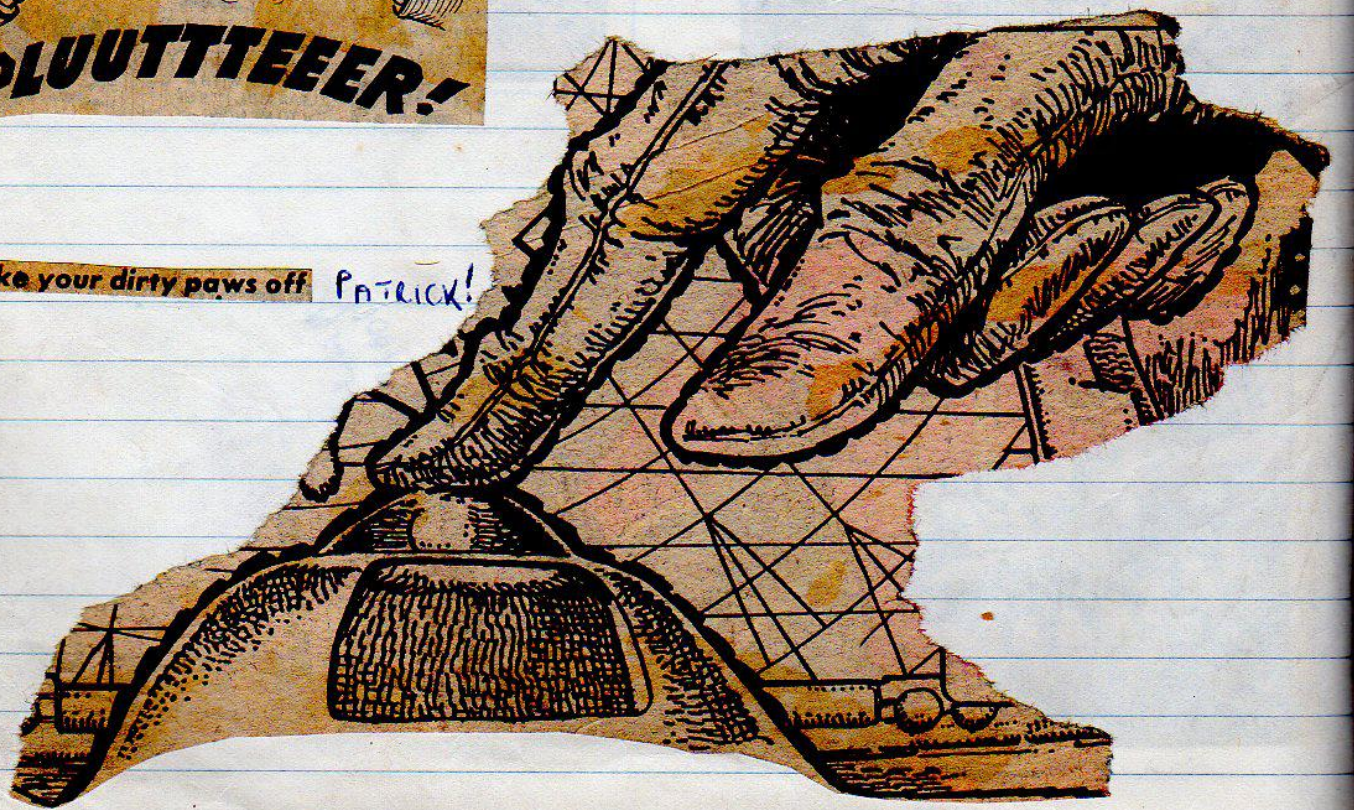


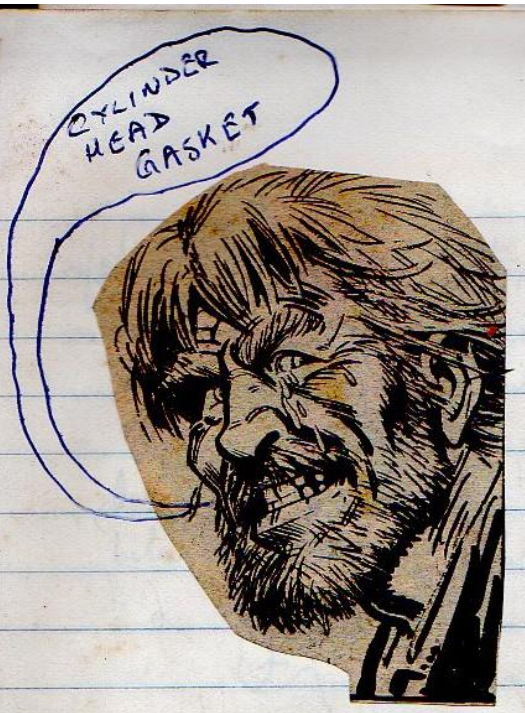
" Maybe we should take him to hospital!"

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE BAR.



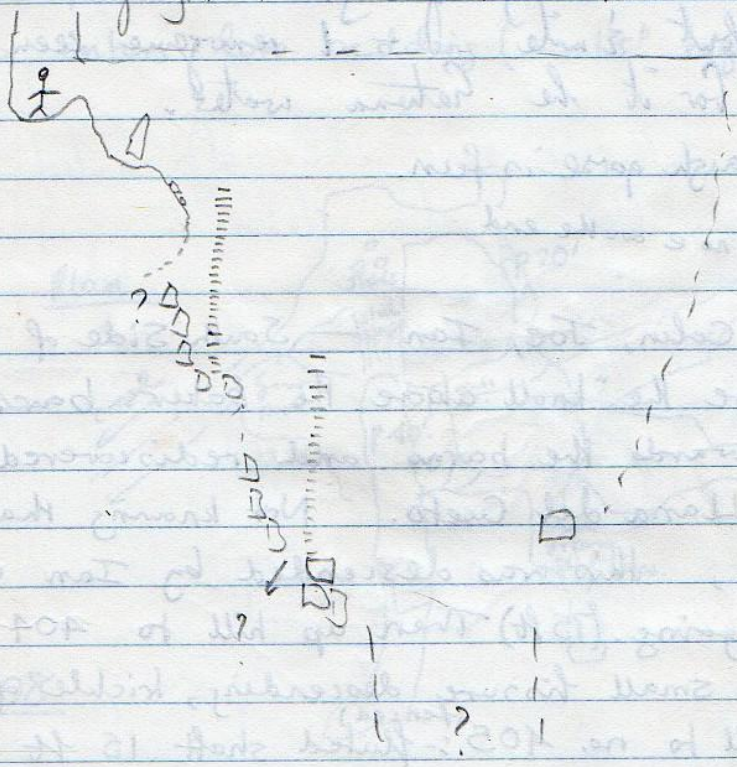





CYLINDER
HEAD
GASKET

¡Pobrecitos los borrachos en el campo santo!

19/8/82 Juan, Tad, Pete, Ian into Coterow.
New bolt at head of 1st pitch and Pete + Ian survey Franks passage – ends at shaft.
Juan + Tad abseil 220' pitch and then descend shaft hole on right of Between Worlds Passage. – 20' climb down – 120' ladder – 20' ladder – 40' space below – still going. Parallel to ~~main~~ BWP.



Meanwhile Pete and Ian survey start of Frank's Passage near Edge o' t'world. Stopped by 30 feet pitch.

20/8/82 Pete, Phil, Bignose, Andrew, Richard, got to Dorset To wet! So come out + did down

20/8/82 Coterow – Pat, Julie
Pushing Franks Passage a few metres to head of "150ft" pitch.

21/8/82 Coterow – Pat, John, Andrew. Down 120ft pitch choked – up climb at head into 150m of passage ending at Tampax Chamber. Climbed up 15m from end into a short tube to head of 2 pitches

21/8/82. Juan, Worm, Liz, Carol, Penny, Julie to La Gatuna

Looked at lots of jungle-filled holes on jungle filled slopes on the W and N W of the depression. Various holes — some with cool air — but nothing going. Walked down the main river for about ½ mile — 1 resurgence seen but probably too small for at the Gatuna water.

Julie says walking through gorse is fun.

Sorry there's no e on the end

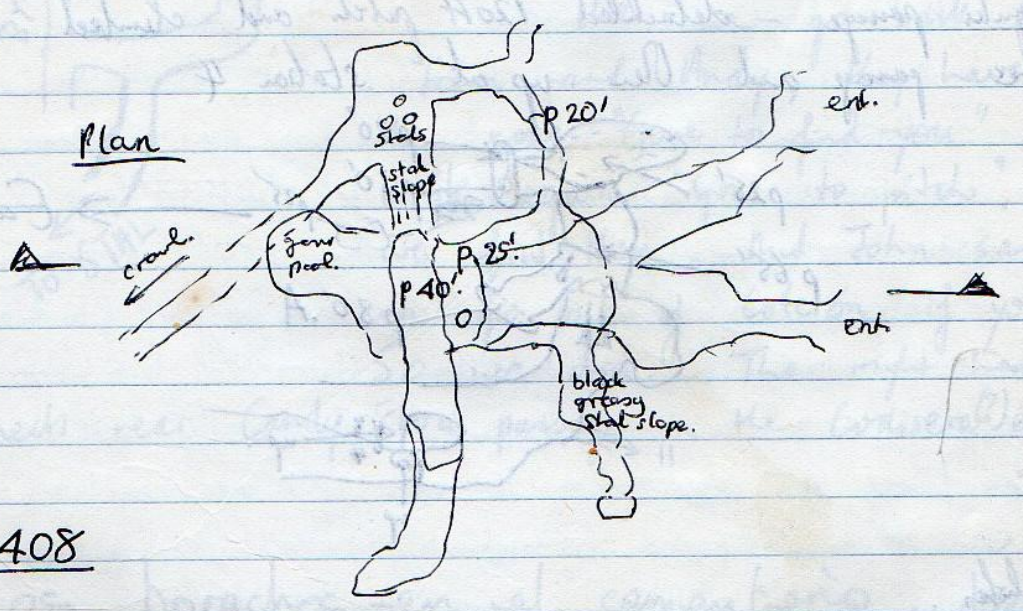
21/8/82 Anne Love, Colin, Joe, Ian — South Side of La Vega

Up to the area above the "knoll" above the baker's bar. Walked up the 'dry valley' towards the barns and rediscovered no 306 (fenced) Torca de la Llana del Cueto. Not knowing that it was previously descended, this was descended by Ian and pronounced as not going. (75 ft) Then up hill to 404 :— (fenced) — 20 ft fissure with small fissure descending, trickle of water heard. Then up hill to no. 405 (fenced) :- fluted shaft 15 ft deep with very low bedding (6" high) passages in and out. Up hill again to 406 :— (fenced) blind shaft 15 ft deep (suspect backfilled) Squeeze down near top into chamber with skeleton calcited into floor. Up hill over double fence to no 344 (fenced). 20' pitch to apparent floor — dug out with trenching tool to yield further 18' pitch to final choke. Along same contour to no. 407 (fenced) Two entrances connect in a network of boulder filled fissures which close down about 15' deep. Over fences and downhill slightly to no. 408 :— (previously descended by Portiezo 11/8/82) (But unlocked by us @ time) Entrance cave easy stooping / walking then scrambling to point where second entrance can be seen to the right. Forward to edge of pitch 40' into fine chamber with

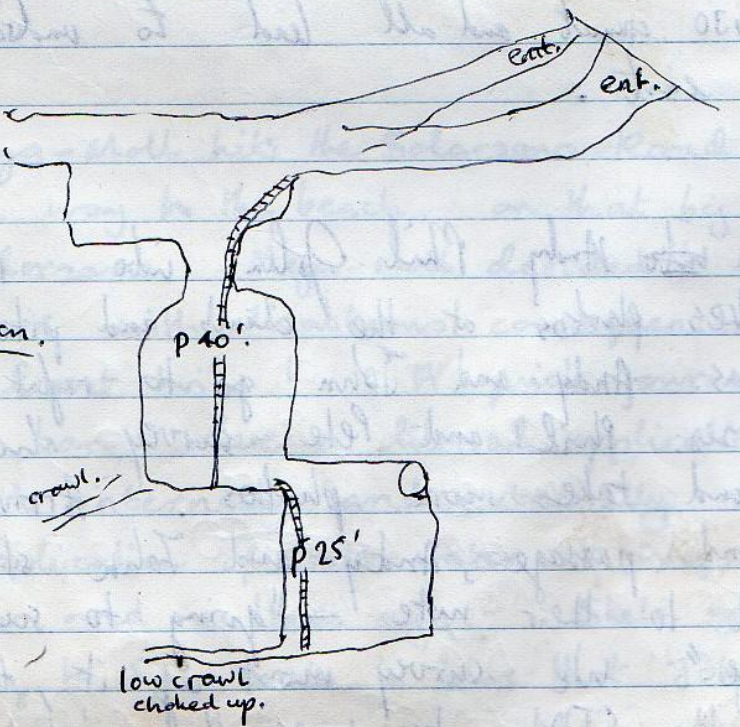
calcite-coated walls. Left off ladder up greasy flowstone slope into chamber with descending crawl pursued for ≃ 30' by PPCC. To right off ladder up to calcite choke. Immediately below ladder further 25' pitch into downward continuation which connects with passage below chamber after greasy slope. Black greasy flowstone slope up ends in white flowstone coated wall. Under ladder, trickle of water enters low bedding (≃ 18" high) with boulder fill.

No. 408

Plan



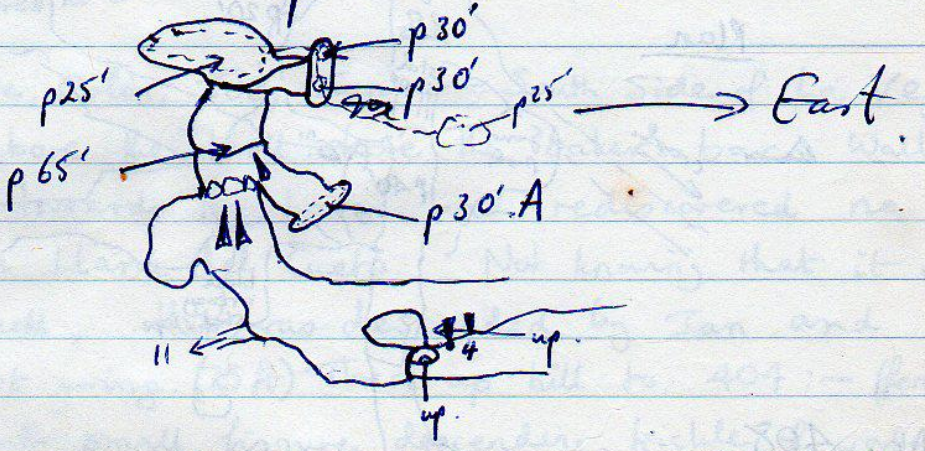
Section.



Down hill noticed shaft in middle of field unfenced ≃ 40' deep (no. 412) not descended. On down near bottom of hill to east of mule track found small hole in grass sloping down to rock bridge with strong draught emerging from shaft estimated to ≃ 100' deep. (no. 413) (Torca de la Mega Mujer)

22/8/82 Juan, Julie, Sian, Di.

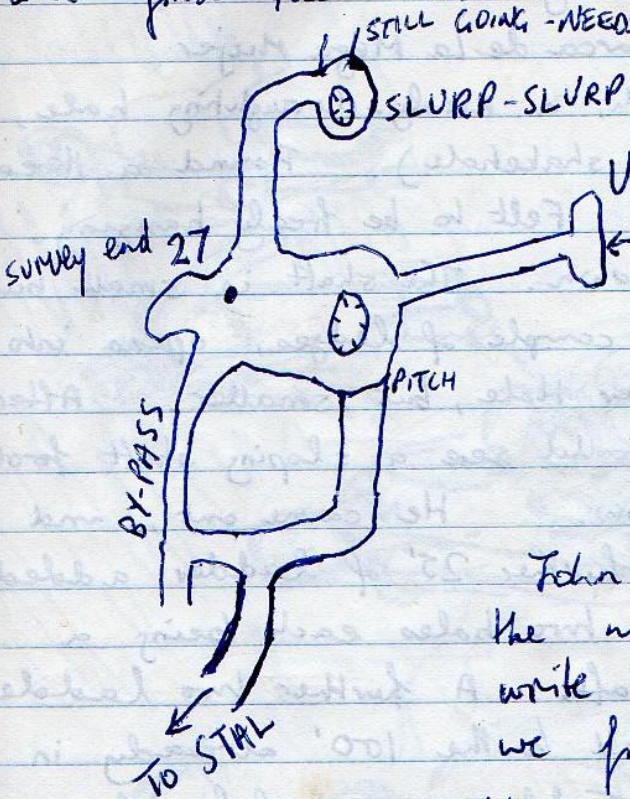
To Franks passage – detached 120ft pitch and climbed up into Tights passage and Ollen up at station 4



p30'A climbs.
p25 p30 p30 connect and all lead to undescended 25'p leading east.

22/8/82 Pete ~~into~~ Andy Phil John into Renuda – Bootlace
Phil takes photos at the climb and pitch, then split into two teams. Andy and John go to right hand passage in the traverses. Phil and Pete survey short side passage before dig and take more photos. Arrive at start of right-hand passage, Andy and John still surveying so we add to their note – "going to survey in the loop passage." We survey most of it, take lots of photos of the STAL, by-pass the pitch into the chamber

and find the noisiest sump in Hatienzo.



Then we go back to find John and Andy, they have added to the note "Gone to find you" so we write again "Gone to pitch". There we find them. And John says "You can go out of Coterón if you want to" So we did. The right-hand passage connects near Candy-Flors passage in the Codisera(?) end.

Los borachos en el cementèrio, juegan al mus!

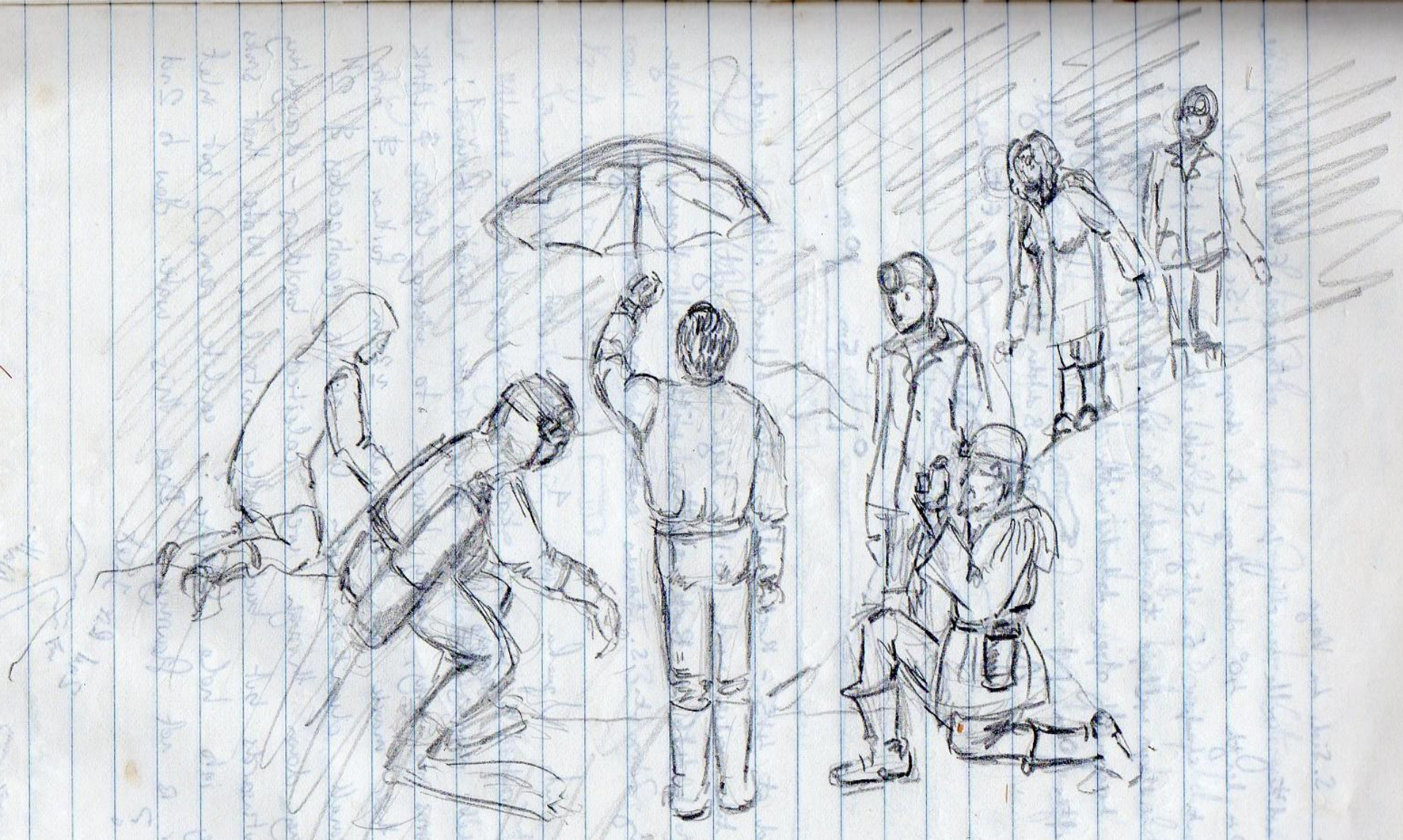
22/8/82 Mega-Moll hits the Solarzano Road.

On the way to the beach, on that big hairpin overlooking Solarzano, Mega-Moll decided to lean on the LandRover door with disastrous consequences. She bounced at least twice! A quick journey was made to the cowboy bar, where a liberal application of cognac was made both internally and externally, followed by a liberal application of salt water at Nòja. She now sports bandages and a black eye. She's getting pissed off with explaining to Spaniards in bars that John Dee hasn't just beaten her up!

23/8/82 Taddy, Colin, Joe. La Vega.

Up to no. 413 now named Torca de La Mega Mujer (Mega-Moll Shaft). Sure enough, a nicely-draughting hole, easily missed in the clints. (Not in a shakehole). Found a thread belay & put 50' of ladder down. Felt to be freely hanging, so put another 25' on. Colin went down. The shaft is small but not uncomfortably so. After a couple of ledges, opens into a clear drop not unlike Lancaster Hole, but smaller. After 75' Colin ran out of ladder but could see a sloping shaft foot below him, with a dark hole below. He came out, and Taddy descended next, after a further 25' of ladder added. The sloping ledge gave access to two holes each being a downward continuation of the shaft. A further two ladders were lowered down, and attached to the 100' already in position. Descending these, Taddy ran out of ladder about an estimated 20' from the floor of boulders. The shaft here was ≃ 6' in diameter. The walls did not appear to meet the floor but appeared to end with an overhang all round. A stone dropped sounded to roll for 2 – 3 seconds down a slope out of sight. So the ~~pit~~ shaft appears to be ≃ 170' (50m) deep. Surely it must connect with Passages Measureless to Man in Coterón? Due to the constricted size of the shaft, communication problems were encountered. Perhaps the best way of rigging the shaft may be as two separate 80' pitches at the big ledge.

Te voy hacer unos calzones
como los que usan el ranchero
de medio gamuza de cuero
de medio abajo, de ~~cuero~~ lana.
Haya un rancho grande,
Haya donde viva,
Haya una ranchería, que alegre me decía
que alegre me decía. —



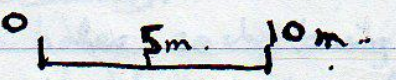
23rd Aug.
Phil dived in Comediante assisted by Juan, Pete, Penny (with lights), Warm, Carol (with torches) and Juan Carlos (with brolly).

22/8/82. Colin.- S. Side La Vega.

Went for solitary walk searching for new entrances. Entered each cave.

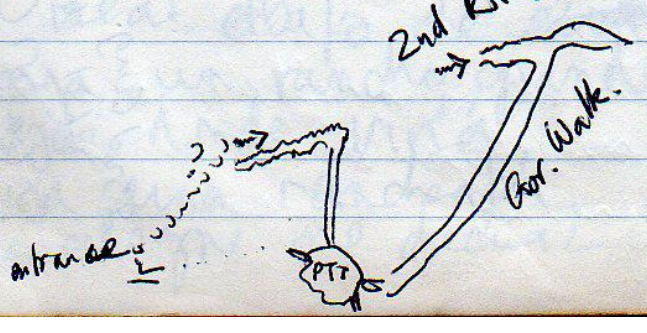
~~424~~ 424 : 10m length 40° downslope to drops of 1-5e 3m in pitch
enclosing to chamber. 6m high 5m wid. e 10m long. At far end of
chamber v. steep talluse to choke 8m up. To right passage.
leads horizontally over boulders with draught rising through.
chokes after 10m.





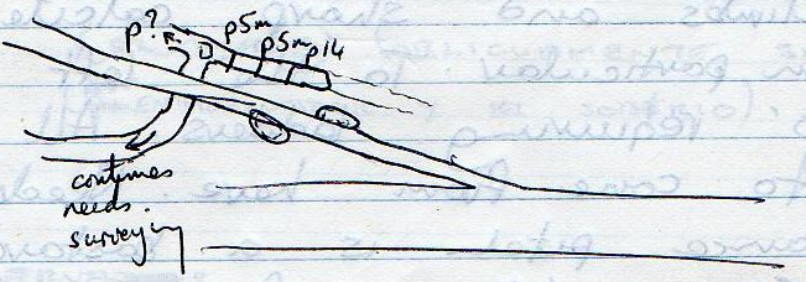
425 Looked at ~~425~~ 425.- Rock shelter below s. facing cliff, to l side.
426 v. low tube under end (0·15m high - no draught).
Looked at ~~426~~ 426. - Rock shelter with small fissure passage.
leading 2m to S. Seems easier becomes too tight.

23/8/82 Sat into Ugueña with 4 Portieazo. but not Colin.
Down to Pigs Trotter to see if crawl was sumped - alive was!
Looked at inlet running ~~NW~~ NE from Pigs Trotter toward Riaño 1;
broke to West turns into easy, sandy traverse to where CAROL & LANK
have Carbided their mark on the wall. ≈20m further & into
an area of small chambers with live snails, centipeedes & 2"
tree roots growing down. through wet calcited boulders - draughting
very slightly outwards but bad weather outside. Water that sinks
here is sinking into hole (large? cavelite ramp) but inlet
near Pigs Trotter is not flowing. Does this water flow to 2nd
River Inlet?



24/8/82 Pat, Pete, John, Andy Quan into Coterm.

Pete, Quan to Between Worlds Passage. Down pitch on right after 2 holes. About 100ft below main level and climbs. ~~Climb~~ This pitch is heading back towards main passage. Hole on left side leads to about 200m of unsurveyed passage. Big stuff.



John, Pat, Andy.

Had a look at black holes up in side of chamber before crawl in Cadiscra area. John used 3 anchors to get a bolt 1/3 of way in. Nothing! ⊏⊐.

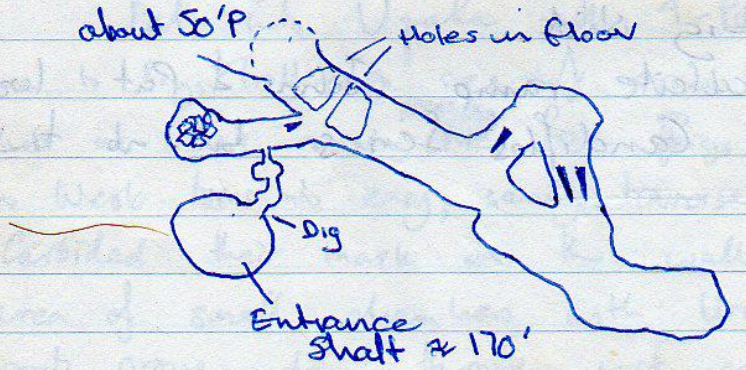
John had shit — big shit

Moved onto sandy/calcite ramp John & Pat looked at Easter '82 above Candiflos Series but no time.

Big shit smells.

25/8/82. Colin, Patrick, Julie, Big Nose to shaft visited yesterday by Joe et al.

Pat descended and started to dig, by the time Big Nose had got down he was almost through*. The draught here is excellent. A couple of flat out bits lead to a bigger passage into a yet bigger one. To the right traverses, chassy climbs and sharp calcite lead to nothing in particular. To the left a drop of about 50' requiring ladders. All the draught seems to come from here. Needs revisiting. The entrance pitch is a bastard to climb. About 50 or 60 m of passage so far.



* Forgot to mention the incomprable digging ability of MUSS trained men. Pity Patrick is so bad at ~~~~ direction finding that he gets lost climbing Coteron entrance shaft.

EL EQUPO DE FÚTBOL POR LOS INGLESES

FRED (EL HOMBRE DE HACHA).

GRAHAM (EL ZORRO) ~~(EL TORSO DE CASTILLO NUEVO)~~

KANIK (EL PODIDO)

JUAN (PORTERO Y SEÑOR DON ESTERCOLERO)

GROVEL (LA MARIPOSA)

NODDY (EL TORSO DE CASTILLO NUEVO)

PEDRO (EL MASSO). (OBLICUAMENTE SMITH)

JOHN (EL ENTRENADOR Y EL SOBRIO)

LAS RESERVAS

JANE (LA MUJER ROJA)

JULIE (LA CHICA CON LAS TETAS MAS GRANDES DEL MUNDO)

LINDA (LA ESPOSA NUEVA)

PHIL (EL GRIEGO)

Late Additions from 1981 + 1982

Earlier ones in 1981 Log book.

326 La Vega.
VN 50489545 Alt 330m Length 45m.
Obvious entrance to short series of passages.

327. La Vega.
VN 50559545 Alt 335m Length 20m.
Cave contains small drop may or may not have been descended.

328. La Vega.
VN 50639547 Alt 350m Length 50m.
Entrance in steep sided depression. Crawl to small series of ~~depres~~ chambers.

329. La Vega
VN 50689548 Alt 350m length 15m.
Small entrance. Tins etc pos. use in Civil war.

330 La Vega.
VN 50349527 Alt 395m Length. 50m.
Series of short caves. 5 entrances to remnant system

331 La Vega.
VN 50359500 Alt 470m
Undescended shaft in steep depression. Approx 100ft. Dive. 30/7/82.

332 la Vega
Alt 478m.
Undescended 25ft pit, with large boulders around head. Charged 23/8/82

333 La Vega Cueva Azpilicueta
VN 50389498 Alt. 475m
Entrance slope in shakehole. ~~St~~ See 17/7. 19/7. 21/7.
See description further on.

334 La Vega.

Alt 385m

15ft choked shaft.

335 La Vega.

Length. 15m

Slope to choke.

336 La Vega

Alt. 418m.

Undescended rift 40ft dpth.

337. La Vega

~~Undescended~~ shaft and slope. 30/7/82.

338. La Vega

Small pit entrance in middle of grass. Undescended 50ft.

339 La Vega.

Covered pit about 30ft deep. Undescended.

340 La Vega

VN 50439496 Alt. 483. Length 10m

Meandering passage in bottom of shakehole.

341 La Vega

50569492 Alt. 498.

Hole with slope. Slope continues.

342 La Vega. VN 5105 9511 Alt. 445.
~~Large dia. shaft entrance. Undescended 40ft.~~
Straight 40ft pitch. 20ft narrow passage at bottom with 6" water continuation.

343 La Vega.
S Alt. 448m.
Small shaft top. Undescended 50ft. X See 9/8/82

344 La Vega.
VN 5145 9495 Alt 475m.
Small pit in field. Undescended 30ft. X ~~20ft~~ Fenced shaft. Five metre Collapse to W. pitch to choked floor which was dug out to yield a 6m pitch and final choke.

~~345.~~
~~345~~306 La Vega Torca de la Llana del Cuelo.
VN 51679512 Alt. 370m.
See 1981 logbook. 19/8/81.

~~346.~~ 345 La Vega Cueva del Zorro.
See Porteiro's description. ?? with GSC?

346 La Vega. Dog Pt.
Shaft Undescended 30ft deep.
2 other possible sites to NE.

347 La Vega
Small undescended pit 20 ft.

348 La Seraden
VN 52069815 Alt. 275m.
Three sites. S Small caves. ~~East~~ East one contains undescended pitch 5m.

349 La Secada Depth 10m.
52489802 193.
Small entrance to well decorated chamber.

350 La Secada
VN 52549803 Alt 190m. Length 20m.
Twin entrances. Lower one leads to the larger cave.

351 La Secada
VN 52869823 Alt 175m Depth up 7m.
Series of shafts (4) along wooded line of depression. All choked.

352 La Secada
VN 52869828 Alt. 192m
Rift in clints. Undescended 20ft.

353 La Secada.
VN 52739855 Alt. 305m
Shaft undescended. Draught? 50ft.

354 Graso. Surveyed.
VN. 52129634 Alt 290m. Length 80m Depth 26.
Small entrance to a slope into a chamber with further slopes to a mud choke. Contains some good formations. (Cave to west slopes to small chamber.)

355. 15m. length.
VN 52059633 Alt 285m.

356. Cueva.
VN 51319647 Alt 360m Length 25m.
Low entrance and slope with a larger passage on the left

357. Cubija Cueva.
VN 50389633 Alt 310m Length 10m.
4m climbable pit with small muddy passage.

358. Cubija.
VN 50479634 Alt 295m Depth 8m.
Small choked pit

359. Cubija.
VN 50689630 Alt 255m length 10m.
10m long rift ending in choke.

360. ~~Cub~~ Cueva. La Cuvia de la Vega Survey.
VN 50539616 Alt 265m. Length 100m
~~Note to write~~ Large entrance + chamber to ~~left~~ right with a small passage on ~~left~~ right. Squeeze to a rift passage on ~~right~~ left choked.

361. Cueva
VN 50079622 Alt 257m.
Undescended 50ft pitch.

362 Cueva.
VN 49869589 Alt 275m.
Twin shafts. Undescended 30ft.

363 La Vega

VN. 49939576 Alt 180m Length 254m.

Resurgence in wet weather. Ends in low crawl with possible continuation.

364. La Vega.

VN 49589568 Alt 300m Length 40m.

Small opening in rock slatter leads to cave with formations.

365. ~~VN~~ La Vega

VN 49559565 Alt. 290m. Length 10m.

Obvious entrance with very little passage.

366. Secada. Torca J. R.

VN 51379773 Alt. 235m. Depth.

See John P. for description.

[Could KP write in 1981 logbook?].

367 Secada.

VN 52109798. Alt. 190m. Depth?

Above Volvo. on upside of track. Undescended 25ft.

368 La Vega

VN 52379591 Alt 205m. Length ≈ 40m.

Mayo resurgence. Still going but tight.

369 La Vega

VN Alt. Length 3m

Sink - Pennbeck connection with Mayo.

370. Seldesuto — La Cueva de Seldesuto.
VN 4914 9533 Alt 275m. Length 250m +.
Still going. Needs pote. FINISHED Surveyed (See Pete)
Photo. (See John Palmer (Taytes) and Judan - 1st pitch only).

371 Seldesuto
VN 48849452 Alt 435m Length 25m.
Entrance above water trough. Low passage ends in draughting crawl.

372 Seldesuto.
VN 48809468. Alt. 395m Length 40m.
In a depression, large entrance shaft contains small barn.

373 Seldesuto.
VN 49349619 Alt. 407m. Length. 60m Depth 30m.
See log. 11/7/82.

374 Seldesuto
VN. 49259628 Alt 440m.
Entrance in shakehole pitch with slope to digable choke. Continues below.

375 Ozana. Torca de Pairto.
VN 53199508. Alt 318m Depth 6m.
Small shaft discovered by local farmer who fell down it one night.
A ledge at 4m after which it becomes v. narrow.

376. Ozana
VN 53159522 Alt 274m. Length 20m.
Small cave ~~en~~ next to water trough on LHS of road.

7a. Ojana
VN.
Nucles 2 next to it. Approx. 70ft. ('75?).

7b. Ojana
VN.
100ft undescended

7c Ojana.
VN.
200ft dyll descended in 1975.

377 Ojana.
VN.
17~~88~~m ⊖ rift cave in depression.

378 Ojana
Shaft in clints. Undescended 60ft.

379. La Vega
VN.
Pit undescended 70ft.

380 Cueto. Cave of the Beetles(?).
VN. 53739721 Alt 500m length 50m.
See Joe. Slope down to well decorated chamber.

381 Cueto. Cueva de Entrambascuetos
VN 53599681 Alt 510m. L. ~ 150m
~~Needs surveying~~. surveyed. Gth, Squirrel.

382 Cueto. Sima de Entrambascuetos.
VN 53609680 Alt 508m.
~~Undescended~~ pitch 30ft.

383 Riano La Fuente de Escobar Length 60m.
VP 511004. Alt. 160m.

Cave entrance in trees below road, entered 5m above the ~~rising~~ trough at the rising. Squeeze in ~~and~~ the sitrup chamber then through a ~~tight~~ tight tube ~~at roof level~~ into roof of 3m high chamber where stream is met. Both upstream & downstream become too low. Roof passage continues as mainly crawling until the water is met again emerging from a gour pooled slot. A small chamber on the other side has a the water & draught issuing from another slit over a gour pool - this time, too tight. 20/7/82.

384. La Vega. VN 50439571 Alt. 176m Length 8m.
Cueva de CPC.
Next to Reñada lowes entrance.
Small ~~entr~~ dry cut entrance to stemp chamber with formation + tree roots 50yd to west another similar grot with bats.

385. Seldemto. Depth?

At end of RH logging track. Shaft (~40') up on LHS of track 40m from track end appears choked. Other holes exist in the depressions 100m further down the track. About 3 sites - deepest about 30ft.

386 ~~Seldesuto~~. La Vega

Entrance between cliffs. See description 30/7/82.

387 Secada.

Very difficult to find. Entrance in bed of sandy limestone. Ten metres of stoops leads to 3 4m of tight flat-out crawling into top of 7m high chamber about 15m ϕ. Climb down calcite into bore reveals ~~boulders~~ boulders left hand side. Other slopes have no passage at top and the strong draught is inexplicably lost.

333 Cueva (torca!) Azpilicueta.

A unique, high altitude sedose system for the Matienzo depression and at -863ft the deepest in the area. The Entrance is approached from Seldesuto ~~after~~ via a steep climb and slog up a shallow valley to about 475m altitude. The entrance shakehole contains a small tree and below a short climb drops into a sloping, rubble floored chamber. At the base a 30ft climb down over loose blocks ends a 15ft pitch into a 20ft high chamber containing 3 holes. ~~The hole at the top end and joins with~~ The route down is through the hole in the floor nearest to the ladder bore and the 5 ladders are best belayed to this. The 120ft pitch has a ledge 20ft down where one hole has a climb which leads back up to the highest hole in the chamber above and the second hole involves a 40ft scramble to a choke. Below

the ledge the pitch opens out to ~~about~~ a 3m wide by 5m long rift. The landing is on cobbles and the only exit is a ~~was~~ narrow slot in the floor requiring one ladder. A series of cascades in a high rift now start with 2 inlets ~~coming in~~ bringing in water from the left - both of these chokes. The climbs down and at the lip of a 90ft pitch ~~line~~ which is lined with calcite. A steady dribble makes the ~~ascent~~ descent fairly wet. The passage at the ~~corner~~ bottom ~~turn~~ steps down to the left and slopes ~~down~~ into a complete passage changer. A 4m high, 10m wide stream passage passes from right to left. ~~and contains~~ the stream splits into into a number of tight passages, none of which have been pushed. Downstream ~~the~~ rubble flowed stream has cut a 3m deep trench between banks of mud and gravel and after 30m the floor ends abruptly at the head of a 50ft pitch. A traverse on mud over the head of the pitch ends at another drop while up on the right a deep hole in the ~~floor~~ mud accepts water from an inlet on the far wall.

Passage character again changes at the pitch bottom as a ~~series~~ short section of ~~the~~ tight, meandering cascades are descended ending at a awkward step down to the head of ~~the main pitches~~. (Continued _____)

388 La Vega

Drafting shaft. Entrance 14m to 2m climb up and down. 6m pitch to large chamber with stal floor sloping down to pitch of 7m. Second chamber in two parts, second part circular aven with draught descending. 4th pitch of 4m via tight squeeze into aven with pool in bottom. Narrow rift leads off.

389 La Vega

Remnant of old cave, 3 entrances, passage on right of main entrance ends in narrow squeeze in rotting calcite. Max length about 30 m.

390 La Vega

Open rift, choked.

391 La Vega

Open cave with short section of small phreatic passage behind.

392 La Vega

Open shaft, beech tree above. No draught. At start of pillar karst. Undescended.

393 La Vega

Shaft in middle of pillar karst approx 1m diameter and guestimate 15m deep. Undescended.

394 Hornedo La Collada. Length 248m (229m) depth 23.7m
Cueva Collada (Cueva del Sluggo).

~~Entrance~~ La Gatuna is essentially a 1km × ½km depression near Hornedo ~~with~~ pocked with smaller shakeholes. The entrance to Collada is ~~the~~ in the ~~depression~~ most south easterly depression at the head of the valley.

Stooping, vadose stream passage ~~and~~ passes a small chamber on left and degenerates into a flat at crawl to a squeeze through a revolting mud-floored hole to the tight take-off of pitch 1. This is 8m deep and the only exit is a meandering rift

395. Unnamed. La Collade. Flat out entrance in side of large depression under limestone outcrop enters small chamber with small draught appearing from between boulders. No obvious way on.

394 (cont)

Out leads to the tight head of the second pitch after 50ft. The 5m pitch drops into an old phreatic series which contains misfit "streams". Downstream, in a rift passage which is the continuation of the entrance series, becomes ~~too tight~~ awkward after about 100ft but still continues. Upstream, a 7m high × 1.5m wide straight tunnel, heads into the hill ~~and~~ ~~and~~ turns to the right (bumps a boulder, knees crawl) and after numerous short side passages enters a 7m high ~~de~~ boulder floored chamber where a continuation on the opposite side ends at a draughting boulder choke with no immediate prospects.

396. La Vega. Greasy Cave 9/8/81.

397. La Vega. Shaft above Greasy Cave. 9/8/81.

398. La Vega. 2 entrance cave 9/8/81.

153 Tree Root Cave La Gatuna

399 La Gatuna 18/8/82

400 Riano - Gatuna 18/8/82

333 Azpilicueta (continued)

- the 160' wettish pitch, the approach to which is made by carefully stepping to the left across the stream trench. The SRT route is on the right-hand wall and is also wet. Both routes land on a roomy ledge which is peppered by falling debris. This is immediately followed by a drop of about 200' which is best tackled as a 50' pitch following the right-hand wall down to a large ledge containing a pool. The remainder of the descent is a 130' wet pitch, the top section of 50' is initially close to the wall which funnels the water onto carbide lights. Passing a ledge, the last 80' is a superb but wet hang into blackness through the roof of a large chamber. What at first appears to be the floor is a jumble of house-sized boulders, the ladder landing in a calcited pit from which the water sinks and is not seen again. The most obvious gap in the boulders is a 40' pitch into more closely-packed chaos, followed by a further descent of 50' from which the only way on is by burrowing amongst loose boulders. It disappears and to a deep pot which should not be regarded as fully explored.

401 Rhiw-Saturn 18/8/82.

402 Gatuna. 18/8/82.

403. Cubija.

409 Mella. "500ft" shaft. (-only 350' deep!) (Cueva del 'Dos Savage')
- 100m shaft descending from 20m x 50m tree filled depression. Width of shaft varies between 3m and 10m. Sloping boulder-floor. 10m down the slope leads to tight loft climb with boulder/mud floor - no way on. Up slope goes 5m - no way on.

410 La Vega - 10m shaft with boulder floor. Entrance 1m x 4m leading into 1m diameter shaft. No draft. No way on.

411 La Vega. - 10m shaft with boulder floor. 1 x 3m entrance. No draft.

412 La Vega,

413 La Vega, Torca de la Mega Mujer (Mega-Moll Shaft) A draughting Small shaft entrance on the south side of La Vega, East of the dry valley. A 85' pitch down leads to a parallel shaft 10' offset with another 85' pitch. The floor is of choss and slopes down to three crawling holes. The two on the right lead to a boulder chamber which connects into another via a tight crawl on the left; this chamber can also be reached by the left hand hole out of the shaft bottom. This left chamber has two shafts some 15' in *

414 Las Secadas. Entrance on up hill side of depression. Tight squeeze to top of 30' pitch. 10' hole in floor leads to adjacent shaft via squeeze of debris slope. At bottom of second shaft, tight passage in wall leads to boulder choke. Through boulder choke on right, draught from small hole and through floor of choke.

413 cont.

* depth which were not descended; and two passages off which choke after a few yards. The opposite wall of the bottom of the shaft has a shelf like entrance to a boulder + mud floored area. A strong draught can be felt comming between the roof of the cave and the easily diggable floor.

415 Las Secados - Small entrance leads to vertical squeeze; opens out into largish passage x 3m x 1m x 20m long; leads to largish chamber 8m high, 10m wide, 20m long; massive boulder choke; no way on found (very loose); 4m pitch on left leads to high passage (no way on); small passage on left near entrance leads to Aven;
The entrance to this cave has a very strong draught suggesting possible connection to further passages (could merit another look).

416 - Muella - 12m shaft undescended

417 - Muella 25' shaft - undescended

418 - Muella 80' shaft - undescended ENTRANCE ON OPEN LIMESTONE EXPOSURE

419 - Muella 60' shaft undescended ENTRANCE IN DEPRESSION.

420 - Muella 60' shaft undescended ENTRANCE ON OPEN LIMESTONE EXPOSURE.

Bootlace Passage was first spotted in 1980 by some bored sherpas on one of the Renata dives. We didn't get far then, but last year saw us exploring the first 100m of passage to the 17m pitch, which drops into "2 sumps" chamber, and also scrambling up into a huge chamber (which still hasn't been revisited or surveyed). ~~From the opposite side~~ From the top of the pitch we could see a passage leading off on the opposite side, but Steve's traverse became too dangerous and was abandoned. So last year's survey ended with an enigmatic question-mark. This year's answer has been surprising, to say the least, and has left one or two question-marks for the future.

Steve, Phil and Ian Lloyd returned to the traverse on Friday 13th — so much for superstition — and Steve free-climbed up to the wide ledge on the right of the pitch. From there a bolt was put in to drop a ladder down to the slope of boulders on the other side. From here the passage begins in a typical breakdown style with a floor of choss and collapse boulders. Then it drops into a wide 'phreatic' passage, before dropping again in a dog-leg to the left and rising again to another loose and chossy chamber, ~250m from the traverse. Various side-passages to the right don't go very far.

In the final chamber they were stopped by a draughting boulder-choke, and this was dug out on the return trip, despite the threat of the dig collapsing in, or the wall or even the roof falling in on top of it. On the other side of the dig the passage continues as a tube, reaching a junction after 80m. Straight ahead the tube continues to a chamber with a slope up to a large chossy passage on the right, which goes back almost over the top of the tube passage. From the chamber some smaller passage leads up to another chossy passage. This finally slopes down, but a squeeze on the right leads up to a chossy end-chamber. ~~A passage just before squeeze back under way in, leads to a possible way on~~ (See write up 16/8/82)

The passage on the left of the junction has led to the most interesting discoveries. The tube passage is soon lost in a collapse chamber and the main passage continues in a high and narrow vadose canyon, now very dry and dusty, where bits of the wall are liable to peel away at the slightest touch. At floor level the passage is more tortuous, therefore traversing half-way up is recommended. Just at the start of these meanders a slope leads up to some loose ramps. After 100m of the meanders an important junction is reached. On the right a passage leads to a slot down, a crawl and another short passage to a chamber where water comes in from the roof. A scramble up on the other side of the chamber leads to more narrow passage, which pops up in a chamber within the "Candy Floss" series of Coterón. This was the second Coterón-Reñada link to be found and was the prompt of the first upwards Reñada to Coterón through-trip.

Carrying straight ahead at the junction a maze of passages is reached, but by continuing roughly straight on, one arrives at a chamber with water entering down an aven and dropping down a small pitch. The passage at the base of this is too tight to follow very far, but this chamber is very near to a similar active chamber in Coterón and presumably they have a connection.

Another series of passages lies on the left of the maze. This contains the first stal to be seen since leaving the main passages in Reñada, and it's probably no coincidence that it's directly beneath the "Codisera-arm" in Coterón. The also on a small Fossil passage continues to the east, beyond Coterón, and exploration has stopped in a couple of chambers. Here the future leads could be an undescended pitch with water falling down it, two pitches with deep water at the bottom, or a one-bolt climb to a continuation of the high-level passages.

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