

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 1983
Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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15/7/83

Penny, Squirrel Queen to shaft above Volvo. Tightens up
to closure at base.⁽²⁶⁷⁾ Found out later that Pete & Phil
had descended it at end of '82.

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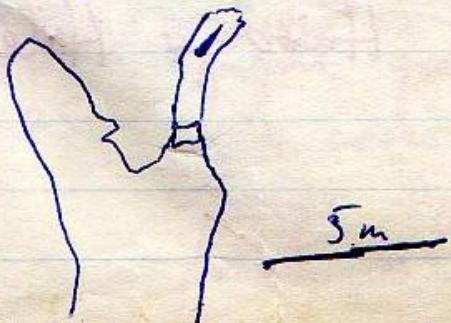
16/7/83

Caves: Pete + Juan SURFACE COVRE: Squirrel CAR GUARD: Pat,

Into Penny's Cave (280) to sump. Wet-suited investigation reveals at least 3ft dive although at about 3" depth. No roof rise felt. Only 60m long.

Then up valley 100m to another entered by Pete earlier. Rather like Mallender cave without the water. 10m to protruded dig.

Then to "Rabbit Hatch Cave" @ Conedigate House.
(437).



Rift entered after removing
tiles etc. Low dig in mud.
 $l \approx 15\text{m}$.

17/7/83.

Perry Pete Juan up above Peary's Cave to
the opposite side of the valley to Castille.
Spent $\frac{1}{2}$ hour digging out a sucking entrance
in shakehole only to find it ending
10 ft down in a v.tight rift. (440)

Then to 441, up the hill and to the left.
Stoop in meets surface pitch. Dig in floor
rough boulder is a possibility. Bat performs
by flying in and out of the entrances and
hanging on the roof for a couple of minutes.

Pete down to 443, a tree filled depression
with a grotty climb down between boulders.

Other possible sites exist above 441 nothing promising.
On return to car, take new track to opposite
house at lip and valley and then straight down.
Notice 442, small rocky depression containing 3 holes.
Uplift one has a underslung 20ft pitch.

Bat and Squared up to Haedger Hole (438)

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17/7/83

Pat & Squirrel to Hair Drier Hole. Got in 20m to choked rift. Drafting (well a little). Walked on tops, found a couple of c50 shafts.

18/7/83 Blank. Pat got drunk, got sun burnt. Bow Tomas meal.

19/7/83 Pat, Penny, Squirrel, Juan

Up to Luggi's large chamber in 397 above Condicante. Hole at pitch bottom dry first. 3m drop into sloping room under calcite floor. No draught - choke.

Down pitch - about 5m to land on odorous choughs. Hammered along rift to enter a small sit-up chamber with low soil down over sand. No draught. Didn't bother with catalog of pitch as no draught and looked VN.

Hunted for 343 on the top but didn't find it. Instead found 2 new ones -
444 - Small granary hole which closes 4m down
445 - Hole covered with 2 stones - 2 people
Juan & Squirrel down 4m entrance pitch to confirm that the tight rift

jibl could be passable perhaps needing a bar to remove boulders at the top! Continuation about 8m deep - no drought but cold.
15 ladders left in B Copacabana LHS entrance.

21/7/83 Remy Squirrel Pat Juan up to shafts noted by Pat + Squirrel a couple of days ago - vaguely N east of Tond and S west of Lastrilla. Climbed up with sunburn and 6 shafts descended all choked, but more to go at.

- 446 55' NARROW CLEAN SHAFT. SHORT MEANDERING RIPT,
TO CALCITE CHOKE.
- 447 40' shaft under slabs. into rift. Hole calcilite floor. Echo, no draught
- 448 Small shaft closes @ 4m depth
- 449 25' DROP IN TWO STEPS. DAYLIGHT ENTRANCE. CHAMBER
AND SLOPE DOWN TO CHOKE.
- 450 40' into one metre diameter choked floor.
- 451 10ft to ledge then 15ft down to choked floor.
- 452 On left hand bank near head of valley, 30ft jibl with walled up care takers up. Unexplored.

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22/7/83 Joan, Penny, Squirrel & Pat up track to La Rasa.
Descended ~~453~~, 385, 454 & 455. All choked.
456 a small drafting hole - could be dug! Ate
cherries. Too late in the year for snow plugs.

23/7/83. Squirrel, Pete, Pat, Juan up to Culbitts to check out
reports from Carter. Pitch is 84' ft. Pete and Juan
surveyed the lot. Basically 3 passages from base of
pitch. LH passage to too low ~~set~~ calcite choke with
no draught. Middle passage soon chokes. RH passage goes
for 100m. Sandy floored stoops. Near the end is a
roaring blow hole but it is in solid rock and needs
bang. At the entrance end of this passage various
climbs up to lead to a hole into side of
entrance pitch. Pat - Squirrel spend a couple of
hours digging.

Then over to check out 'Ammered' Cle.

(457) Squirrel down with no bother to the inevitable
choke and no draught at bottom. 75ft pitch
onto a rubble leap. Draught was cold so Squirrel
had to keep his trousers on unlike Lagger @
Carter.

24/7/83 Pete Pat Penny Juan up above Rendada to
3 shafts below Bellavista.

459 - Down 60ft from surface to an
undescended pitch. Good draught
Sima Cumpleaños

460 - 45ft pitch to small hole which
could be dug. Stones drop for about
25ft.

~~461~~ - 75ft pitch to chole.

25/7/83 Squirrel, Pete, Pete, Juan up to Sima Cumpleaños 459
on PAT'S BIRTHDAY (30 years of age today).

15ft pitch onto rubble. Second pitch in rift can be
laddered down through boulders or through tight slot
as was done at this time. 14m pitch into small
chamber with way on through hole in left hand wall.
This exits a draught through a short series of
1m Ø tubes ending at a sloping 8m pitch into
a grand chamber (directly under 460).
Down slope choles; up slope ~~leads~~ to a tight

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40ft pitch (which Pete descended to a calcite hole) and eventually down a calcite slope to a well decorated rift about 3m wide, choked at the end. The draught comes from nowhere in particular. Pete + Quan surveyed out. Then all huddled for 20 minutes at top of 2nd pitch while thunder storm passed. Plan length 80m Traverse length 120m Depth 35m

26/7/83 Pete, Penny Pat, Quan into Cofresneado.
Steve Burgois + Neil Robertson arrived.

27/7/83. Pat Squirrel Quan up to Codiera fixing position @ 500m altitude, 50-80m higher than previously thought. Then around to the west looking for the other end of Citeron. Found rubbish instead 462, 463, 464. Description @ back.

Once you're in the loop, you'll find the tackle.
Follow the cross. There's no straight.
3 ladders, 2 bays, trap pulley, sack, crabbar
entering tool.

28/7/83. Dear Lant. I am not ashamed
to admit that you can hypnotise me into
believing that Sanatogen Passage goes to
a pitch. Pat, Steve, Neal repeat of
Pat & Log Iron trip of last year. Still
couldn't get through maze. Tackle dropped
(I think) in small sandy chamber somewhere
between pit with passages to left &
right & endless loop. Draught only in
entrance series (to S.P.).

Fourth time lucky!

Squirrel, Penny, Quan up behind 3 Henn Run / Balers.
Lower reaches all sandstone and not worth
bothering with. A couple of holes in Tablon
area. 465., 466. Description at back. Dig is
quite promising (466) as it drops 30ft or so fast.
On way back looked at resurgence at
start of Tablon track (well leant but
well H.G.) and entered 467 above.
Entered by Petal(?) a few years ago. 15m

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of deserted steamway closed in both directions.

STARDATE July 28

Can Patrick escape the Matienzo Triangle?

Will he penetrate the grey haze surrounding this valley of mystery?

Is there anything outside or is it all a figment of his tortured imagination?

Is it true that this is really an advanced lunatic asylum?

SEE NEXT WEEKS THRILLING-
EPISODE!

Is the Vega bar really a brothel or is it an interplanetary teletransportation terminal?

Does the chubby daughter have hair beneath her mammarys?

(y)

YES BUT ITS A WIG

Home is a Tent, Home is a tent etc.....

29/7/83 Cofrendo - Henry, Steve, Neil, Juan.

30/7/83 Cueva Muro ^{Cucuruar} at Romales. Trip arranged with Jose Miguel Morale, Julie's ex employee and a member of Workers '65 expedition. Varied caving with a couple of crawls. Large helictites and fine needles in profusion. 2 hour trip took 4 hours due to J. Miguel partaking of lunch (butty, plums, peaches) and attempting to carry out a large lump of cave roof in his rucksack. Slides taken of pretties and the superb entrance. Back home via the bars and accident (shh---!)

"This accident will cost you 1.500 pts."

* Bla, bla, bla, bla -...."

"Well, I'll send you the bill later."

"Vaporize the car!"

*Nuke it all!"

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Neil, Steve, Squirrel, Pete, Juan.

31/7/83. Tackling trip in Cotopaxi. 6 ladders on entrance pitch don't reach the floor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ needed. Left Squirrel @ edge of the World, eating raisins, and the rest zoomed to the end of the Renada Arm to soft pitch descended last year by ~~Steve~~ Steve M. + Juan.

Neil, Steve, Pete down to chamber (dripping) @ base of 1st soft pitch. First obvious pitch in rift descended 50ft to ^(LARGE) rock bridge. Rift continues on both sides another 50ft to boulder floored chamber. At one end of chamber hole in floor leads to series of tight climbs down rift (following draught). Ends 40ft down with draught coming out of boulders. SECOND PITCH FROM 'DRIPPING CHAMBER'. 30FT TO LARGE WEDGE. HOLE IN FLOOR THOUGHT TO BE 100FT DEEP TO BEDROCK APPROX.

Table left @ head of 1st soft pitch. 1 ladder 1 x 100ft rope. Soft pitch failed but not for double lifeline.

Also 230ft rope @ bottom of entrance pitch
31/7/83

ROZ + TONY BAZ JUICE + JEN AND SAM
Mammoth drove 26 hours arrived fucked.

229.

4/8/83.

Nal, Steve, Gran with Penny, Barry, Samantha support team to shaft above Rocky Horror. No drought on dull day but rift at bottom is worth digging. Full of clay + snail shells. Bolt put in on entrance pitch.

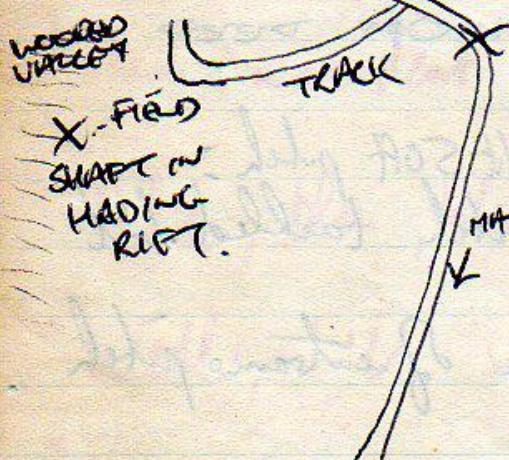
2/8/83

Got here full of French steak etc

(Big Steve, Sue, Roy, Julie, Trish, Sly, Nick, John Linda, bigger, Colin, Andy, Sally, Andrew Most went looking for cones :—

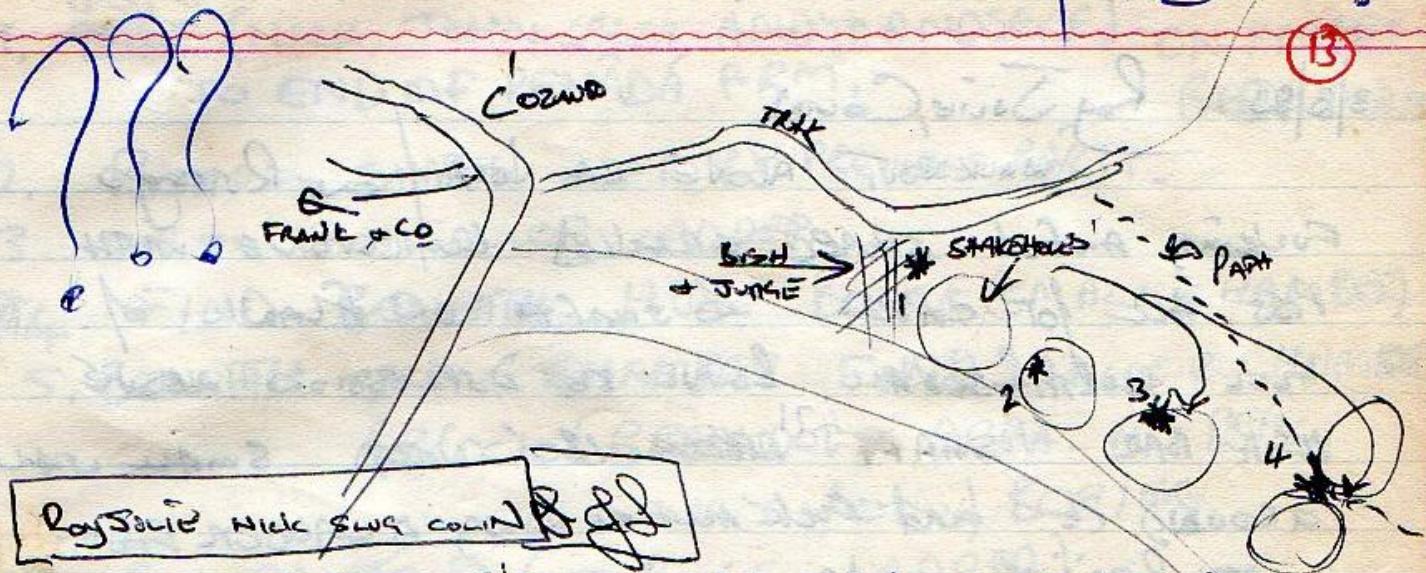
AND DOK

CRUZ
URANO



Found shaft in holding rift, est 25' deep washed from ^{short} drift down out, small and seen in corner at bottom. Should take 10 mins to clear 'cos its near the wood. Couldn't find it on map because the map was upside-down.

NEARLY GOT IT RIGHT AT B&R TONIGHT!
MUST TRY HARDER.



up track for C'D so where track turns toward

RINT ① SHAFT IN CLINTS COVERED? WAS THIS 378-9? - DON'T THINK SO

- ② Very ~~small~~ SMALL ENTRANCE SIDE OF SHAKE HOLE good echo NO DRAUGHT
- ③ 100' + SHAFT, LARGEST, WITH POSSIBLE CONTINUATION AT TOP END OF SHAFT
- ④ SHAFT WITH EXCELLENT ECHO BETWEEN DOUBLE SHAKEHOLES.

LOCKDOWN MAP CANNOT MAKE FICK ALL OUT OF IT SO DON'T DO
OUT ABOUT IT; THERE ARE ALSO APPROX 5 OR 6 SHAFTS BETWEEN 20'+
40' BETWEEN THESE SHAFTS BUT MOST ARE WELL HIDDEN.

Ray

2/8/83. Neil, Steve, Squirrel, Tony Juan into Cavern.

Tony + Juan survey various grottoes off main dag
adding about 120m to length

Open? ?

3/8/83

Log, Julie, Colin.

WALKABOUT ABOVE CA JEST / on Ruggo's
Fucking ANFOL SHAPE CRACKED LIMESTONE WITH
POSS ACC FOR CAVES 3 shafts ON FLANKS OF
HILL NORTH SO ALL FOUND TO DEPRESSION ABOVE
VEGA BAR 1 SHAFT⁴⁷¹ APPROX 120' DEEP Smaller well
AROUND IT and fuck all to HANG A LADDER from
water revisiting also in depressions on upHILL SIDE
4 DRAWSITING DIG AND A fucking uncontrollable SHAFT which
Colin & Log nearly walked off the EDGES, BASTARD most
BUT 2 - 300' DEEP - NO SHIT! (472)

3/8/83

Steve, Neil, Derek, Trevor & Quan in care of
Cubya track and been up to just before

Lastville on new track. Walked back down
track and found 2 closed shafts 473

3/8/83

3 teams into Cotam.

Bug, T.J. and Logger trip to Between worlds
passage to drop a shaft on right hand side, 150mtrs
of passage surveyed connected with 81 depths and passage
surveyed Easter 83 very little left to do in this area

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TWO TRIPS?

PROGRAM #1

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FOR USE WITH HOME COMPUTA-SLUG N°1

GOTO

PROGRAMMED IN BASIC

1. ~~THE~~ (NICK, JOHN CALY AND YD ANDSELF) ON FLOPPY
TO END OF RENADA PRM.
BEER MATS

2. BOTTOM SHAFTS LEFT BY PREVIOUS PARTY.

3. GO TO BOTTOM OF LADDER.

4. FIND BENEATH HUGE BLOCK (SMALL CHAMBER)

5. BENEATH SMALL CHAMBER FIND SMALLER CHAMBER
(BLOCKY BREAKDOWN AREA. NO REAC
WAY ON) BORING.

6. RETURN TO 3. (TOP OF LADDER).

7. GO TO ~~REMOVED~~ (2.).

8. DOES SHART GO?

9. NO! GOTO ~~REMOVED~~ (11.)

10. YES! GOTO ~~REMOVED~~ (20.).

11. GO TO BAR.

RASH!)

Is This Dried Egg?

LORY

4/8/83 Neil & Steve shaft no = 20 TIGN GOTO BAR.

First hole about 7m deep. Tight rift blocked at top by

soil and nettles dumped by Farmer. Needs digging to get in
No draught on warm day. 2nd shaft about 100ft above

Emboscados, 25m to dripping chamber with strongly

draughting passage leading off. Shot off down passage only
to come out to daylight at Cueva Vecina (n°96) SHIT SHIT
Emboscados draughting like fuck.

SHIT!
NGR

~~4 Aug 83~~

Roy, little Tony went to Rendonda.
for a fun trip up to end of 'Stuffed
Monk' and out in 3 hours.

4. AUG '83. ~~RENDONDA~~ J.S., ANDY, NICK.

(472)

went to the Fucking enormous shaft sand by
BIG ROY the day before, with the 200m S.R.T. rope.
One big pitch with two bolt relays approx 120m
deep, to total ~~climb~~. Passage 50ft from bottom goes
to another pitch not descended about 100ftish. Big
passage on other side of shaft at same depth also
looks good needs looking at. Various other passages go
off from the shaft higher up. Rope left in.

DISPUTE ? ~~IS J.J.'S NOSE BIGGER THAN~~
4 Aug 83 : ~~J.S. and Calin THAT OF FABULOUS~~

~~small draughting~~ (473) JOHN PALMERS

Mentioned to dig a hole / cleave the big shaft
alone. After 5 minutes digging we were
able to squeeze down about 5 feet into
small unstable boulder chamber. Steep
slope back for \approx 15 feet to a shaft -
rises to the \approx 40 feet with steep slope

at bottom which rocks rattle down

4 AUG 83. SLUGGA-PROGRAM #2 (FLOPPY BEERMAT #2)

AIM: TO FOLLOW JIAN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

(OR AT LEAST THE END OF
THE RENADA ARM IN
COTERON).

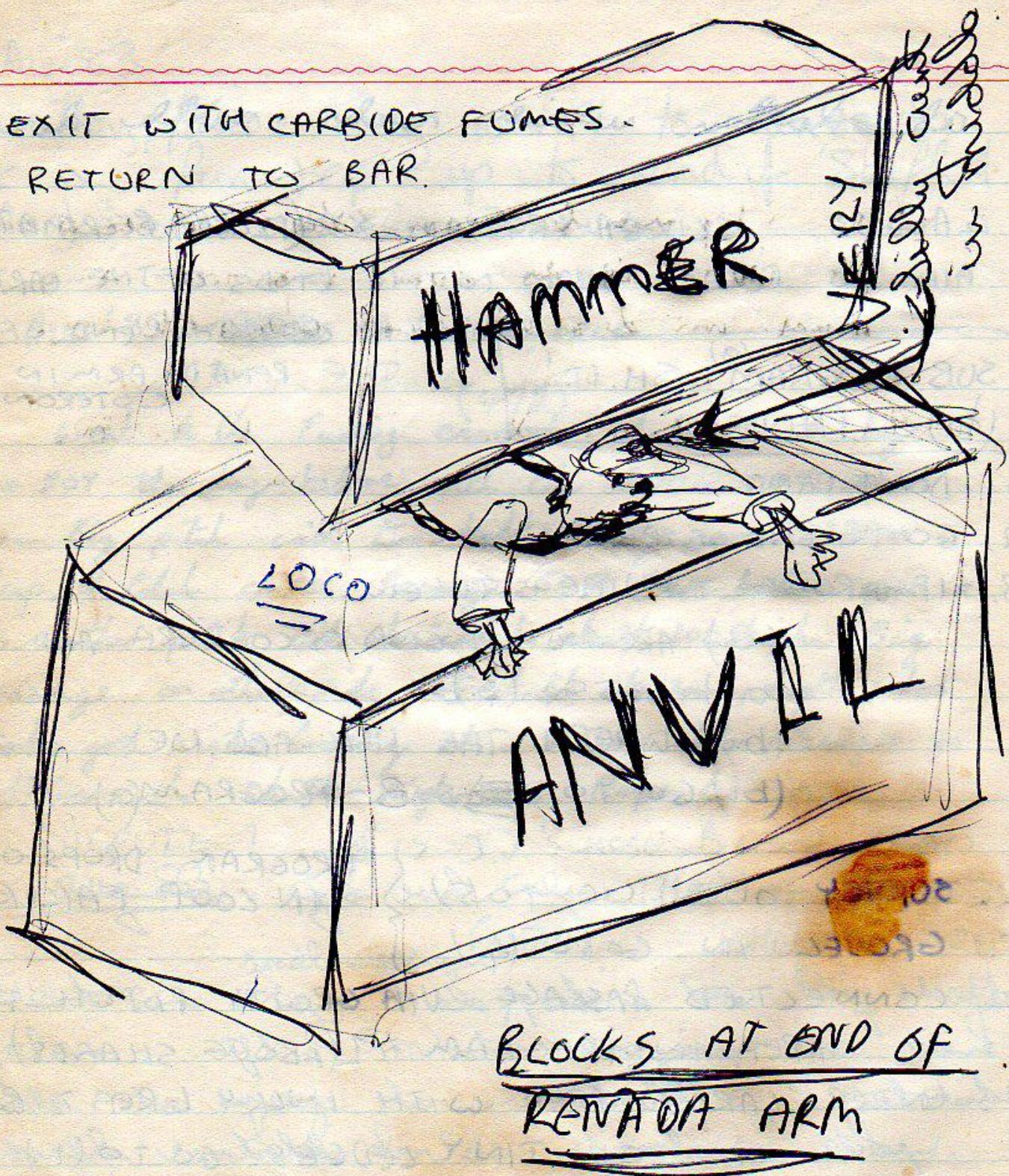
SUB PROGRAM^(a): S.H.I.T.
~~(b)~~ PANIC

1. DON'T PANIC.
2. GO TO END OF RENADA ARM.
3. *IF WRONG TURNING IS TAKEN.

(a.) ARE WE AT END OF CODISERA ARM
(a.) GO TO (b)
(b.) WHERE THE HELL ARE WE.
(b.) GO TO ~~THE~~ SUB-PROGRAM (a)

4. SORRY OUT. GO TO 5) } PROGRAM DROPS-OUT
IN LOOP FAILURE.
5. GROVEL IN. GO TO (4) }
6. CONNECTED PASSAGE VIA GROTTY PITCH TO
AREA IN PROGRAM #1 (ABOVE SHAFTS).
7. ENTER LARGE AREA WITH HULKY GREAT BLOCKS
ON TINY LEDGES. GO TO (1).
8. FINISHED AT BOTTOM OF DRIPPY WET AREA.
AT SLOT WITH 50' PITCH.
CANTON TYPE PASSAGE.

9. EXIT WITH CARBIDE FUMES.
 10. RETURN TO BAR.



MAN HO THE WIND AND THE RAIN ! ?

4th Aug Slay Squirrel Quan Survey passages @ end
of Cetem Renada Arm. Cross over main
passage and drop into drippy chamber @ end.

3RD + 4TH Big Steve, Andy, Frank,

4th Aug Lugger, Andy Q. Frank. in Cetem.

3RD : Set-off to look @ Bottaccio pass.
got to edge of world and noticed pitch in
bottom of depression in front of Frank's passage.
30' ladder into ~~the~~ boulder chaos, Steve
found squeeze into boulder chamber, exit
on far side with holes below and vast echo
above, climbed up irreversible calcite slope +
rediscovered edge of world, saw some other holes
to check ---- 4th back again with lugger,
down edge of world with 25' ladder to check
pitches below - its all a big bag of sugar
lumps with no apparent way of following to
water down - massive calcite/boulders, plenty of
fresh air and droughts ^{Intervals} to boulders. We
never got anywhere near Bottaccio pass. lugger
& Andy did the surveying.

5 AUG. J. J., NICK, GROVEL

Went back to 472, went to passage with pitch noted the previous day going off the main shaft. Bolt placed at end of traverse above it. Pitch 18m to various small passages all closed down, some broken, draught. Passage connected with main shaft 15st up from bottom, about 75m of passage in all. Next objective was passage on other side of the main shaft, 40st pendulum, a great case worker. Passage led straight onto a 27m pitch, with a v. small imitrix stream flowing across the floor. All obvious ways on choked or got too light, some reasonable formations. Draughting boulder choke 10st up for wall was dug into another chamber, full of loose boulders, everywhere. A mud slope at 45° down with boulders full for about 3 sec, would need hammering and digging. Be tickled! and surveyed.
135M Deep.

471?

5th Aug. Joe, Colin, Julie & John. Fan
Went up to bottom 371 took stakes
and I (Jill) been the lightest decender
The pitch turned out to be 60ft. Beautiful.

fluted shaft, clean washed, when you set off the ladder there is a 4 foot climb down to a false floor with rift going off. Needs boulders taken out, can get head under rocks and can see down another 10 feet. 2 hours of moving boulders could repay. Ian had a look round at bottom. We then moved over to look at A73.

↳ The pitch mentioned previously was gardened at the top and a lot of loose rock thrown down. 50' of ladder was put on and Colin descended, 10' down a boulder pile, then the ladder hung free. Colin returned shot up about loose boulders. John & I then descended to same point and also shot up. For a safe descent a bolt needs to be placed at this point away from the loose stuff. Ladder reached bottom with about 5'-10' to spare. Seems to slope away and may go further (?)

~~OK continue next page - Bot-one~~

5 AUG. LANK STEVE NEIL IN GRENADA

Shot along ~~slope~~ towards Stuffed Monk Passage stopped just past Blood Alley junction and started working back along south wall towards Breakdown Chamber looking at every dig, hole or any other way into countless caverns measureless to man. A few metres before the Blood Alley turning a tight rift was pushed for ~~over~~ about 4m round a couple of corners and up until a few lumps of calcite blocked the way on. A reasonable outward draught was felt. A few minutes work with a lump hammer should do it. Carried on along wall to Breakdown Chamber where a small hole in the floor through calited boulders dropped onto floor of small chamber. with virgin passage leading off. Dashed along with shots of joy from Lank as the passage started getting bigger. Followed draught through a total of 80-100m of passage to rift with blackness above climbed up into huge passage and set off for Cokerson. Broke down and wept when Lank recognised Crowbar Passage. Carried on past Castle Hall to unsurveyed ramp and passage. New passage found and surveyed to boulders directly under Cokerson. Surveyed passage from Ghost lake to stream in Castle Hall. Small inlet in Breakdown Chamber followed for m. Draught goes up even at end. NGR

5 Aug (cont'd)

Next to 472, another section of dry-stone wall noticed, similar to that next to 371. Sure enough, a shaft found next to this section of wall, completely concealed by thick grass. Small ~~large~~⁷⁴⁷¹ stones seemed to fall at least 100 feet, into a large-sounding shaft. Ian Wood descended, after some examination, about 10' into roomy chamber with floor of large boulders with roomy shaft going off underneath. Reckoned to be at least 100' deep. Left for tomorrow, when JJ surfaced from 472. After consultation, decided that this hole goes into 472. Is $\approx 15m$ due ~~west~~ east of 472. Also, speculate that 473 is probably also connected to 472. (473 is about 30m roughly South of 472)

6 Aug Pedro, J.J., Julie.

Down Cotteron to Bootlace Passage and pitches at the end. First objective was the one bolt-climb found by Salford Phil above a pitch to deep water. Pedro placed the bolt and with the aid of a couple of stings J.J. got up. Pedro and Julie soon followed with the aid of

a ladder and top line. At this point with canvas
measurables to man visible Julie decided to settle
Settle here by land electric with new batteries. Hence
in keeping with other passengers in the area take battery
passage. This comes a strong drought and it was
surveyed for about 280 ft, the main way or was
however missed initially and so unsurveyed. This led
to a chamber with various visible ways on and a
stream way unpaved. Various other inlets and draughting
passages need looking at. A ladder and lifeline was
left on the climb. Pedro descended the pitch below
the climb for 90 ft, to a big pool / lake at the bottom of
the pitch with no way off the ladder without getting very
very wet. All worth another look.

~~Roy - Frank~~
Walked up hill behind Renacer
Toward large shack hole found fuck all

MAZE HORN PASSAGE

6th Aug. Venezuela Push. Juan, Lugger, Andy & Andy

Uneventful trip in except for route finding in boulder choke. Found a by-pass to the ladder climb, no idea how to find it again though. Finally arrived at beginning of Rocky Horror then carried on bearing to the right hand wall until a steep boulder slope enters, after about 400m. Climb up the slope about 40m. Chamber at the top of the slope was looked at by lugger last summer. Way on is along calcite on the right hand wall this leads down onto a largish chamber with a 4m climb ~~out~~^{down} almost immediately. Going forward over ~~a~~ blocks, leads to a 31m. across ^{*CAMP?} chamber with fine mud formations on the floor. The chamber has two other exits the left hand one being short with good formations. The main way on is to the right of the large blocks in the 31m chamber. Mud floored passage leads to a 3m climb up ~~into~~ into a rift with draft going into it. The draft appears to come from a "body" sized tube close to the bottom of the climb.

The passage after the climb has superb formations including some "Morehead" crystals on the floor. Gofocused 5 pages.

~~70 Aug. Barry: Arenal.~~ Aug. 70 Arenal. Lugger, Boy, Big Steve, Lennie, Andy. Lugger found 40' deep undescendable shaft in floor of phreatic right hand series. Big Steve managed to get past boulder in tube at top of over. L. B. & B.S spent ages moving around in left hand series choke. Lugger eventually spalled way in but needs ~~top~~ lump hammer to remove a corner.

Laul: Revata: Sanatogen.

Went to end to do dig. Hours work, no progress. Went up multiple interconnected tubes in roof, ~~which~~ kicked tons of boulders down upon these below. Very complex 3.D. maze. Groove in floor, similar result. On way out found short oxbow. Also went along new passage just inside beginning of Sanatogen approx 100m. Couple of patches (205ft) gone down to stream. One more to go down (50ft)

The Invincible arrived. Immediately stuck up hill to eat at Spain's Fazuly Tower. Good intro to Matienzo.

NEED
ETRIER
GOLTS
PAPER.
20' wide
good.

9 Aug 83.



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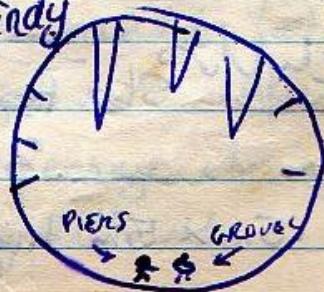
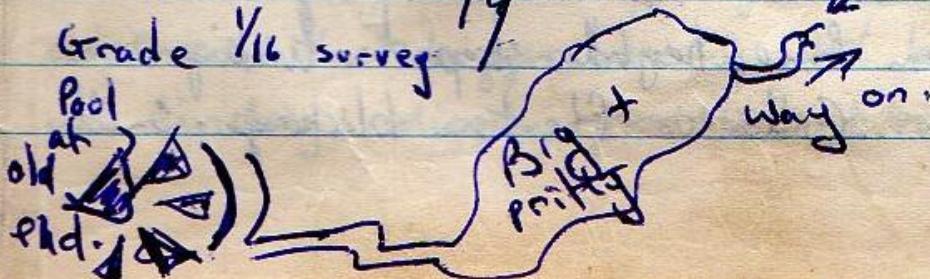
Cavers? Piers, Gravel, Trevor M, Dave H.

~~Core~~ Taking Maypoles to scale above end of last surveyed passage. Down pitches early. 300m of stomping passage to pool. Assembled maypole and Piers climbed up. Reached large Calcite ramp.

Slippery climb up and traverse right beds to ^{conky} hands + knees crawl with strong draught. Gets too tight. Piers came back and Gravel came up and started digging passage.

1hr later + 20' further broke through into large passage. 7m wide + 4m high. Piers + Gravel go for about 500m to a climb. To be pushed. Came out admiring formations. Running low on ~~gas~~ so will survey tomorrow. Having draught through. Definitely back tomorrow.

Tree " " v. windy



8^m + 9^m Ave. looking bet
Back door to Uzunkor extension.

— see map for digging sites.

8^m. Draughts @ top of mushroom
Mild v. good. — pulsating steam
@ 10 m. int. from dry (G)
This is in still & wet weather
after big storm

9^m. finished jungle washing road
base of hill, lots of skeletons in
woods but no obvious leaves

~~Neil~~
~~John~~ + Steve ^{John}, some area up on

cliff stonework. Entrance found above largest cliff
ab. 35m fine keyhole shaped twisting
passage .5m x 5m high. Ends in flintstone blockage. Small

no = 565 .

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hole at top has strong but variable draught. (Ref J on map)

(Not Above A Number JV JV)

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X

Great scoff at Daughters Bar!

7th Aug. - Dave Frighten, Louie, Ros, Tony, J.J? La Cuvier looking for Uzeuka back entrance. Trip especially chosen by Dave as his introduction back to metingos after 9 long years of exile and deprivation. No prospects at the end, but 2 areas noted as looking promising for future trips with maypole. Just after drop down into the main chamber Dave found a low crawl at bottom of right hand wall leading to pitch into chamber. Pitch was 8 m and chamber 10 m long. Choked at bottom. 2 areas to side did not go. Even above the pitch looked worth another visit.

9th Aug. Lenny, John Lally, Squirrel & Joe up to Mushroom Field. Looked at dig of '77 (see book of that year). "Hanging Death" drosser now fallen into hole, plus lots of sand. Just glad we weren't in it at time!. Henry hifared drosser up a bit, but ran into problems. Squirrel & Joe to look at other dig at top of field. Seemed to be more open than in '77 - 5' down into narrow passage - went so far but retreated as not in caving gear. Draughting out like mad, ^{& very cold.} lot of unstable boulders in entrance make you glad to get out. Afterwards, discovered that hepper been up 40' to passage closing down and dividing, digging possible but very difficult. ?

6TH Aug Mac Head Passage continued.

After the crystal formations the passage gets bigger and bigger ending up in "Cotteros" sized railway tunnels. This passage slopes at a 4m climb into an Aven with a ~~flat~~ possible bolt route up to a continuation of the passage at the opposite side. The passage at this point alternates from crawling to long & walking stuff. Hugger and Iwan surveyed back from half way along the big stuff to a survey point at the first inlet in Foddy Horror. The passage appears to have quite a few other passages coming into it the only one looked at was in between stations 15 & 17 this lead to a chamber with a passage coming in on the right this soon splits into two both of which are easy walking stuff and still going just easy climbs 17?

Set off out at 10-00 pm and emerged at Rionic after 18 hrs underground at 3-30 am 7TH Aug. 16th

Audrey Quins.

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10TH August 2nd UZUKA PUSH. Lugger, Buz, Big Steve,
Paul, Slug, Andy Q.

Trip to finish off survey of Maget Head
passage and to push side passageways.

Lugger & Buz went to ~~south~~ survey the stuff
found on the last trip. Steve & Paul went
pushing the left-hand branch of the
passage going off the chamber above
survey stations 15 & 17 mentioned in the
~~last~~ trip. Slug and Andy went to
push a survey the right hand branch.
The passage to ~~south~~ the right turned out to be
a crevace in the floor of large higher
level big stuff. The big stuff had
masses of formations were ever you looked
and most of the time involved traversing
altars over a gypsum floor "Gypsum traverse".
The big stuff closed down after awhile?
but the crevace in the floor continued for
about 200m. descended in a muddy chasm
with ripples. The way on could be by
climbing up in the crevace and trying to
get both the climbing stuff or against the
crevace wall ~~south~~ served out back to Maget
Head passage. But due to inexperience

of the surveyor* and the douding up of
dino & compass B.C.R.A Grade 0.001 A
was the best achieved. About 400' or
so of passageway were explored up to end
^{* Andey}.

Paul - Big Stein pushes in Rose Head Passage
Followed Stein, Caim to climb up to start of new stuff
and pointed in right direction. Easy walk in floor of trench
for 150' to onward climb up through closey boulders
now marked with small cairn. To 15' easy walking size passage
up above trench nicely decorated 10' x 30' with sandy floor
After 200' a chamber is noticed off the L H wall with
3 stalks spreading the way up, gap, gap, gap at 20'
high stal surrounded by wet stal bases further climb in
chamber back to Snow White passage. This meanders for
approx 200' with superb gypsum walls and collapses off the
walls. This ends back on to main drag in radose type
trench. Main drag continues right to no chamber mentioned
above left continues in Quadrophem type large passage
after 1000' a passage noticed on L H wall not marked
after 1500' some active inlet on R H wall is reached with
superb covers on floor. Passage still stems off with

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obvious

side pockets and holes not looked at. The end is lost in
climb up to stal column. The climb up from Snow White passage
is returned to passage again storms off to meet with chunk
mentioned previously can't remember distance was in I am still
shocked by find. Going home tomorrow back to my feeding
factory so go find a newer entrance or else
Bottom Cave Storm Troopers (B.C.S.T)
rules ok.

Bullshit! noise management bugged.

Venezuela team for Saturday:

Paul G

Computa - Slug

G G

Grovel

Piers

~~Lank~~. Andrew

Pheew!

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10 Aug 83 Mastajo

Piers, Dave Howard Trevor, Lank, Frank, Ray, Neil Gravel.
Dave H dropped out before trip even started,
tautfully forgot his helmet and lamp! Re belayed
ladder at opposite end of hole most now. Put hand line
from top of ~~the~~ sealed ladder to ledge, + ladder hand line
around calcite boss on ledge. Cowl now dug out
to big Ray's size (hands + knee's to most people)
Frank + Neil took photo's while Ray + Trevor
Surveyed out. Lank turned around without
going up sealed ladder. Piers + Gravel
continued exploration. 50 ft further on
found a second blow hole. Dug this for
some while, very easy sand but awkward
position so only progressed ~ 6 ft. Sand
being blown back into digger's eyes!
With a spade or entrencher would be very
easy to dig out.

10/8 Coteron bottom entrance dig, or should we say,
feasibility study. Tre & Calia up with sledge hammer
lump hammer, chisels etc. Stal yielded fairly(!) easily
but limestone very hard. The stalled-up chamber or pocket width
seems to consist of very hard stal, even the floor. Conclude
that proper mining techniques required to get through - rock
drills and bang!

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10/4/33. CUEVA DE CARCAVUESO.

Stove and Squirrel to Cook for a possible
Unueka back door. Went down the wrong
flood sink which turned out to be an
alternative entrance. It is situated a little
further ~~right~~ and would require a ladder
to enter the 1st Carcavueso chamber.

Back at the original entrance the log jam was
negotiated. Draughting strongly. On the survey,
the term 'astrechos' is applied to three passages.
The far right hand one was pushed into a
wide but low bedding passage which terminates
in draughting chokes after a short distance.
The direction is the same as the river gallery.
Digging would be very serious and not justifiable
Squirrel

10.8.83.

Tony, Ross, Milt, Doug, John L, Benito e Juan,
late start but attacked the hillside opposite
the bar for possible holes, no luck, frightened
back to camp by rain e thunder while on
hill side.

QUOTE "DEREK YOU'RE PISSED"
"COOURSE I'M NOT FUCKING PISSED, I'M DRIVING"

11 Aug 83

Part of Bolton + others returned on big boat to England less than 1 hour later leg iron appeared !!

Tony, Ross, Billie, Lank, Dave, went to look once again for back door of the Uzaeka. Finished it 'lady's pot' by filling it in, it was endangering life and health. Found another draughting hole, dug for a while then filled it in. Returned to camp because of threatening weather.

11-Aug-83.

Ronado

Steve; Sluggo; Dave; J.J. Wimpoor.

Aim: Familiarisation and exploration of passage at end of Stuffed Monk gallery. Surveyed in front junction. Two chambers. Bottomed pit found by Steve + Sluggo. Blind. Passages going off from top + side of pit blind too. Whole area muddy and rotted. Mission control out.

11/8 Draged round shops of Santander. Some wasuke is going to ride a motorbike up a wire above the square on the main street - the things these biker do to get attention.

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11 Aug 83.

P.D.G. / Piers. - tourist trip down Aguac.

Piers totally wiped out by a collapsing log jam "half way through. I thought he was a goner" as he didn't surface for a few seconds. However all was well except my carbide jet was clogged with wood!!



Stands later.

People already asking when does leg gone. Fuck off!

Quots L-DJ Mills, Apparently if you say
KAS twice it means KASKAS.

12/8/83. PJ Paul + RCC

walked up a bloody big hill with ladders to look at a
150ft deep choked shaft!

Carl + Julie Venekla. Surveyed approx 200 metres
off the first little chamber, after the entrance
squeeze nothing spectacular found though,
most untouched before. Ended up in "gout"
chamber.

I CAN'T BE PISSED, I'M DRIVING!

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12/8/83 MOSTAJO.

Piers, Dave, Trevor, Squirrel.

Aim - Continue blowhole dig & photography.
The dig is now inches away from a breakthrough
but the prospects beyond do not look
brilliant. It just feels good. Safety goggles
would be usefull and lamp however plus
chisel admirable to remove calcite. The
digging face is small.

Had to loose rock on entrance pitch,
would advise rebelaying in original position
with bolts? Squirrel

13/8 Joe and Ian Basque in entrance series of
Uzueka. Missed the others so poked around for new
stuff. Decided the entrance area too complicated, so
went through into Quadrapternia and looked at everything
on way back. Found nothing new, ~~but~~ but climb up
near this end yielded strong outward draught which
appeared to drop down deep rift, probably very near
entrance.

13th Aug Bolt trip in Uzeeka to just past Straus Inlet.
Barry, Lenny, Bobby Easthope, Dave Howard.

13th Aug. Down to S Vega and up behind
the bar along (newly) enlarged ~~old~~ track.
On right of track at second building a marshy
depression ends in a closed depression with open
entrance. Stoop into walking streamway on flat
sandstone. "Ends" after 35m at a crawl
which was not pushed. (476)

Down track 50m, on the left, lies ~~another~~
a depression with freshly cut tree. Open
entrance to a stopping chamber 10m long,
with running water heard through small
hole at far end. (477).

13th Aug

Lank, Trevor, Neil, & Ronel in Uzeeka
entrance series surveying lots of loose
ends. Rushed into Pig's Trotter and then
looked at lots of side passages in direction
of Piano. Went up side passage shown on
survey (which is about twice as long as shown).
Ends very near surface tree roots, snails etc
all over floor, but no light seen. Came out
plus surveyed new bit of passage.

'THE BUCKET IS CRITICAL' QUOTE UN-QUOTE.

13th Aug.

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Slug, Leg Iron, Young Squirrel into Emboscadas.
Thinking of bolting up to possible passage & in
root. Had a good look at it and decided to
forget it. At dog-leg saw possible passage
on left hand side, Slug climbed up with
2 bats for protection, Squirrel n.k.z followed up
because of lack of light on Slug's behalf.
Began roping up large passage to squeeze
at choke. Small chamber with pretty in
beyond. Chamber at end choked. Length of
new passage about (200 ft) 66m.

Also surveyed Quadra-pass (the dotted
triangular bit on the survey), and the
normal route through - from your chamber
to the arrow in the start of Quadraphenia.
Must go left next time at this arrow.
The Galleria del Espanjolas is larger
than shown must be surveyed! 380 m surveyed.

Send out a call for a master of tact and diplomacy
to tell Leg Iron to fuck off.

Beach day! Brown as fine engined

PIERS
8th Aug Battery Passage, COTERON/RENADA. J.S. ~~GILL~~, DANE H.

Trip to continue exploration and surveying of stiff sand on the 6th Aug. Trip in via Cotton with sea route sinking problems. Took unsurveyed right hand branch in Battery passage to chamber and stream sand on the last trip. Loose climb on the left hand wall led to a mud slope up to a body sized vertical tube for ten feet. The top had to be enlarged with a hammer before J.S. gained access to a larger chamber, and the hole enlarged. J.S. and Piers then explored a series of chambers, connected by low crawl and traverses, but the draught was lost. The trio then surveyed back out, with various leads not pushed and pitches undescended.

13th Aug SURVEYING. J.S., PEDRO, PAUL, PIERS, SCUBA.

Camp one was reached after 4½ hours with no real navigation problems. At start of unsurveyed stiff split into two teams, Pedro, Paul and Piers took the far stiff sand by Paul ad Big Steve while J.S. and stay Sley surveyed to the big chamber below Snow White passage. Little new stuff was found but a chamber with upward draught ran off to the left just before the end.

^{at the end}
stone choke of the right hand branch needs another look. A reasonable trip out was made starting at 2:30 A.M. to find the Bar had not been kept open.

14/8/83. MUSTAJO

INNLED WD, DANE MINGHAM, SQUIRREL

Put in bolts at entrance pitch for 'safe' hang. Travers, now has rope to clip into. At dig face squeeze negotiated. 6ft of extreme low passage to obstruction in chert. The floor is heavy calcite with sand underneath? Beyond obstruction the passage is seen to lead to the right in human size dimensions. Howling gale. If a sensible continuation is required the digging would be a protracted affair.

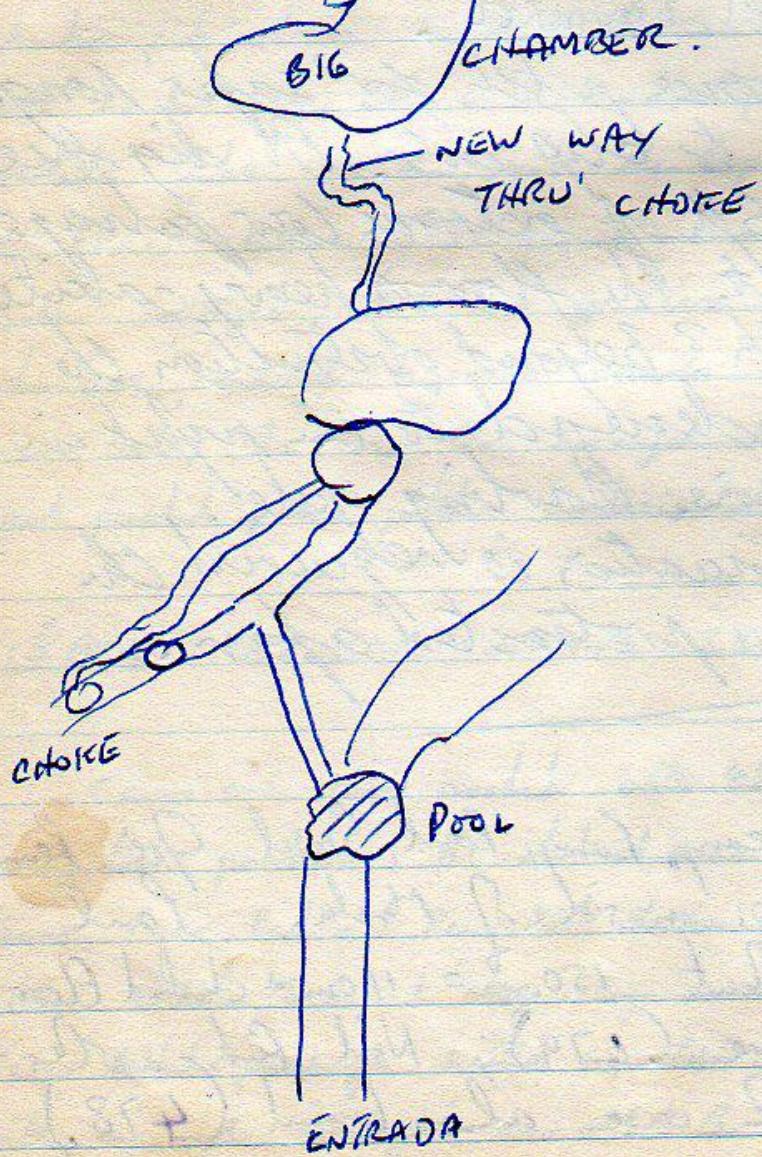
15th Aug Neil, Steve, Leamy, Barry, Paul, Ermel, Joe, Remij, Juan up to 301 on side of Thule. Paul descends to find that $150m = 110m + \text{choked floor}$. Barry descends new one (479); Neil finds another (480). Short rough cave also found (478).

11/ Answer.

ARENAL.

LENNY, BAZ, BOB CANTHORNE.

To boulder choke in left hand series. Beat squeeze to death with lump hammer and through nose choke # into large chamber. However, draught seems to be lost and no way out was found.



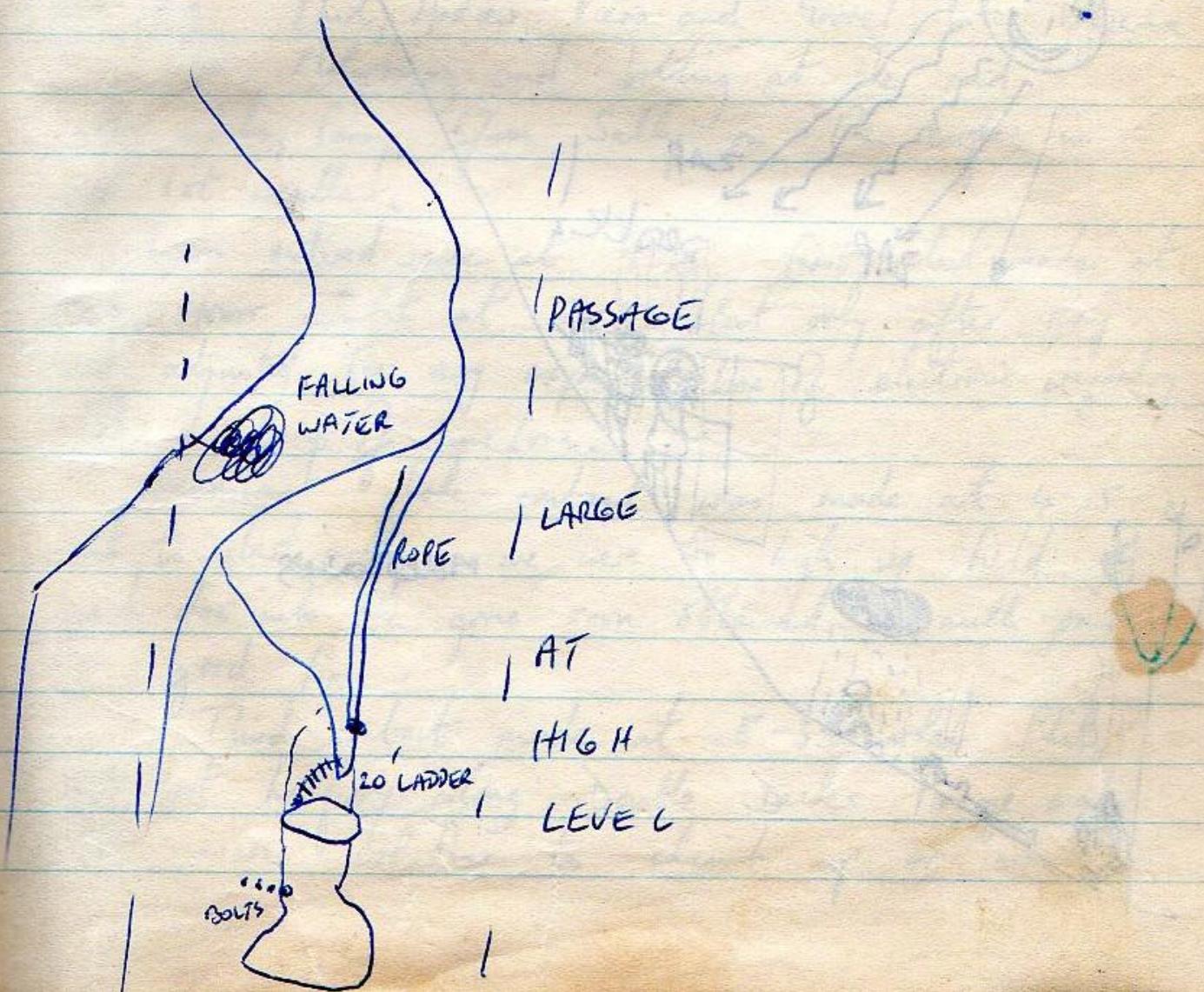
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13 AUGUST.

UZEKA.

BAZ, LENNY, Bob Cawthorne, Dave Howard.

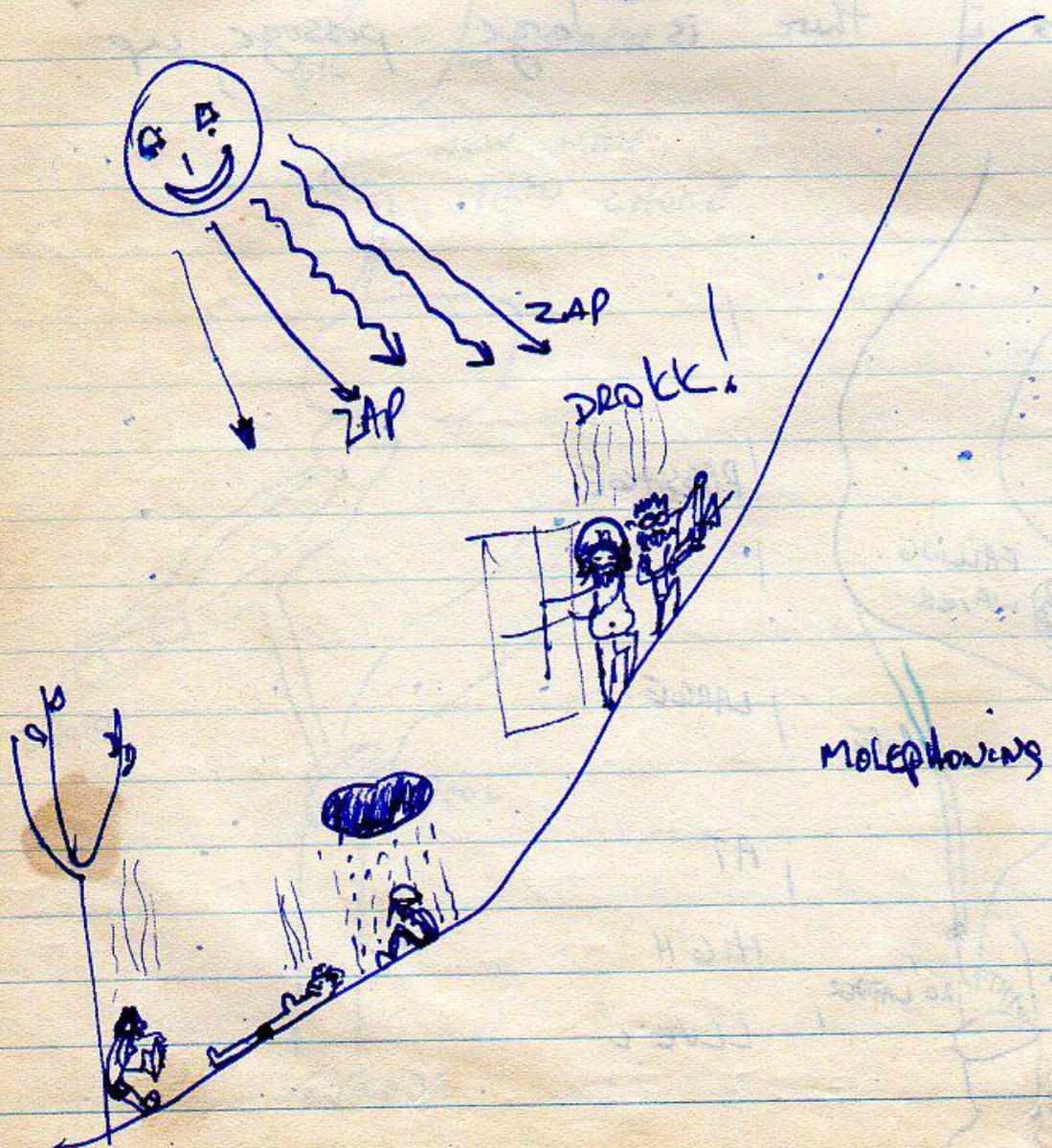
Trip to bolt up Steve's one bolt climb near los playas. 5 bolts later 60'-70' height gained but approx. 4 bolts needed yet to reach top. However it does look as if there is large passage up there.



15 AUGUST.

MUELA

Dug, GAZ, ~~sheep~~, down 479 (GOAT or SHEEP) SKULL POT. 40' pitch to choked floor. Then rift 250 - 300' deep with large echoing boom as rocks hit bottom.



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16th Aug La Cuvia. Scaling trip to give Salford a gentle intro for tomorrow's Uquela trip. Bay, Leamy, Phil, Steve B, Lark, Juan cast poles in. Juan up to rift that closes in. Pole stuck up other side and Steve to chamber above main passage. Ratt closes.

17th Aug Phil, Andrew, Piers and Grovel into Uquela for Molephoning and bolting at the end. Roy, Julie, Penny, Juan, Sally on the surface in red-hot weather.

Team entered cave at 9-15, first contact made at Rocky Horror Inlet at 2-25 but only after Roy had adjusted the very expensive box of electronic wizardry with a lump of limestone.

Sandstone hole contact was made at 4-15, weak to start with as we were too high up field. A quick dive into the gorge soon obtained a null point and a good fix.

Third contact made at 5-35 when Phil got lost halfway along Double Decker Passage and was unsure whether to climb up or crawl.



A survey consultation put him right and at 6-20 a strong signal was received from the area of the final pitch. Unfortunately Phil's ~~radio~~ transceiver was acting up and he was unable to hear the surface teams words of encouragement. At 6-35 the surface set broke down.

17 August. Uzueka.

Phil, Piers, Andy D, Grouel.

Those that went underground, shunning the job of drinking tinto and walking around the surface on a boiling hot day.

All went well to start with, then hit first route finding problem! At first chamber inside entrance, took 10 min to find way on!! Slight delay but set off in high spirits. Plodded off, little problems, apart from Phil not quite fitting through Quadruphobia squeeze and wet crawl. Had few problems at end of Las Playas trying to find way on. Romed to first location point, which was reached on time. Left here to find second location point. Told by Juan that was big stony passage should take 1 hour. NOT TRUE. Took considerably

see 4 pages

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17 Aug Muella Hank, Paul, Baz, Joe, Lenny up to scene of investigations of 15th. Very hot. Put ladder down initial part of Sheepskull Pot⁽⁴⁷⁹⁾, and I went down. Chucked a few rocks down, and found a very pretty yellow and black salamander. Could give the pot a better title? Put the depth of the main rift at 200' at most. Paul and Baz then started descent - see later. Joe & Lenny looked at pot⁽⁴⁸⁰⁾ just further uphill. Rocky shalehole \approx 25' deep, then muddy shaft \approx 35' deep to inevitable choke. Slight outward draught. Noticed a parallel shaft halfway back up, but too greasy to climb up to. Stone chucked in seemed to fall to about same depth as original shaft. Then across to ~~the~~ Hoyo de Yusa, to look at shaft described by Hank. Found instead small shaft hidden in hillside. Turned out to be \approx 20' deep, and - choked. Then back around at roughly same contour, and found shaft we were supposed to look at. Bigger entrance, more obvious. Went down to 35' or so to find the inevitable choke. Again no obvious draught. Bade to others.

479 choked at 125 metres deep (approx). - several webbelays used.

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17th AUG.

MOSTAJO.

DAVE & STEVE

AIM: TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT
SQUEEZE BY STRONGLY DRAFTING DIG.
AFTER 1½ HOURS DIG. FIRST SQUEEZE
WAS PASSED INTO 6 FT CONTINUATION,
SMALL CHAMBER CAN BE SEEN BEYOND
SHORT 3 FT SQUEEZE. CANAL SIZE
PASSAGE CAN BE SEEN BEYOND AND
DRAFT CONTINUES TO HONL. AFTER ½ HR
DIGGING SQUEEZE INTO CHAMBER IS CLOSE
TO GOING, EXHAUSTION CAUSED US TO
CALL IT A DAY. VERY GOOD PROSPECTS

18 AUG MOSTADO

STEVE, TONY, NEIL

Continuation of previous days work. First squeeze dug out but needs more work to be comfortable. Second squeeze dug through into small chamber. Obvious way on to right leads to ~ 50ft well decorated passage. Low way on can be seen but destruction of a large number of helictites, straws etc would be needed to get through. No draught in this passage. Back at first chamber a howling gale blows out of a small 6ft passage blocked by stal. Passage appears to enlarge greatly just beyond.

Is STEVE MADE OF RUBBER! (or is it just his arse that is)

~~about~~ Uzaleka. The real story; continued.

began to end. Made contact however in the end. Meanwhile back at the half climb all was not going well. Got up but at expense of lots of cramped, numbed legs, arms etc. Passage ~~down~~ did not go, 6" high with calcite floor. Eventually started to make way out of 8' climb from camp one. Lots of mishaps ~~including~~ including losing way (often), tumbling boulders onto from under people (very often), lights failing (very very often). Eventually got out of cave @ 2:00 on 18th very tired and on only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a lamp between us. ($\frac{1}{4}$ each + oil or a hand torch). Got changed & rushed back over, but the alcoholic support team had not managed to keep the bar open.



19-Aug

Goodbye everybody. we are going to see the frogs
croak croak.

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19 AUG. MOSTAJO

JUAN, Salford Phil, TONY, STEVE, NEIL

Quote from 14 Aug. "If a sensible continuation is required then digging would be a protracted affair"!!!

Steve, Neil up to stal blockage of day before while others photographed. Armed with the ~~the~~ right digging gear 1/2 hrs work had sufficient stal smashed to squeeze into what was thought to be a large, well decorated chamber. This turned out to be wrong. The 'chamber' was just the small part of good "mega passage" which disappeared off into darkness. After jogging for a while the sand/gypsum floor gave way to boulders and calcite nodules with ~~the~~ several breakdown pits in the floor. After approx. 300 m progress was completely stopped by a large pit. The passage continues onwards but some traversing/bolting is required. Dashed back to squeeze for the others ~~and~~ then had a slow careful look at various side passages. ~~and~~ Found a shaft just off main passage with ~~the~~ good draught blowing down it (n~35m deep)

CONT'D

16th Aug Coleron Dave Ingleton, Piers, Trevor.

To look at rubble heap and areas at the end of the
rendez arm. Piers thought he would easily remember the
way to the edge of the world. After frequent consultations to
the survey we got there and proceeded at a good pace down the
odisera arm to bestlace passage. At this squeeze point was
persuaded that we were going wrong and we finally found
our way to our destination. The 6m pitch was loose and led
down to short climb. Interesting even to right needs a bolt
to get up. chamber to left of climb has 2 arns both
climbed by Piers to dead ends. R H arn goes up 15m,
L H arn 10m - both awkward climbs. Another interesting
arn worth a visit was noted in the chamber above the
6m pitch. On the return Dave learnt that you stand
well back when lining at the base of the 13m pitch as he
was hit on the head by a rock, luckily with no after effects.

Some dumb ass-but has gone and
split my stomach setting brandy all over
my colon write up - it enough to put you off
your spelling

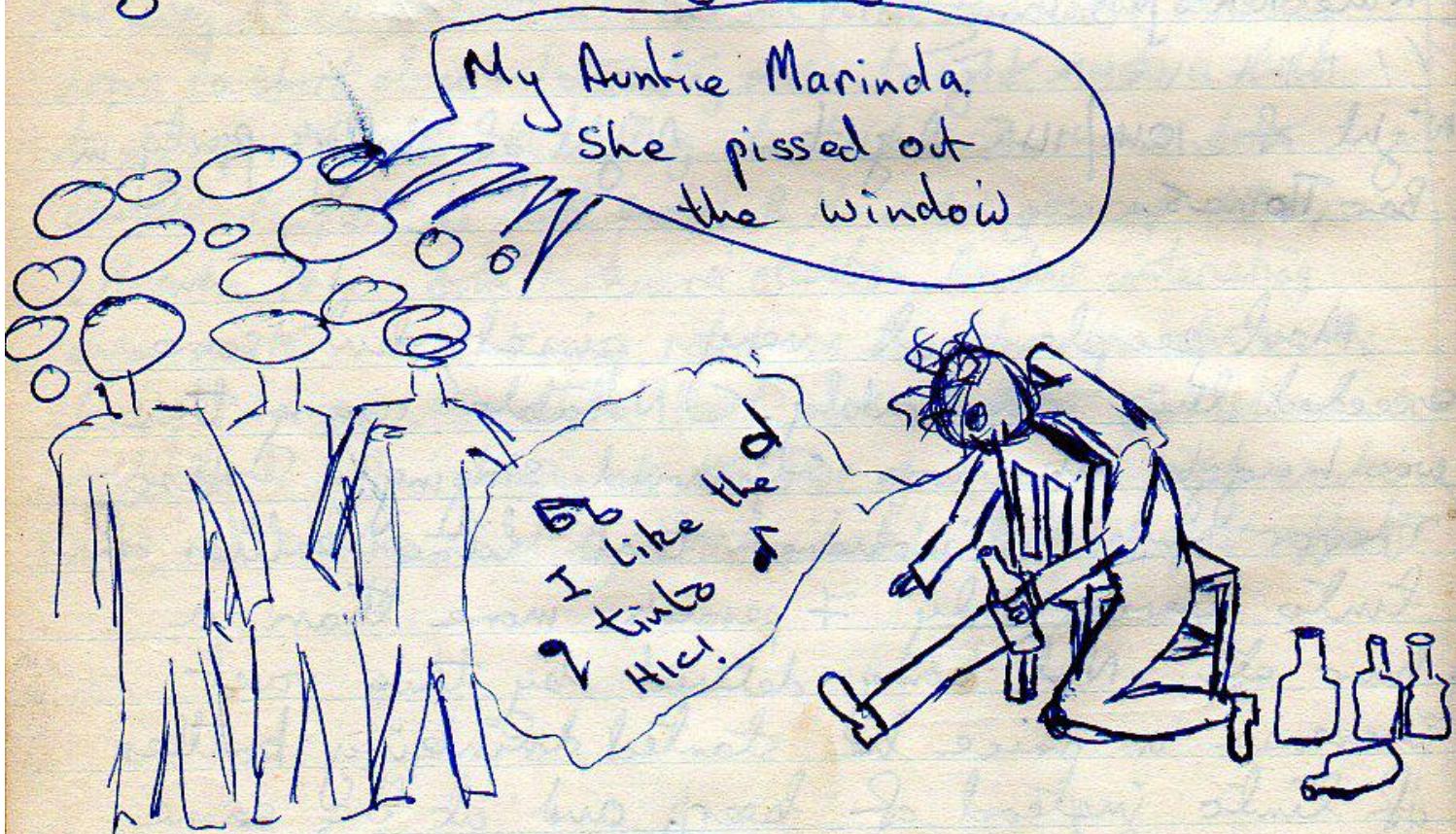
Surveyed out and through squeezes to last survey
station from 12 Aug. More digging required for
cavers of larger proportions to get through second
squeeze.

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late news just in.
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Night of 10th/11th August. Night of Sally's party in
Bar Thomas.

Most people got very pissed, but some
exceeded this admirably. Notable among these
was hugger who was observed singing! Also
Trevor who discovered that little bottles of
tinto were only 7 pesetas more than a
beer etc. Not being deterred by this vast
increase in price he started drinking bottles
of tinto instead of beer, and at the same
~~frequency~~ frequency as everyone else was
drinking their Jgin kay etc. Trouble
was brewing! After 2 rounds Trevor
was a little woozy, at 3 he was

leisurely swaying. By the end of the evening he was slumped over the back of a chair. When the singing started (as mentioned under Luggers entry) Trevor was consistently singing 2 verses out, in the wrong key, ~~but~~ and feeling very proud of it.



Not being contented with this fine performance, the two singing drunks decided to put on a

further cabaret back at camp. hugger found one of the muddy pools and proceeded to jump in and give a passable imitation of a muck spreader going berserk. Many people found this humorous, so much so that Trevor ~~desires~~ decided to join hugger in the mud hole. The two then frolicked in the mud like two contented wart-hogs — This brought the house down.



Trevor then provided the finale by just crawling into his pit without trying

to clean himself up. Consequently he emerged from his tent splattered in mud and smelling very strongly. He was duly despatched down to the river to wash but managed to looze this for 1/2 hour.



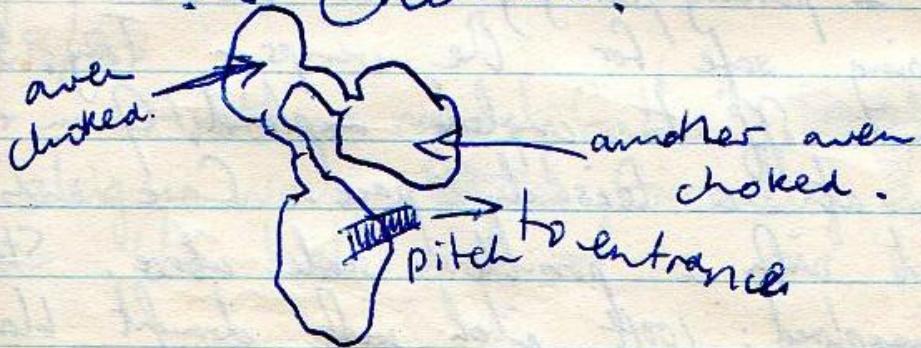
15th August - Shag, Squirrel, Rat S.

Apologies if this has already been written up at 12:39 in the morning I cannot find it.

Well, we went to this shaft (343) descended last year, ladder didn't reach bottom, rift seen leading out from bottom.

This year ladder reached bottom and rift existed, but only led to avens not to pitches

i.e. choked.



20/8/83. Groel, Steve, Neil, Tony, Juan into Mostajo.
370m of new passage

After photographing ramp and getting tackle through squeezes Steve + Neil rapped off to negotiate the pit. The others photographed yesterday's 300m arriving at the Pit in time to see Neil climb a vertical bank of sand using a bolt hammer. Steve + joined him and explored ~~a slot~~ for 20 minutes in large passage. On Neil's return it was decided to forget about dropping the woolly shaft and concentrate on pushing/surveying main route. Groel made the crossing safe for the wings - Tony, Steve and Neil rapped off to complete exploration, Juan + Groel surveyed in at a leisurely pace. Cave 'ends' in boulders but with a possible scale above. Still known to be unexplored: 100ft pitch with draught blowing in; soft pitch in 2nd pit with draught blowing out. Detached on way out leaving line on sandy climb in the pit (bolt hole on wall for climb down but hanger needed). Tony belayed ladder though washing line for descent to lake.

Next trip in will require scaling pole above lake (ropes for climb/traverse left on) and bolt put in LH wall for 25ft loose pitch in just before lake.

21/8/83 Pete + Phil up Seldens finding spear head in 482 and exploring 481.

22/8/83 Many people with the slits. Only Neil + Goro Juan fit for detaching Coteron. Photographed Edge of Universe, Stal in Nevada Arm Main Drag and Edge of World and second pitch. Two or threest/_{4th} ladders are left 'somewhere' in Battery Passage. Detaching no problem as Tony, Lark, Steve arrived at top to haul.

23/8/83

Another record falls! ~~Tonight~~ Last night 31 slugs were ~~thrown~~ forcefully ejected (thrown) from the bell end of a one man tent

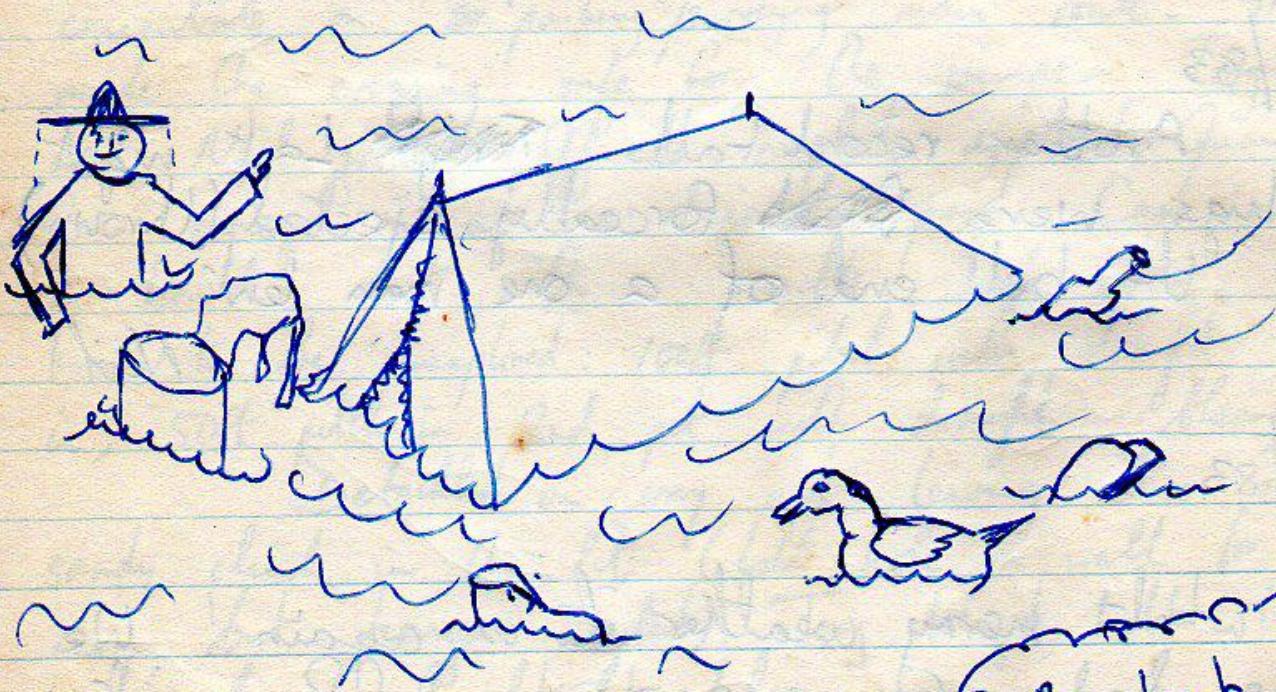
Neil

24/8/83.

Oh what merry weather it is again! We have had ~~very~~ a great deal of variety. Rain, drizzled, spotting, pissing down, damping, chucking it down, and occasional

Showers. Every one is going to go home to a beautiful shade of brown, it just ~~is~~ red. The weather is so bad even the fish are fed up with it!

The clever ones packing up camp before the rains came down.



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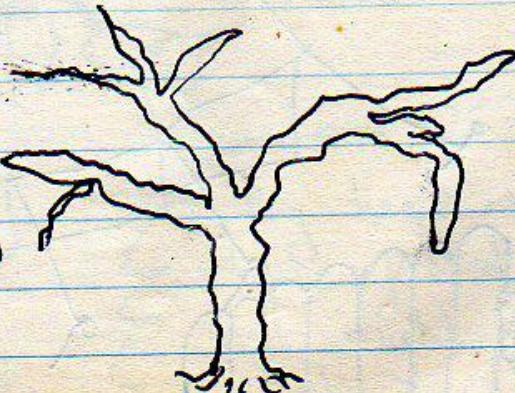
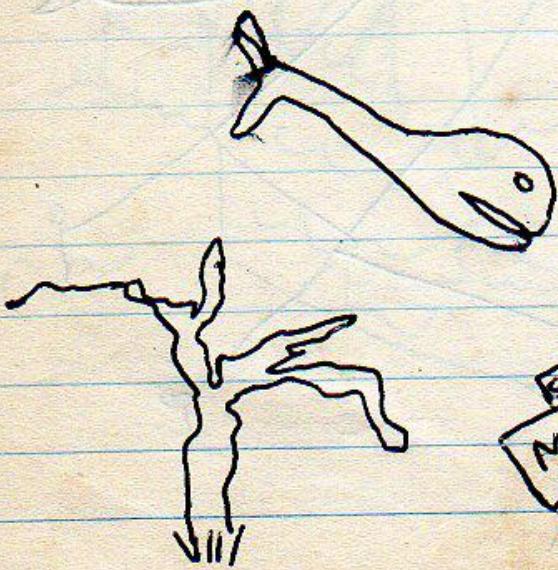
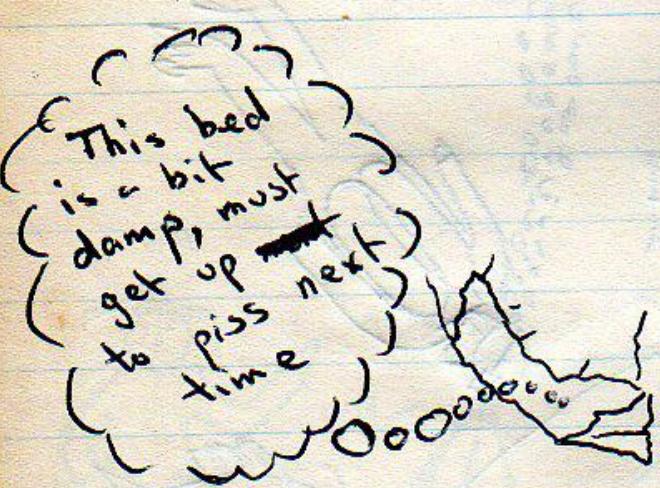
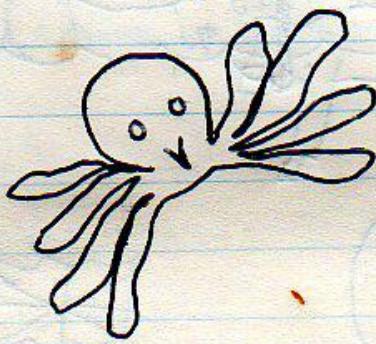
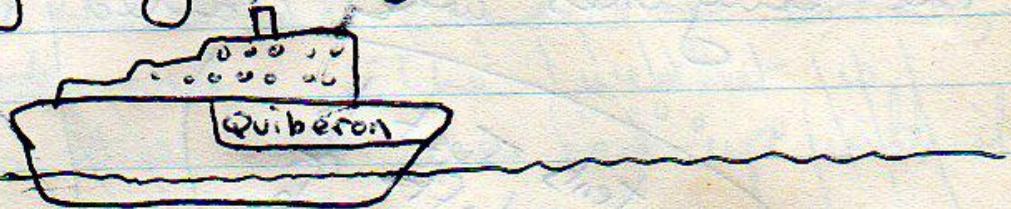
By heck must
have pissed myself
last night, its
mighty wet.

Note. (63)
This is the gap
in the rain
mentioned left

The silly ones who waited till later!



And the very very silly ones:-



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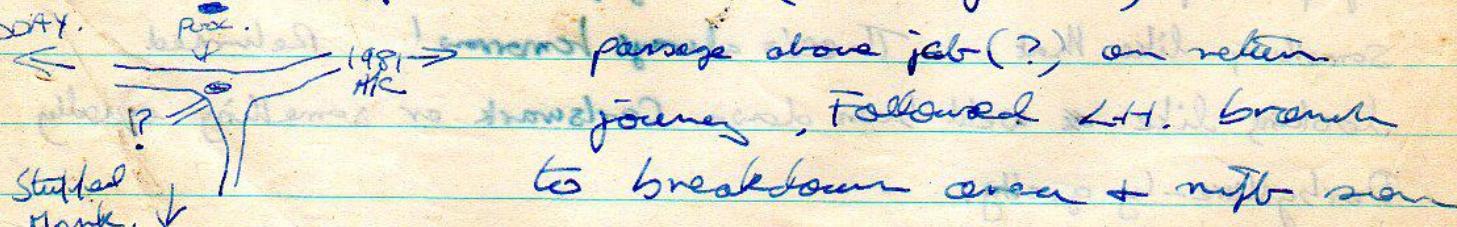
CATHEDRAL CAVE

RENTADA - PUSHING LHS T JCT ON L.H.S. STUFFED MONK.
 (AFTER ~~LHS~~ JCT leading to Sonatogen Pers.)

Went to far end off of S. Monk Pers. on left hand branch (is turn right opposite passage to Sonatogen) --

-- Well-trodden passage to T. Jct, RHS leads to uncharted stuff done in 1981 (Pedro y Julie). Notice

TODAY.



in 1981 (and before) when light failure forced retreat (1981 log), went to top of mtn

-- no go -- back down + choas into TINKEE passage (some bits previously explored by G. Xeadar?)

7/8/83

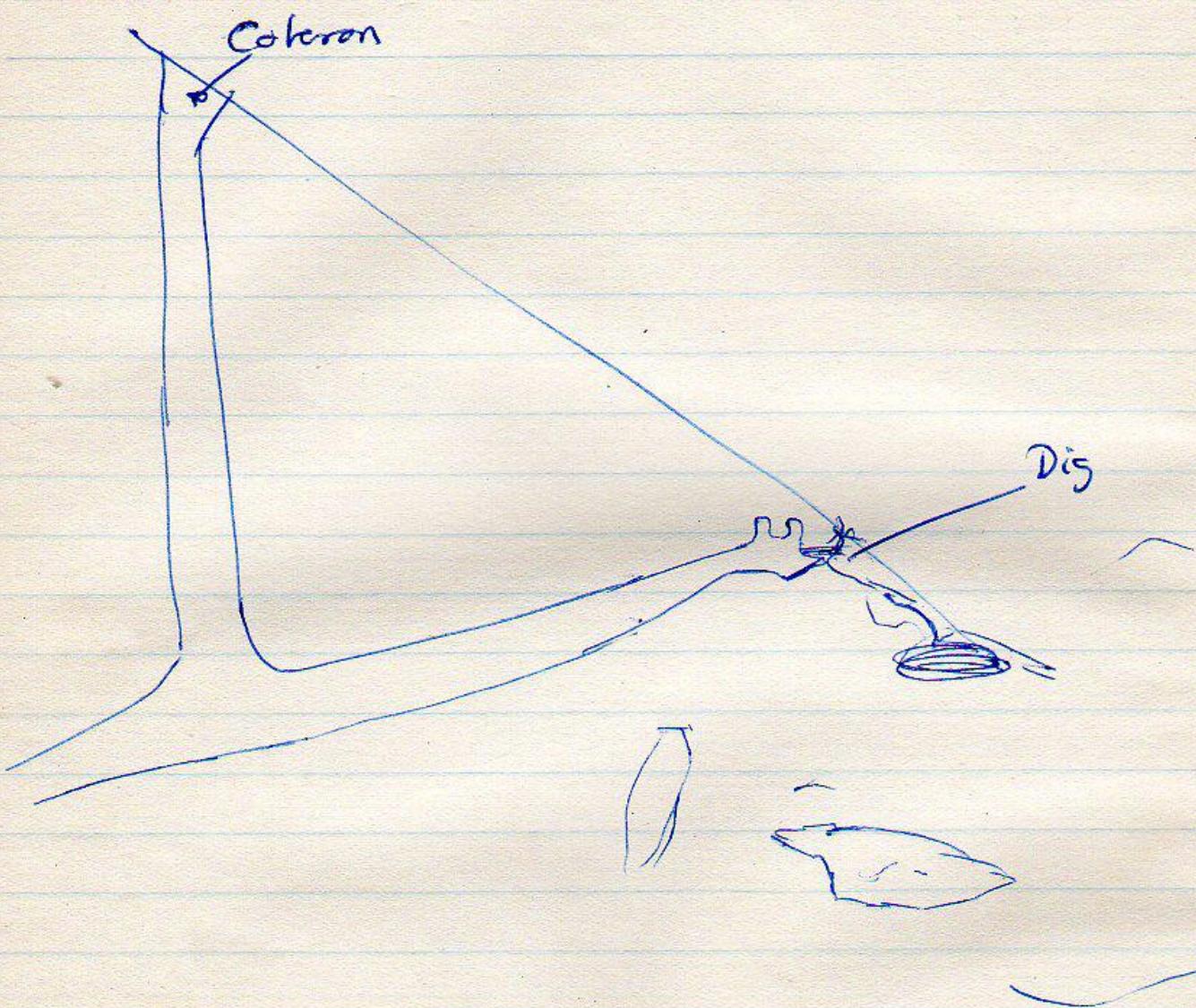
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RENNADA REVISITED

Joe and Derek (Not Bo) set out to follow others down Rennada. ~~Spent~~ Couldn't find track to begin with, then couldn't find entrance. After half an hour or more, entrance found. Then slight problems route-finding (not been down since '77 - was it?) and wallowing through replica 1st world war battlefield many times repeated, reached head of pitch. After trying all possibilities, decided that bypass too complicated or something like that. There's always tomorrow! Returned looking like we'd been down Carswark or something equally Derbyshire-ly grotty.

* I did in fact find a well worn path with fresh cow mud on the forms along the edges but I did not mention this to Joe in the hope that the trap could be concealed due to lack of a cover. Dork.

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INPUT

Spectrum 481C. — 427 Cases of De Matos ^{selected} program.

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- ① Number
- ② Name.
- ③ Area (Code letter).
- ④ ~~Length~~. Grid Reference ~~XXXX~~.
- ⑤ Altitude
- ⑥ ~~Area~~. Length
- ⑦ Depth.

Menu

① Single Cave Information.

(a) by number

(b) or name — first few letters.

②. 3 cases @ one.

to compare altitudes etc.

③ (a) Caves in an area \rightarrow UN ^{denoted} ~~unexplored~~ ~~area~~

or all caves in an area.

(b) Caves of a certain altitude range.

(c) Caves of a length range @ a certain altitude.

All caves. (a) Caves between certain altitude

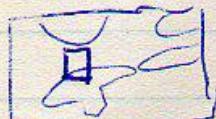
(b) Caves between certain lengths

(c) — — — depths.

(d) Caves ~~before~~ beginning with any letter etc.

GRAPHS

MAP ① Whole area plotted out.



② with a 1km square which

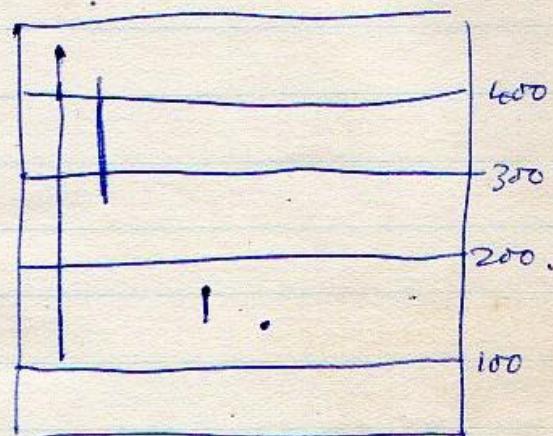
can be moved to select any detail.

~~rather more than~~

MAPS-

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- ① Whole area ~~is~~ plotted out.
- ② Any number can be ringed. Name plastered up.
- ③ 1km square - moves - to select any part.
can be NS section or WE.



- ④ Select any cave to circle on both sides.

IMPROVEMENTS

- ① Main levels within a cave. Taking account of bedding over a distance. Also stratigraphic levels.
- ② Too slow. - Micro Drives.

DATA STORAGE, RETRIEVAL, AND MANIPULATION.

(79)

483 (Pink X)

50039442 521

Soldenuto Alt. 522m

Marked with pink X. 40ft pitch to 20ft boulder slope.

484 Toca del Zomo

(Paul) or Buddha

50129413

Soldenuto

Alt. 620m.

485

VN

Alt.

S. Vega

In wooded shale hole. Draughting ^{30 ft} shaft with one wall apparently of soil at top. May need digging.

486

479.

Muela

Pitch in rift-like entrance of 40ft. Second pitch is an underended 250ft. and echoes well!

480.

Muela.

Sheer sided 75ft diam shaft-hole, 30ft deep with an underended 40ft shaft.

481 Laughing Cow Pot

50279459

Seldensito.

Alt. 482m.

20ft shaft to short ^(50ft) meandering passage to closed
20ft deep pit.

482

Spear Pot

49979440.

Seldensito

Alt. 520m.

50ft shaft with small top. Several ledges, one
of which enters large chamber, as yet unexplored.

474 49079625 N Vega Alt. 492
6m nete choked shaft in depression

475. 49069626 N Vega. Alt 495.

Plank-covered small hole opens into roomy 12m shaft
Chokes at base with very narrow rift leading off.

~~476~~ S Vega.

477 VN. 51629557? S. Vega.
Alt. 218m

478 Ronda. $d = 20m$

5m wide entrance into a 2m high passage full
of excreta to second entrance.

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470 VN 5242 9477

Alt 543m. S Vega. d=10m

shaft in rift amongst fluted limestone, choked at base.

471 VN 5192 9450

Alt. 577m S Vega.

(20ft deep)

(1m across)

Small hole[?] in shallow shakehole walled on west side. Stones descend for 3-4 seconds with 1-2 bounces).

Not descended (3/8/83). Requires stake or similar belay.

472 VN 5182 9427

Alt 570m S Vega

(~200-300ft deep)

Hole with tree just visible on s. slope of large depression. Appears to trend slightly to N.

Stones drop for 8-9 seconds with 2-3 bounces.

Not descended 3/8/83

473 VN 5182 9426

Alt 574m S Vega

Small draughty hole at bottom of shakehole. appears to be partly infilled requires some digging. Entrance appears to be closable..

- 466 52409539 S. Vega Alt. 292 d= 4m.
Drop into closed streamway. Entrance in wood
on LH bank of valley.
- 467 53659538 S. Vega Alt. 235. ~~d~~ l= 15m
Front of vadose stream Payne. Older end is
at daylight. soil above. Possible crawl
to right. N. drought.
- 468 VN 52619478 S. Vega Alt. 518m d= 12m
12 m depth pitch in spacious rift to mud and boulder
floor, rift to south continues upwardly tight (approx 5 cm wide).
- 469 VN 52599476. S. Vega Alt. 518m. d= 5m
Small shaft with dried boulder floor.

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461 VN 50279555? S Vega Alt d = 23m

See 24/7/83.

462 VN 52319145 S Vega Alt 567m d = 9m.

2 holes in the roof of an 8m long rift.
Choked.

463. VN 52339447 S Vega Alt 557 d = 8m.

Tight shaft into small choked chamber.

464 VN 52779460 S Vega Alt 467m d = 10m

Small hole drops into low passage with long
roof pendants. Choked.

465 VN 5248 9531 S Vega Alt. d = 4m.
Log covered hole. Drop into mud filled, low
streamway.

458 VN 50879518 SVega Alt d=23m.
Hidden Hole.
See 23/7/83. \times ?

459. VN 50229555? SVega Alt. TL=120 d=35m.
Sima Cumpleaños.
See 25/7/83.

460 VN 50259554? SVega d= 15m
See 24/7/83

453. VN Alt $d = 16m.$
 20ft to ledge. 15ft sloping climb out into
 cross rift with 15ft climb down. Choke Cold air
- 454 VN Alt $d = 9m.$
 On side of depression. Straight rift pitch to
 choke. Cold air.
- 455 VN Alt $d = 15m.$
 In lower of 2 depressions. Rift in boulders at
 base of depression. 25ft pitch then 25ft climb into
 bouldery chamber. Choke. Cold air.
- 456 NN Alt $d = -$
 Draughting dig. Cold.
- 457 VN 5087 9521 Alt S. Vega $d = 25m$
 "Hammered Hole". Very tight head of pitch in cliff face
 slot, with strong draught. 75ft pitch ends on
 rubble slope with a choke and bottom of draught.

449 VN 48959558 Alt 403m N Vega. $d = 10\text{m}$,
25ft pitch with parallel daylight shaft. Slopes down
to choke.

450 VN 49179578 Alt 350m N Vega. $d = 12\text{m}$,
40ft shaft onto 1m diameter choked floor.

451 VN 49179577 Alt 340m N Vega. $d = 8\text{m}$,
Below 450. 25ft pitch in 2 steps. Chokes.

452. VN 49399574 Alt 312m N Vega.
Unexplored shaft + care.

385
83ft deep to choke.

into earth

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444 VN 5125 9526 Alt. 445 S Vega
Small hole in ground next to fence. 4m deep
and choked.

445. ✓ VN 5127 9530 Alt 415m S Vega.
Small entrance 5m above track with 2 posts
across it. 4m pitch to tight rift which may
require opening up. Undescended.

446 VN 4927 9575 Alt 335m N Vega. d=16m l=5m
55ft entrance shaft. A slot meandering rift
leads to calcite choke. Well decorated.

447 VN 4897 9556 Alt 402m N Vega. d=12m
Slab-covered shaft of 40ft depth.

448. VN 4898 9554 Alt 402 N Vega d=4m.
Shaft choked @ 4m depth

440. Shaft. VN 49979658 335m N. Vega.
✓ 10ft dry shaft will excavated top lands on boulders will
impassable rift in floor. Draughts in in hot weather.
(Marked 440).

441 Cave. VN. 49789669 374m N. Vega
Twin entrances lead to boulder dig with floor 10ft
below. No draught. Slightly up hill, a couple of other
sites hold no promise.

442. Shaft VN 50169618 287m N Vega
On featureless hillside - a short drop into head
of knobby 15ft pitch - undescended. Marked 442

443 Cave VN 49779668 371m N Vega.
In tree filled depression. Climb down rough
boulders to choke.

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Cueva Chica

VN 53189656 Alt 437m d = 43m.

435. Cueva del Llano San Miquel.

VN 57989853 Alt 300m $l=70m$

Large entrance to passage ending in two chambers

436 Cueva Negra (San Pantaleon)

VN 58939870 Alt 110m $l=20m$

Small cave with some formation.

437 ✓ N Vega. VN 50729607 Alt 175m
 Rabbit Cave. $l=15m$. N Vega

Large entrance closes down to left. Through rift on right
 to flat out dig over mud

438. Hardiger. VN 48249538.

439. Shaft N Vega VN 50159654 Alt 327 Depth 6m
 Two entrances to shaft. Further small cave
 lower down in shale hole

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420. VN 50049618 Alt 250m $d = 20m$. N. Vega.
Choked shaft.
- ✓
429. VN 49909624 Alt 275m N. Vega. $d = 20m?$ Pat.
Pat can't remember.
- ✓
430. VN 48779541 Alt 395m $l = 10m$ Seldesubo.
In shalehole, small opening to choked chamber.
- ✓
431 VN 48989542 Alt 360m $d = 7m$. Seldesubo.
Choked shaft
- ✓
432 VN 49289549 Alt 270m Seldesubo. $d = 16m$
Large shaft, 10m to a slope which chokes.
- ✓
433 VN 49429653 Alt 380m N Vega.
Two entrances (shaft or slope) to semi-acute passage - unpushed.
- ✓
434. VN 49579651 Alt 357m $l = 35m$.
Abandoned sink in shalehole. Passage descends steeply and becomes too tight.



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