

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

# LOGBOOK

Year: 1985

Season: summer

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*Juan Corrin, January 2015*





# THE 1985 LOG

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## BOOK

GROG

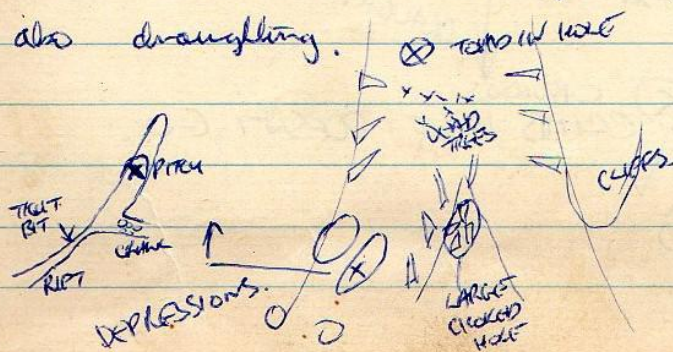
16<sup>th</sup> JULY PHIL + FRANK

Got to the bar at 11:00 AM,  
 RAIN AT 11:01 AM !!! But  
 Tin to is very good (too good).

17<sup>th</sup>. WASHED MILES OF FILTHY TACKLE  
 Sun Up cloud NO RAIN SCRAPED 4 LADDERS found time to go to  
 Mostajo + look for by pass to Golden Void, nearby  
 holes <sup>in floor</sup> need pushing, but unlikely to provide an  
 easier alternative - lots of crawling about in sharp  
 rocks + mud. On way in made improvements  
 to traverse lines (ie tightened them up) much easier  
 now even when carrying tackle. Found a rusty ladder  
~~stuck~~ left near entrance (last year?) and a good  
 leg of 8 SET device (for sale 100 pts, see dirty Frank)

18<sup>th</sup> SUN / CLEAR / NO RAIN. Prospecting from Alivas towards Sel de  
 Suto, found open rift  $\approx 20m$  above Todd in the hole, 8M pitch  
 to clean worked crawl in cobbles, draughting out, needs easy  
 dig to continue, alternative is descending narrow passage a rift,  
 needs lump hammer to get in (10 mins work) then opens out,  
 also draughting.

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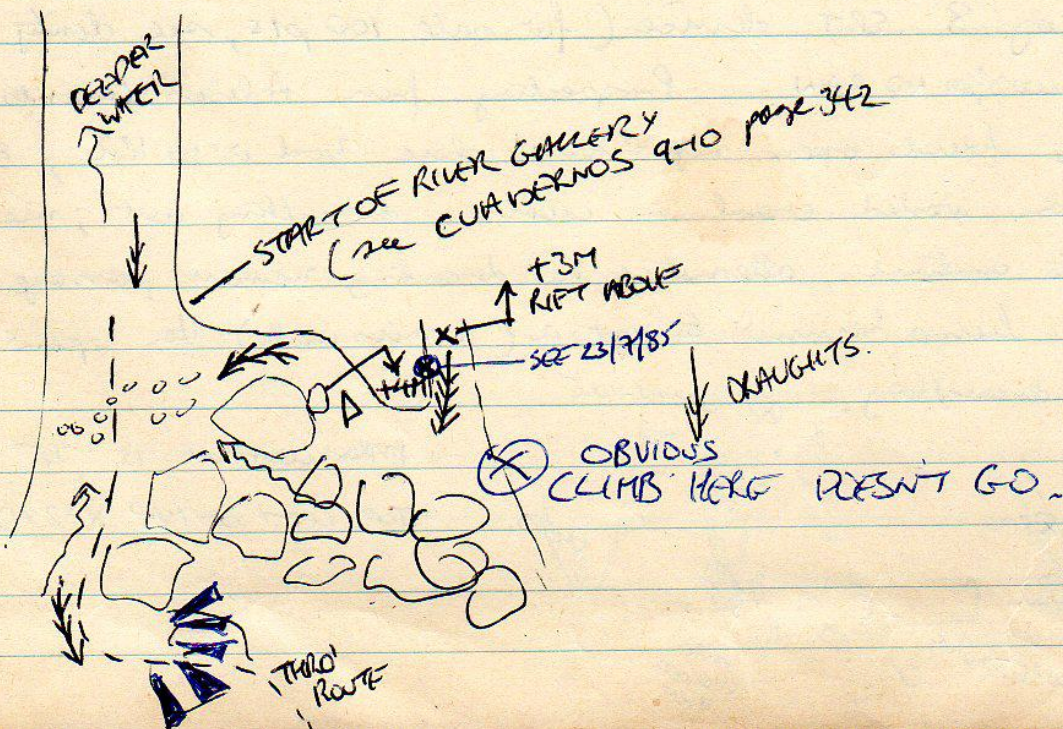
APPROX LOCATION IS JUST OFF  
 TOP LEFT OF MAP X-29D.



19<sup>TH</sup>

Went to Cavassos, excavated in logs + found a new entrance, proceeded to get lost in very boulder-pile while Phil followed streamway, eventually got to where main streamway begins after water emerges from boulder choke, went draught chasing and found powerfull cold draught coming down from rift in roof, well above and to right of streamway. Short (3M) grassy climb up at rift tightens just enough to stop you, 10 men with a kump hammer will fix this, the rift continues to ascend 0.5M wide with odd jammed boulders. ~~at~~ The draught is strong enough to indicate <sup>that</sup> caverns, meanderers etc. lie ahead (Uzenka?) - providing that the inlet a (ornut) choke just round the corner. Located old entrance on way out by shouting through logs, then shifted about 1cm of rotten wood and re-opened it, this also revealed another way in, so there are now 3 entrances open until the next flood.

4-30 pm RAIN, 5:00 pm Joe they arrived,





25<sup>th</sup> Rain then sun

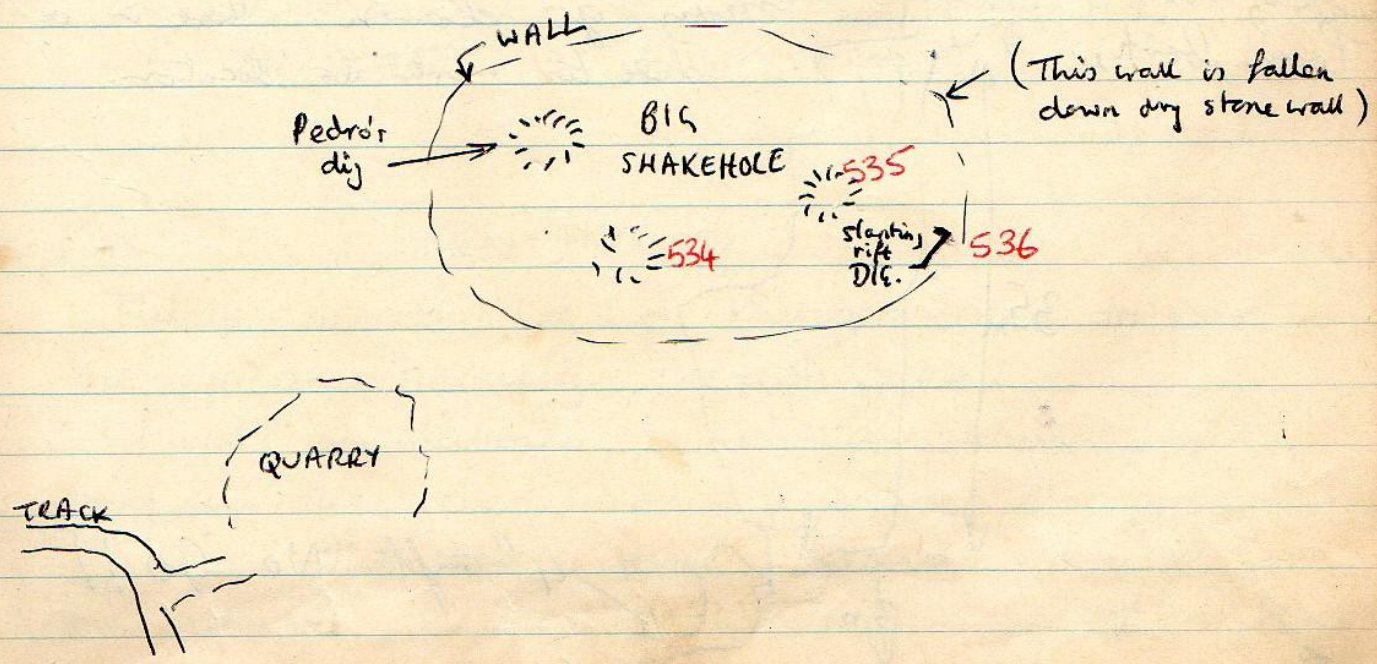
Liz. walked back from the Vega bar and looked at the hills and then sat in hermans all afternoon till the boys came back :- not <sup>Very</sup> pissed.

Phil, Pedro, Frank, Joe, <sup>Liz sat sunbathing.</sup> down Mestazo, rigged route across sand pit in main drag past Golden Void, went to look at end, very impressive big chambers slabs etc etc, plenty to look at in attempt to find way on, pit left rigged for pushing / photographic trip. Shaft 15m on from sand pit - looks good, needs ladders.

21st. Sun and moon seen. Liz, Joe, Phil, Pedro Frank drove up Enano track to end (Bosmatin). Dug out 526 Torca de Gerardo and ran out of ladders at -127 feet. About another two required to bottom biggish shaft. Draughting in. Back along track to quarry at highest point. Looked @ various shafts near large shakehole with wall round it. Shaft 527 with large slabs over  $\approx 50$  ft, choked, slight inward draught.

528. Another one nearby choked. On side of large shakehole slanting rift taking a very impressive draught inwards (verified by smoke test which turned into a mini-Bradford fire disaster). Needs digging but should be worth it. (Can drive to within 200 yds)

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4 STAR  
DIG





~~OBJECTS~~

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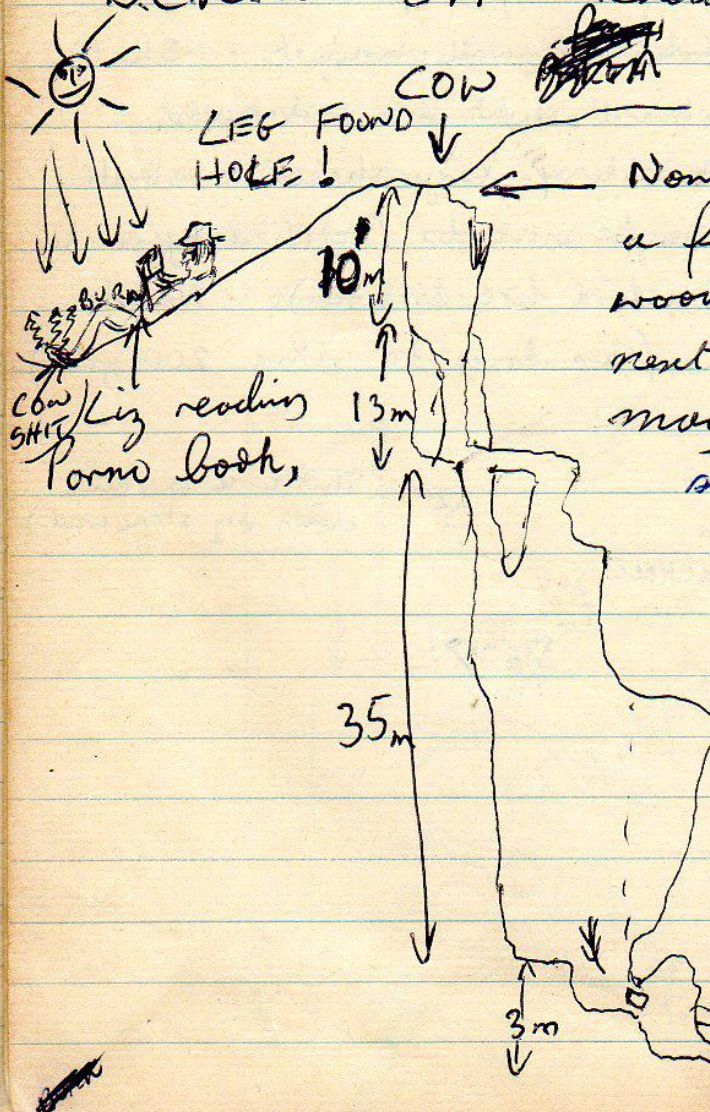
MUCH SUN

22nd Torca de Cerado.

Liz, Joe, Frank, & Phil

Early start 1:00 pm! put down 175' of ladder but found, last pitch to be 125' deep, I could tell this by the time my lamp took to fall down the last 100' of the torca. Joe put on an extra ladder and I was able to reach the bottom and my best lamps!

We ~~may~~ might have realized that it would not go, as Pete was not keen to go back down the day before! A ~~BCRA~~ B.C.R.A. 3A sketch follows



Now hole is capped with a few small bits of ~~thing~~ wood and a large rock, next time the whole cow may go down. There is a date to mark its location.

4" rift No go!!


-61m



Later the

Same day:- Went back up to Tablons, to show Phil and Frank. First time since 1980 (?). Now has a small fence round it. Still draughts like mad, extremely cold as well. This must be worth another go. On way back to farm at end of track, looked at fenced-off "shaft" near farm, which is a long rift not very deep, with a rubbish dump at one end. Not very inspiring. Back down track towards the tarmac road, Liz wanted a look at the tadpoles in the water trough by the track. After admiring the enormous Spanish tadpoles, it occurred to us to look for the source of the water running into the trough. Above is a resurgence draughting / <sup>HOWLING DRAUGHT</sup> very strongly, but concreted <sup>PRESUMABLY</sup> up. It also supplies water to houses nearby, so access is <sup>VERBOTEN</sup>. However, it obviously is a promising cave, if inaccessible.

GET PEDRO TO ENQUIRE.


 STAR AUGUST  
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GUARDEZ SU OREJAS. ES UN  
 AZORRA DE WHITTAKER

23.7.85. SUN THEN HOT CLOUD

Hilaria arrived. Liz and Philippo came to pick me up and assemble the push bike.

Floods in Matenzo, what a shame, but only in the Bar Thomas, greasy dango flushed the toilet and Samuels echoed for ten minutes, his gaid. What of the toilet floods



and envelopes the crate of tomatoes ha ha!  
Ten minutes later Liz and Hilarios feet  
getting wet Oh dear!! Mrs Thomas enters  
with bucket and mop. Get the bull quick  
and leave. Exit hastily Philippo Hilarios and  
Lizo!

### CARCANUESO JOE + FRANK.

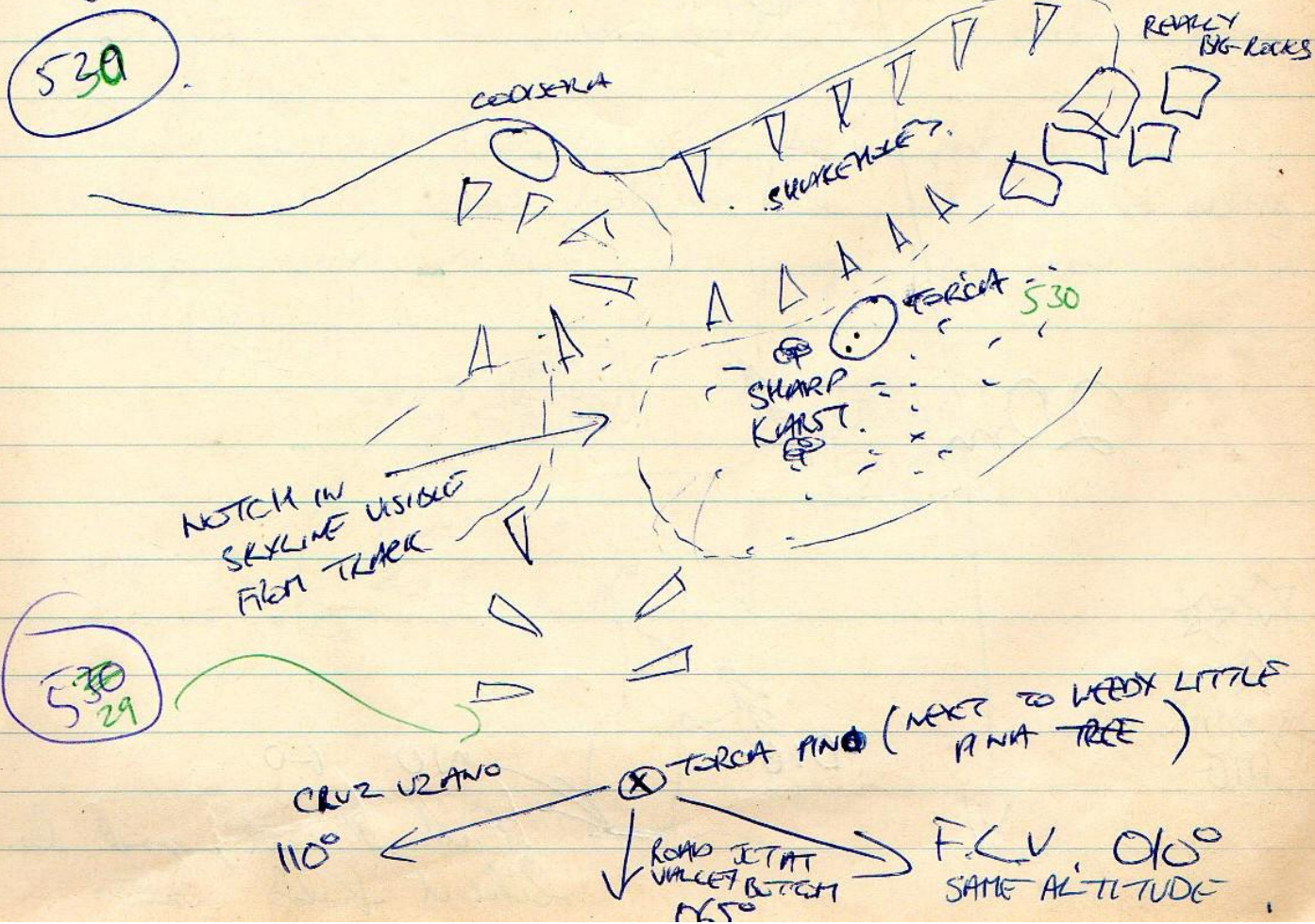
Returned to push draughting chinks (19/7/85), got  
lost again in choke on way in, found way after  
falling in ~~the~~ river, light going out etc etc,  
marked the route with lots of arrows, as its  
easy to find now - just like Casagill. Got to  
squeeze & hammered  $\frac{1}{2}$  heartedly while Joe  
fixed ladder properly on chinks up to squeeze.  
Got sick of hammering + tried squeeze, got  
stuck & had to be pulled out, icy blast of  
draught restored determination + hammered away  
another  $\frac{1}{2}$ , got ~~through~~ through the time  
into ascending npl. blocked with doors held  
apart by the draught. Prospect of returning thro'  
the squeeze sharpened mind wonderfully so  
crawled along ledge + found easier way out,  
draught still pouring out of roof. Regained  
floor level + saw inviting vertical tube full of  
slime, calcite, doors + strong draught, got ~~the~~  
past 2 vertical squeezes (big ones) by - passing the  
ledge mentioned before + up into another squeeze  
to slow awkward turn + loose handle, crowbar  
needed for this, above is choke of bigger boulders against  
a solid wall with prospect of easier progress, the  
draught is so strong + the boulders so numerous



That there must be a reasonable sized passage above, bearing is 090° (Uzenka - Biggo one on 0° - 045°) No echo from caverns above, but this is a much easier way of parking the connection than going down Uzenka!

24<sup>th</sup> MIST THEN HOT SUN, VERY HUMID.

Phil, Joe + Frank up to Codisera to finish climb, found that rope had been pinched, didn't have suitable gear to re-do whole climb so went back down hill to draughting fissure with echo seen on way up. Shifting some rocks let out a strong draught + TORCA <sup>DEL</sup> PINO was open with a 1/2 ton boulder balanced at top, spent rest of afternoon removing it - <sup>see over</sup> Saw another TORCA at top of ridge opposite Codisera, needs investigation.

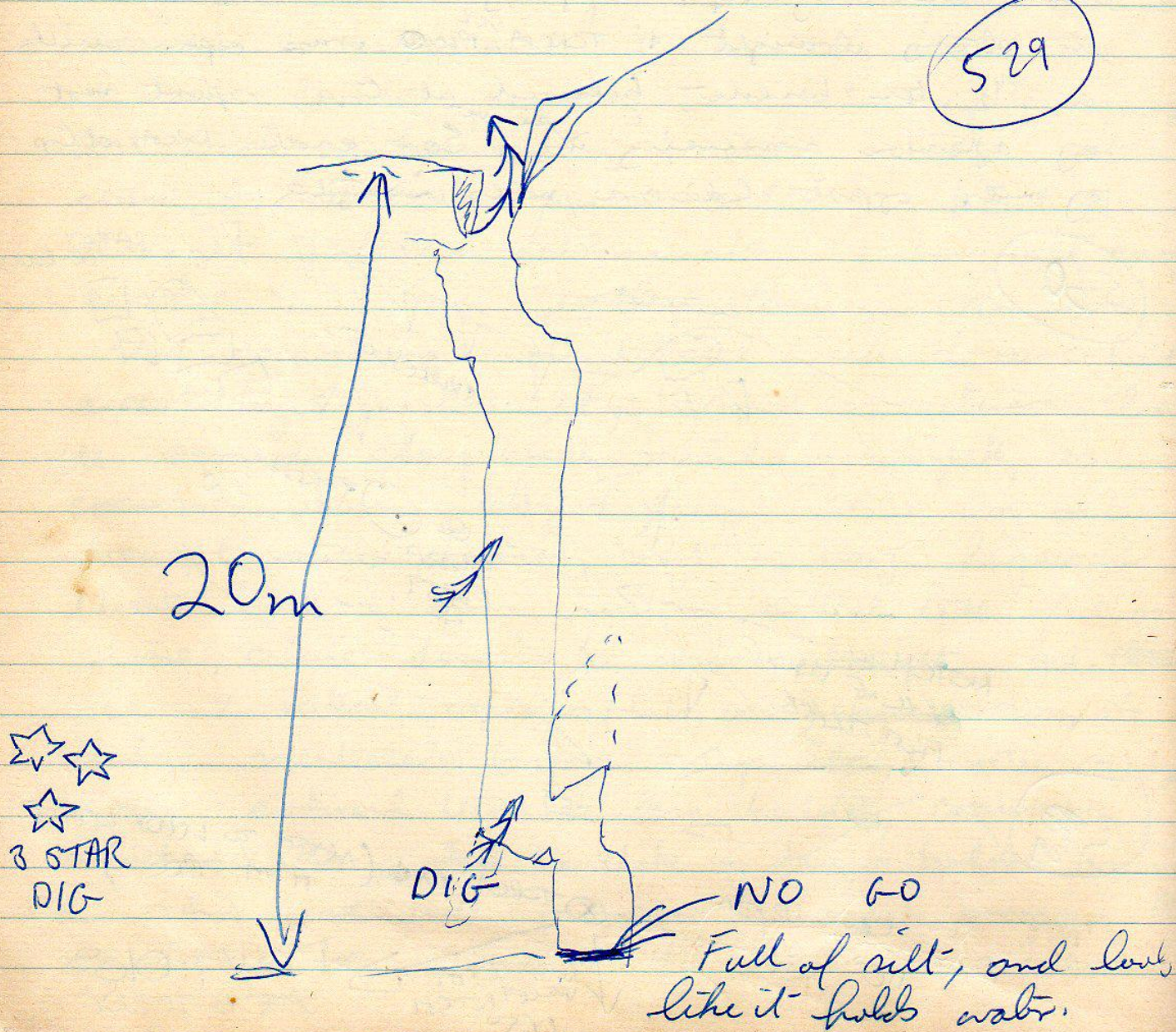




TORCIA <sup>DEL</sup> PINO :— JOE, FRANK, PHIL.

Almost a ~~non~~ non-caving day! The rope out of Codisera had been later, but Frank had found a small hole, with <sup>much</sup> seepage & draughting. ~~One~~ <sup>Two</sup> and a half hours later we moved a  $\frac{1}{3}$  tonne block and Frank thought it safe for me to go down. Hole was 20m deep, no side ways on, draught seems to come out of blocks in bottom and small rift in East side, 1 days digging would tell if it might go.

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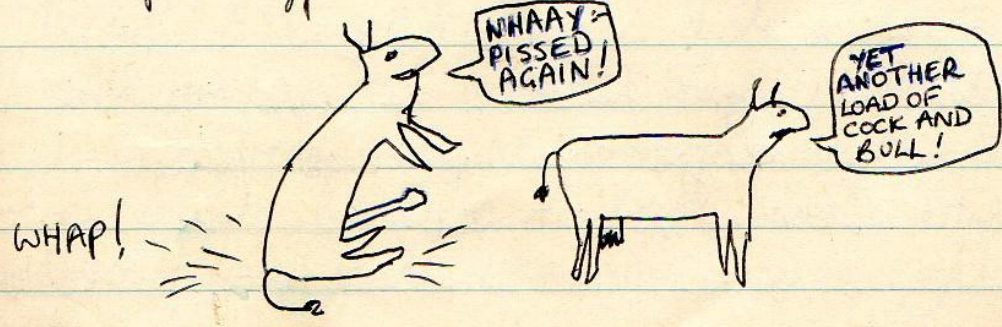
25<sup>TH</sup> HOT AND CLOUDY DRIZZLE LATER, STORM IN NIGHT, BUT NOT EVERYONE HEARD IT. JANE, RICHARD ARRIVED.

TORCA MOSTAJO JOE, PHIL, PEDRO, FRANK.

finally descended after much procrastination for photo/pushing trip. Took pics of big chamber @ end of main drag while Joe + Phil demolished the squeeze, <sup>Phil followed reluctantly by Frank</sup> went down unobscured pitch in pit after the sand pit, 55' past ledge to chamber, further climb down 40' to another pit

2d in hading nft down to avoid inevitable choke with some draught, returned to base of 55' pitch, went down short hand + knees croul to another pitch in a nft, good draught and satisfying eels, climbed part way down on remaining ladder, it looks to be about 60-70', will return day after tomorrow + finish it. Phil started belt climb above the cauliflower slats just after the Golden Void, <sup>on way out</sup> there is certain glory at the top.

In way back down the track we go past a cow and bull. The bull doesn't look too keen, but as we're driving away it mounts the cow, gets going, then loses balance and falls off on its arse.





26th July

Juan and Crow arrive, and no rain! Who's been to confession lately?

Phil, Jane, Frank, ~~Joe~~, Apprentice and Pete. to Lastrilla  
Mistake N<sup>o</sup> 1 - we went there

Mistake N<sup>o</sup> 2 - we didn't take a ladder for the entrance

Mistake N<sup>o</sup> 3 - we forgot a ladder for the bottom of the ramp.

Mistake N<sup>o</sup> 4 - We climbed up the loose boulder pile

Result: - we found a little hole which goes to another pitch into a chamber or canyon, with draught.

Excellent walk while Landrover took all the tackle.

27th July

Mostajo - Juan, Joe, Frank and Nobby speleovideoing

Jane, Phil, Richard and Pete to pitches looked at on 25th. Second pitch was rigged and by the time everyone was down Phil and Richard had found 5 kms. Mostajo has been de-voided. Surveyed back from station P19.

Also explored a passage 15' up from bottom of ladder, ends at a pitch on a rift which also carries on straight ahead.

No comment about Jane on the entrance pitch which only had to be re-belayed and a slight pull from 5 men, but that's better not mentioned.

Now watching video in German's bar while drinking a tinto



28th July 1985. SUNNY THEN TORRENTA BREWING LATER

Storia Weave & Sugy-woogie was arrived on their Honey moon after only "bonking" seventeen times in France whilst Sluggo pretended not to look. T. Terry and Sluggo the Great were passengers. Sluggo spread nasty rumour about the Suzie & Legion and TAKE ENDERS.



Arrived on camp site and promptly celebrated my arrival by kissing all NINE pairs on Zig's knickers which were awaiting me on the washing line. What a welcome!

CARCAVUESO FRANK + JANE + SLUG.

Frank took Jane & Sluggo to draughting holes. Managed to squeeze up into rifts and pull one or two boulders out but could not pass choke. Good strong draught came down rift though. Attempted to pass choke in another part of rift and got up into a series of higher muddy chambers above main streamway. No draughts and no evidence of previous visits because of sloppy flood debris & mud but chambers were quite extensive and might repay a visit.

CARCAVUESO DRAUGHT : 3 INGLE'S : NIL.







Spanish covers arrived in bar to report a find near Cruz Uzu, they had been ~~tot~~ looking for Onite but were directed to a torca instead, luckily they managed to have run out of rope before bottoming it + here to go home to Malinal tonight - excellent pirating awaits tomorrow! they left a sketch overmy with Juan.

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## BALLS UP IN AZPILICUETA.

Phil (yes Sir), Noddy, Richard, Gravel.

Phil TOLD three of us green novices we were going caring down Azpilocueta today. Yes Phil, yes Phil! Miss timed the departure from the bar missed the hottest part of the day by some 1 1/2 hours. All went well until the bottom of the entrance ladder. Phil had decreed that there would be a bypass to the squeeze after third pitch, and set out to find it. Instead of going down little hole ~~in~~ under right hand wall went down ~~the~~ bloody big shaft in front. Phil carefully found that the only place for putting bolts required a left handed person to put the bolts in. Call up one Same apprentice!! Now wizzed down cave until start of final ~~with~~ series of rift pitches. Phil being confident of the bolt belays, continued to attach three together by a figure of 8 of 10 or 14 1/2 knot. Phil + Noddy went down, Richard was just about to go



down when the bull jumped out in his lap!!! Having recovered the bull bit from Phil below tried to find some solid rock. Most walls are mud or caliche! After hitting wall for a few seconds (Phil claims it was 20 mins, but he only had a watch to time it by!) found a reasonable hang for rope. Quickly (1 1/2 hours) ~~put~~ found rock for two bulls and put them in. Rushed down rope to find Phil lying on 5ft x 2ft ledge which had a gentle deluge of water on his head. He was not keen on carrying on, what a surprise! Made way out to lots of ridicule in bar. Does it hurt us? No we are ~~not~~ men! We are also pissed!!! Now!!!

Noddy raid warrak?

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1st case to the haggard CODON

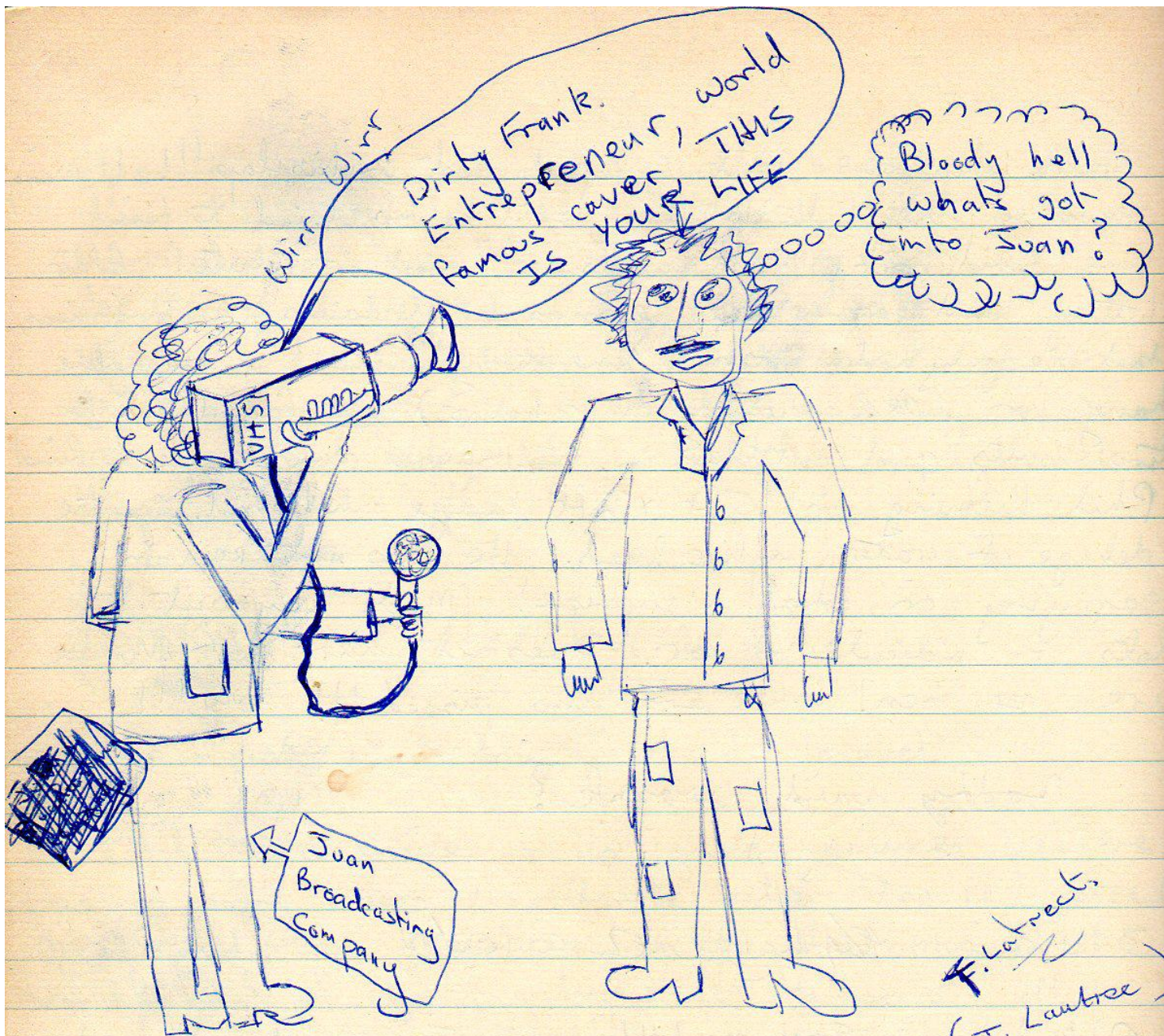
Quote "Anyway Frank my little darling I've missed you"  
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ANDHUCAR TOOOO  
Noddy 2 pit

See you tomorrow?

FUCK YOU





Technology hits Matienzo!

29<sup>th</sup> July 1985

UNAMED POT FIRST PARTLY DESCENDED BY SPANIARDS.

PARTY JUAN, RICHARD, STEVE, TERRY

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F. Lantree  
 (T. Lantree)  
 ↑  
 CORRECTION  
 BY  
 LIZ  
 (Wanderer)

Five ladders and 360' of lifeline used on entrance pitches got us clear of most of the loose stones of the entrance area. The whole pot is on a fault and just zigzags under the entrance. A 19m pitch hangs in a large rift and leads to



an almost vertical fissure of about 12m which was rebelayed to a pinnacle to give a free hang. A series of short steps and a traverse round lead to a final 9.4m free hang under a large shaft. A hole in the floor leads to a further circa 30m shaft which had a bolt at its head but needs another. The whole pit was surveyed to the 30m shaft with the exception of of a traverse to an inlet above the 3rd ladder pitch.

Tackle needed so far ?

Entrance pitches & climbs takes 35' ladder, 18' ladder 35'+15' ladder (300' of rope as lifeline); 70m SRT including traverse and rebelay, traverse and rebelay.

30th July 85. Pushing trip to bottom forementioned shaft consisting: - Terry, Richard, Slug, Noddy + two **DUG'S STORE** Mantyn.

Reached head of pitch. Put 1 back up bolt in. Jolted lots of rocks down. Screamed with joy of glory! Sluggo the great went down first. 50m of pure wonderfulness to NOWT. Sluggo the great realized he had been conned again. Another detackling trip. Noddy + Richard pushed Yorkshire cave for 30m. to Kong + Bang Squeeze. Not Matorongo Style. Detackled **FORGET IT.**

29/7/85 **SUZUEKA**. Dave Simon. Quick "warm" up trip, early start at 6 in evening. Dispatched Simon to dig out silt in wet crawl. great fun damming end up when he was in middle. Only got lost about 8 times. out of cave after ~2 hours.

28/7/85. **HOSTAD** Slug, Noddy, Gavel, Frank, photo'ing/presets. Took pics between Dwang Chambers, Wombuland etc, including chamber + passage not shown on scenery, its at approx co-ords 315, 360. squeeze down



sandy crystal ramp into clamber with large fallen blocks, big helictites or sparkling (wonderful type) slabs.

30/7/85 Torca de la Lastrilla Phil P., Big Steve  
Joe, Dave, Simon.

Took Lachh to rig the new pitch found by Pete Smith on last trip. This pitch is very loose and care must be taken if it is done again. Pitch is 16m to a dig in small rocks (ie  $\frac{1}{2} m^3$ ) there ~~was~~ is a little draught, but not a good dig. Surveyed out, new bottom is 7m lower than old end, is about same as bottom of big pitch. Rope on climb up has been ~~of~~ left on. All lachh was taken out.

30/7/85 Hill Walking Cronel, Jane.

Went for walk up Las Secadas to kind back door to Mostajo. Made straight for 415 which was still emitting a strong out draught, even though not hot day. Marked number on cave, but Jane managed to break paint spray can before we could put marker dot! Traversed hills above and found a few unrecorded holes, plus re-discovered some old ones. Worked up to col above Mostajo, then time + big black cloud over the Asson made us retreat.

533. 50 <sup>meters</sup> ~~yards~~ east of barn. 4m x 2m hole surrounded by brambles + young oak tree. 4m deep to leaf covered floor. No draught on way on. Numbered.



534. On North side of large depression on cal between Las Secados and Bismartin. Young oak tree in hole. Small ~~collapsed~~ collapse with a slight outwards draught. Almost blocked by dirt + boulders. Requires <sup>much</sup> digging. Numbered

535 In south west corner of same depression as 534. 3m drop into small chamber (2m x 3m). Loose but way on seen. Draughting out, good. Numbered

536. In west side of ~~the~~ same depression as 534. Slot partly up side of depression. Slopes down to a sharp narrow rift on left hand side. Right hand side has ~~rift~~ "shaft" up with old caliche. Below a ~~the~~ outward draught to little (2m x 2m) chamber with boulder rubble. Needs digging. Numbered.

537. ~~Act~~ Actually ~~was~~ <sup>79</sup> rediscovered. Numbered 537 by mistake.

538. In small depression 10m from field boundary. 1m x 1m hole into flat rock shelter. A wall has been built along back wall. Slot on right to two lower chambers. Much old rotten stal. No obvious draught or way on. Numbered.

# SUDDENLY FRENCHMAN II

31/7/85

The best laid plans of mice and



06:00 hrs. Laying in tent contemplating the excellent planning of our leaders when suddenly son of Frenchman arrived:-

Rescue part two

The continuing saga of ~~the~~ rescuing ~~Frags~~ !!! A SWISS THIS TIME!

See next years logbook for Return of son of Frenchman part two.

French call us at 6AM, (accident at 8AM) ~~we~~ speleo-rescues ready on frontier at 5AM, then Spanish bureaucracy takes over, nothing happens for hours - see the VIDEO, | | |

« DONDE ESTA LA CAMILLA? »

This sketch is becoming very boring. This rescue is becoming very boring!

Rescue part three.

Back to camp for a meal "return at two" they say. Party goes back to the Ayuntamiento in redondo. Babble Babble Babble<sup>(n)</sup> etc for an hour. "Return at 10pm"

Great for the Conference

Rescue part four

Juan & Frank go to redondo. Babble Babble etc etc "Return at 10am" Rescue team go to daughters bar eat and get passed.

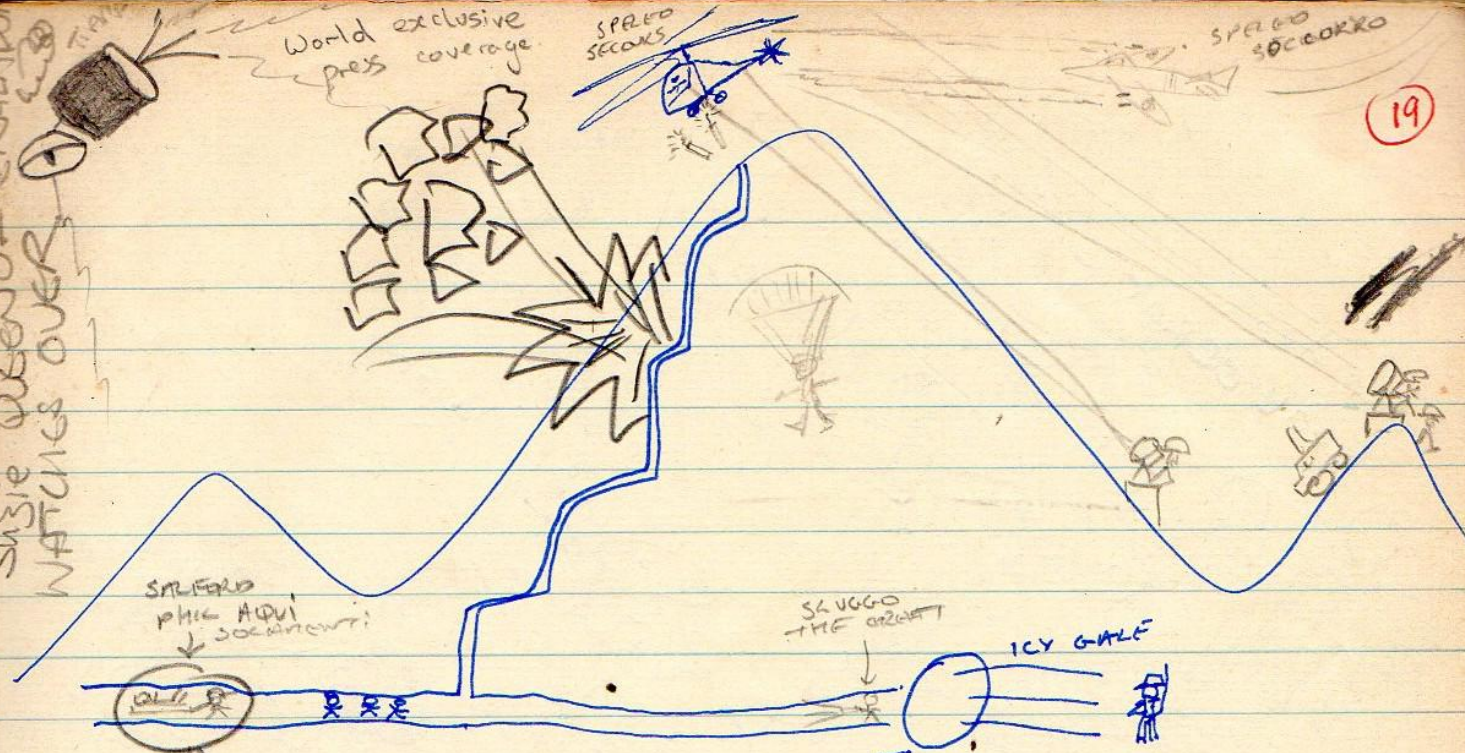


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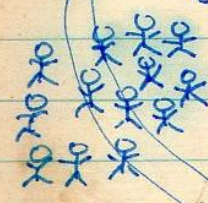


SEND FOR MORE  
PENCILS AND  
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CAFE'S  
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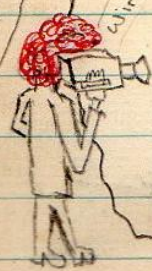


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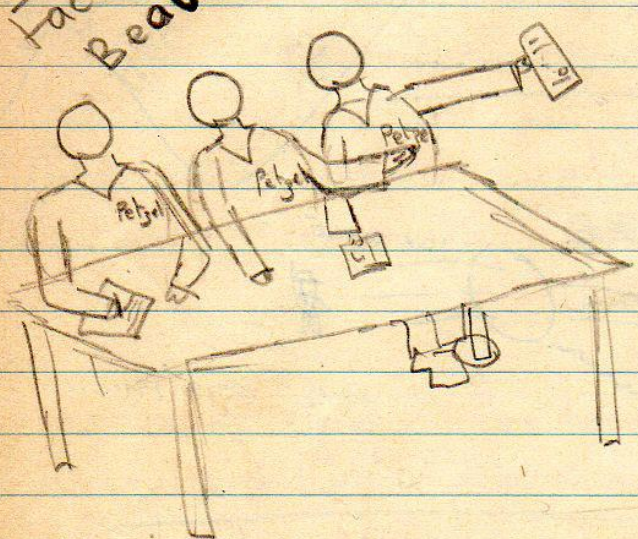
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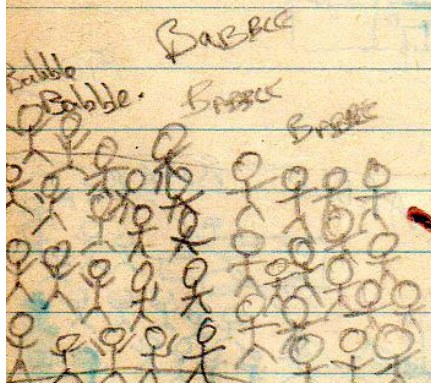
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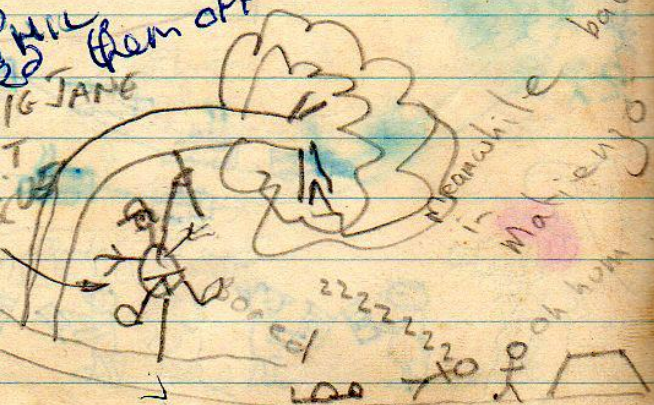
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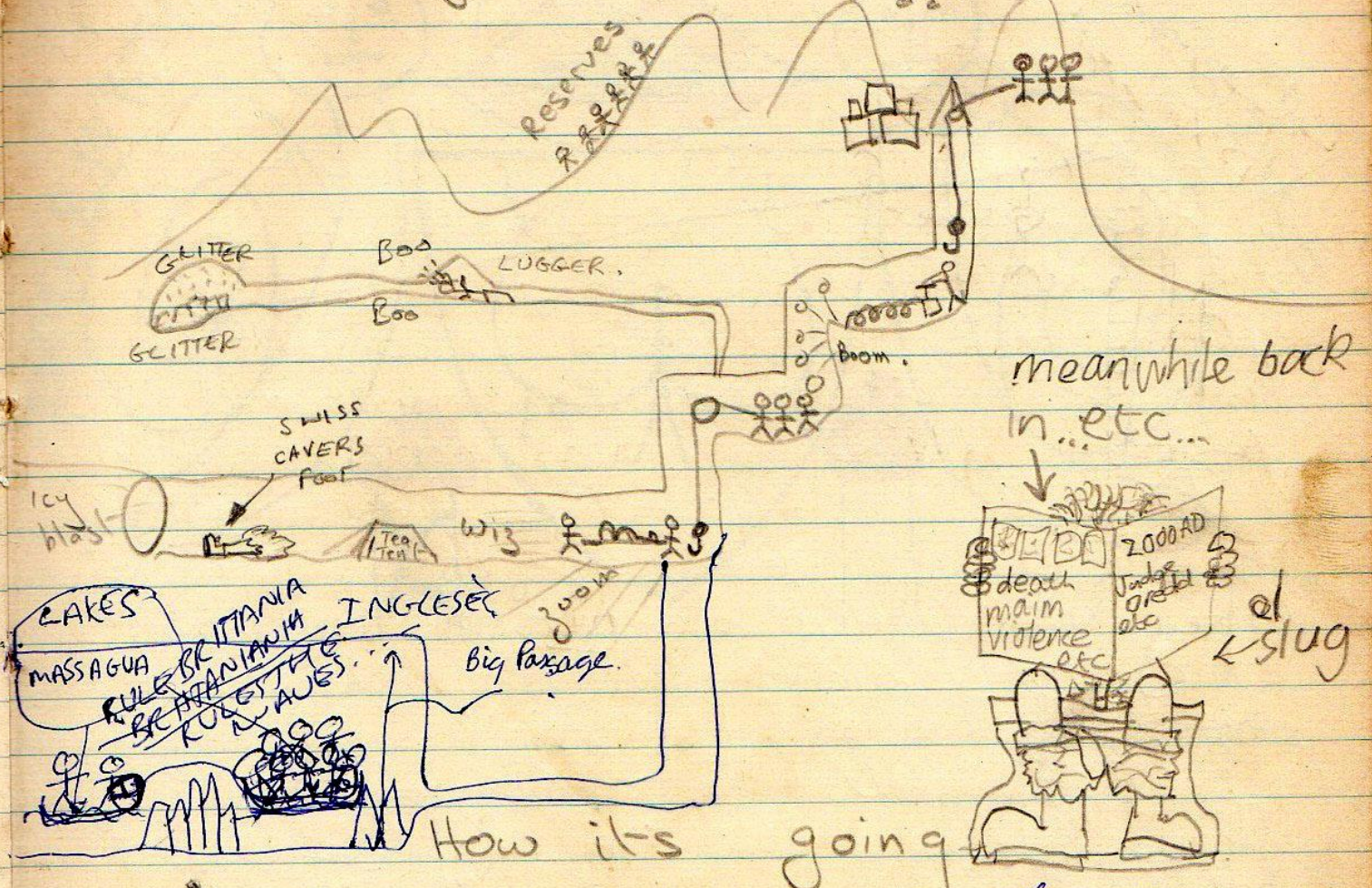


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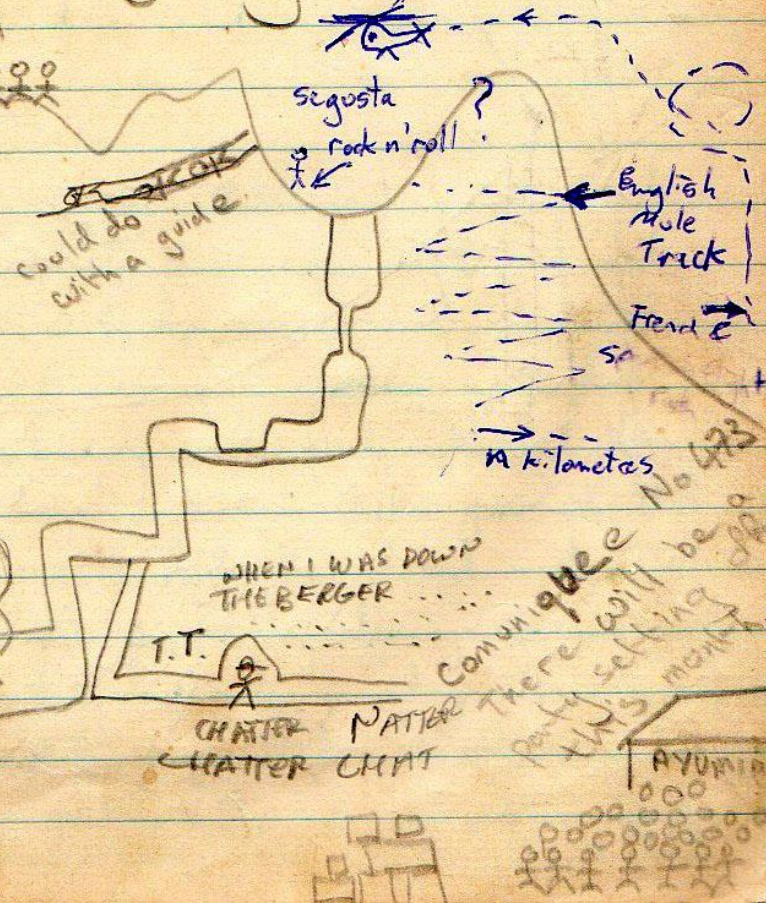
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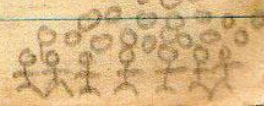
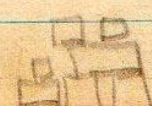
How it's going

Rescue! Where?

Which hill is it on

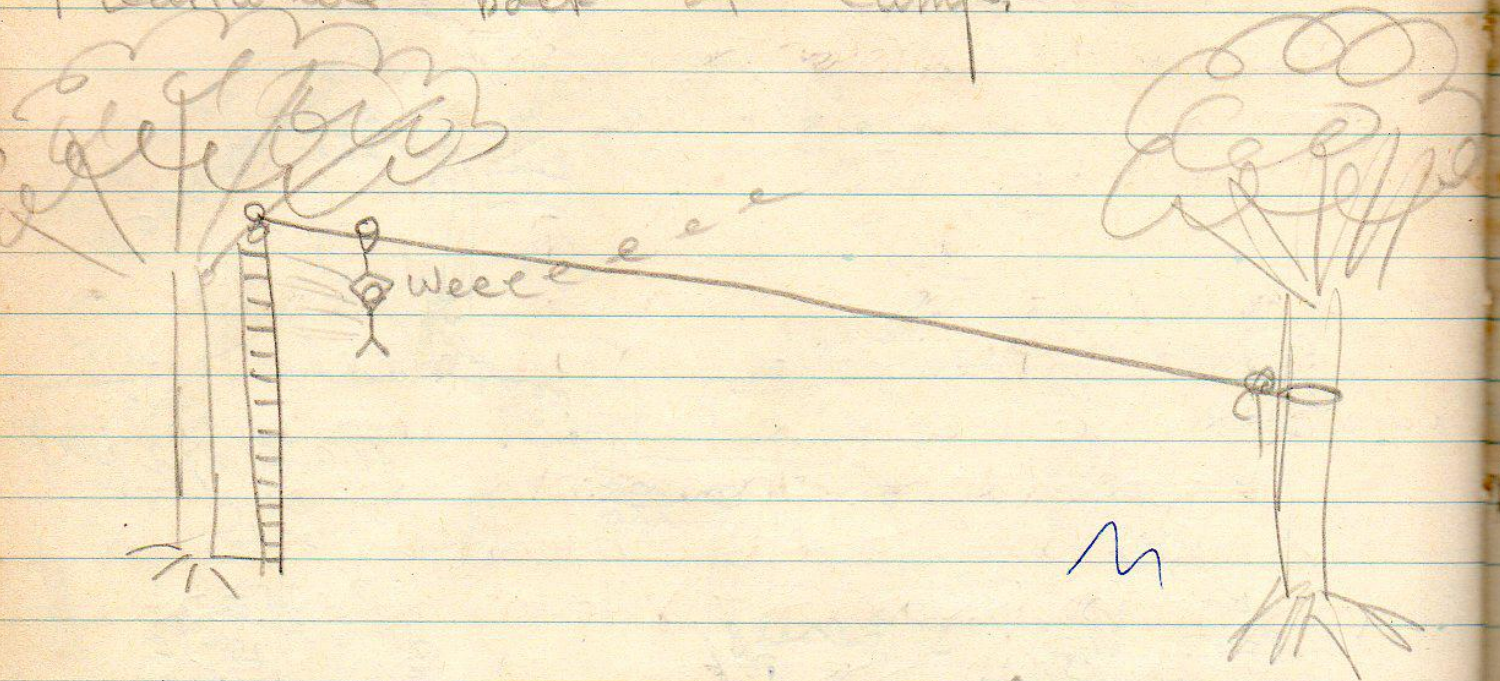


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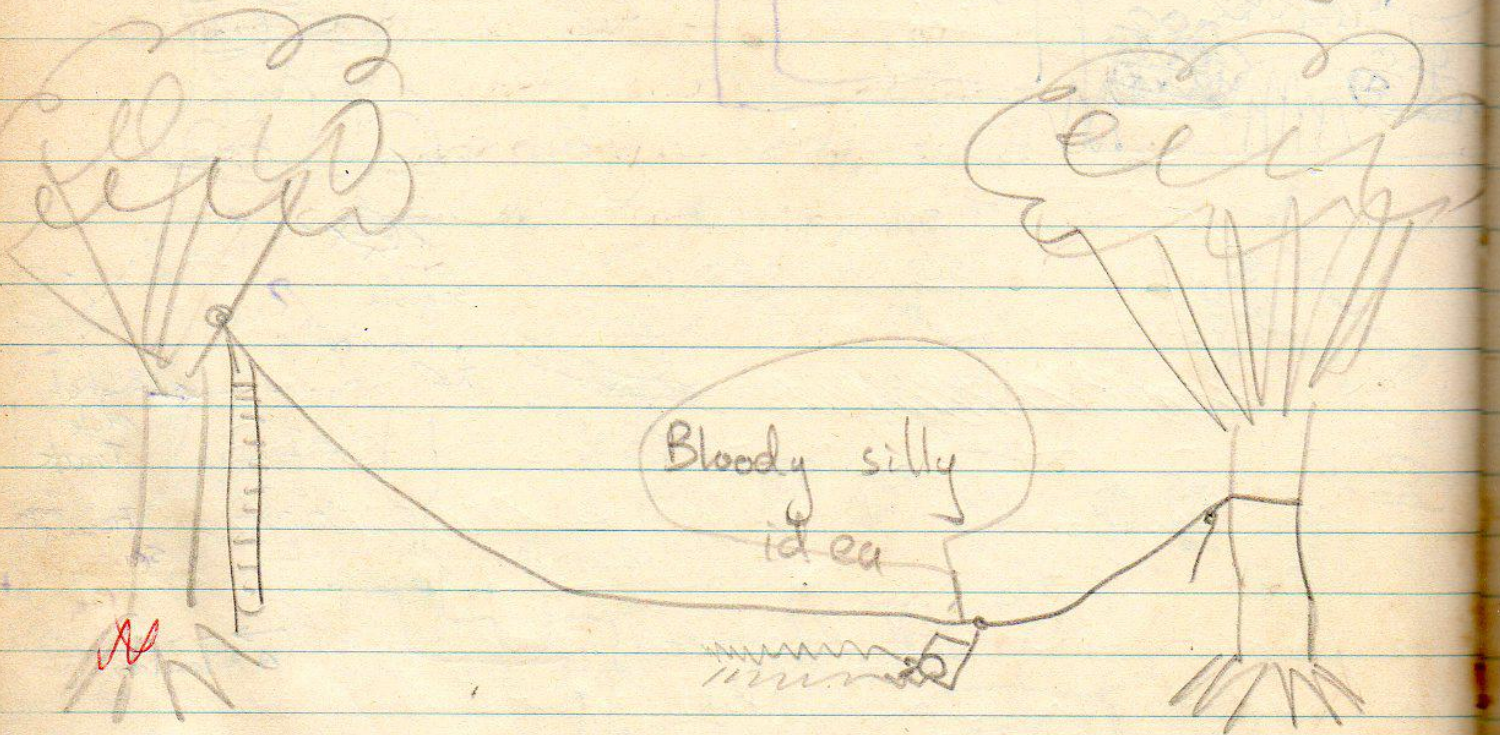




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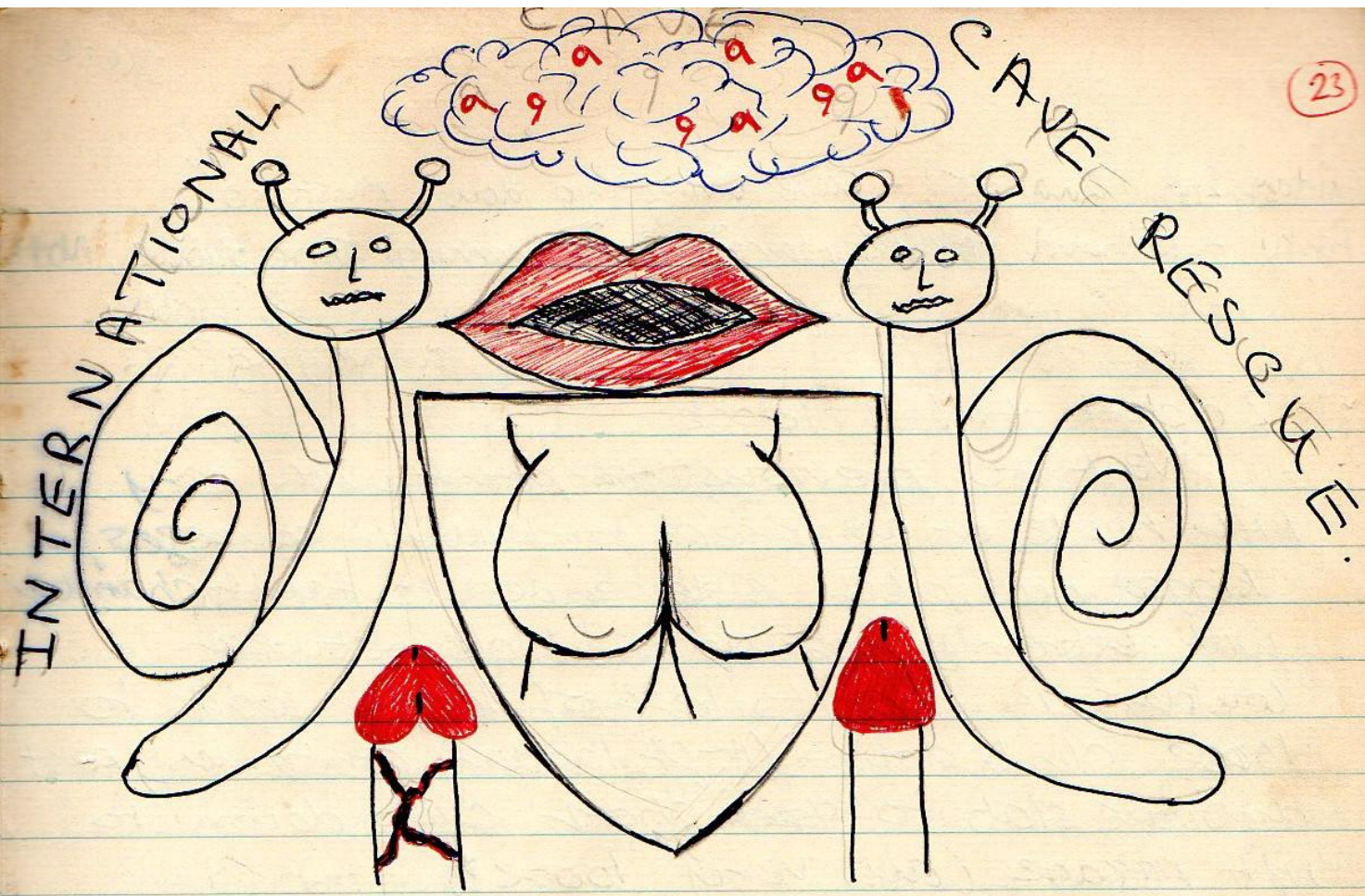


Hey lets set up an aerial runway.



el slug  
la plough →





The backsides which they sit on.  
 The snails for the pace of progress.  
 The mouth which they give  
 Claude 9 in which they live.  
 AND the tools that they down.

Resume part Five

after returning to the 'Babble Centre' but Aredondo  
 get again John 'Geordie' New & T. T. are left on "red  
 at six while the Speko Secour are on strike  
 are sent to accompany Bruno from Chablis up the hill  
 a most unpleasant carry with food water and other  
 The two 'English Donkeys' sneak all their gear into the  
 and take that up as well arriving at dawn. Its wet and misty. They  
 and after two hours trip are asked to go part way down again to carry gear from  
 where the mules gave up. Explosives, generator, drill and water carried up. Then 4 shows  
 shiners sleep. Next morning hot sun. First Helicopter brings up a TV <sup>two</sup> radios,  
 coffee water etc. In late afternoon the duo go down <sup>and</sup> <sup>2 hrs rigging</sup>  
 the bottom of the 300m shaft. Then a few more hours <sup>of</sup> <sup>helicopter ride</sup>  
 down to Aredondo.



where!

Friday 2nd Aug '85 - Cave Diving trip down Mustako  
Party - Richard, Mark, Martyn, <sup>Swicide</sup> Steve (pushing) Jane, Bubble, North

→ Hobby  
surveying????

2 o'clock till 9 o'clock

Went to previous far point with very little hassle, at all (except for Bubble in squeezes). Rigged new pitch & descended to fault chamber with extremely loose blocks. Hole between boulders in floor to left of ladder leads to loose climb down (15ft ladder) continues past dubious slab to ~~short~~ short climb down to rift passage (all very loose!)

Way to Right leads to awkward passage getting bigger & eventually joins silted chamber.

Way to left down sort of awkward for some perhaps type rift, leads to 20ft ish climb down muddy rift to left to rift bottom (alternatives available) continue to climb into chamber leading down to

muddy sump pool ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Bubble & Steve dived 3ft sump to sump pool ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ & waterlogged passage for 50ft then Railway Tunnel / Big phreatic maze continuing for some considerable distance. Stopped at chamber with boulder fall - 2 ways as v. obvious and returned to others due to time etc. Found a confused - minus helmet - on return thro' sump.

Where Who When?  
nobby.



Whats wrong with this

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 85. COTERON. BOOT ~~LACE~~ PASSAGE

Steve, Dave, Slug and Neil to Boot lace. Grovel gardening and rigging entrance and 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch.

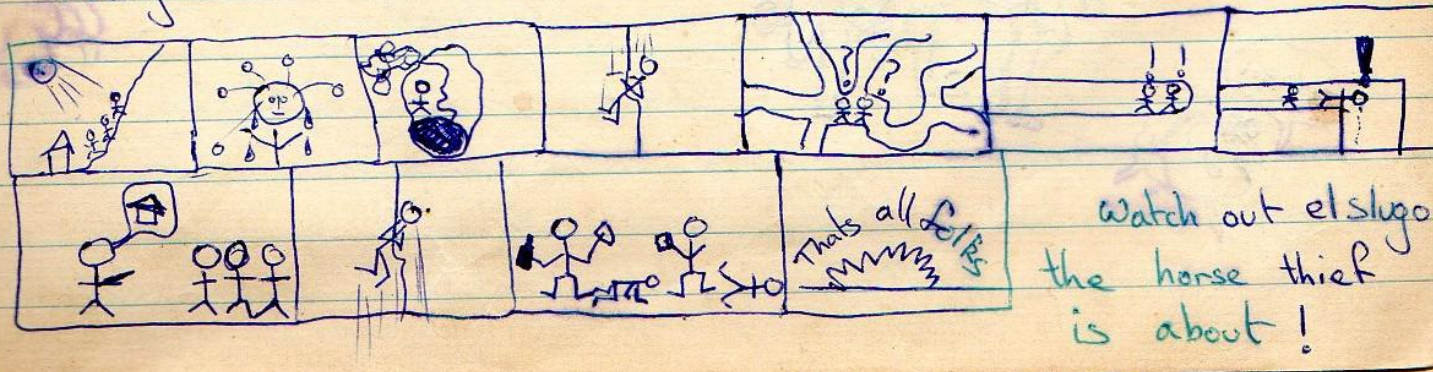
Unlucky trip to end of Codisera Arm then the route. Finding problems ~~starting~~ started! Many side passages not shown on survey (not surveyed?). Totally lost the way on just before the T junction at Boot Lace Passage but pushed a virgin wriggle instead, good draught and it went. Very careful traversing along top of meandering rift followed (boulders dropped 30-50ft to floor of rift)

Finally footprints were found. Obviously a previous party had climbed up from ~~the~~ below, stomped around and dropped down again presumably into passage between stations 200 and 205.

Slug climbed to new passage above Flowstone cascade. Not accurately surveyed but about 60m, 310° to large chamber with a pitch of about 50ft to sandy floor. Not descended due to lack of ladders but the strong draught suggests good things to come.

Headed out to find a classic ~~rock~~ rigging job on the entrance pitch. A total of 6 ~~bolts~~ bolts used. Grovel ~~wanted~~ wanted to use more but ran out of good rock! (But Grovel only put 3 of them in)

Summary for the illiterate.





Thursday 3rd to Friday 2nd 1984? -

Diplomatic Laving Club - British Ambassadors Supreme.

Sluggo the Great & Simona the Willy

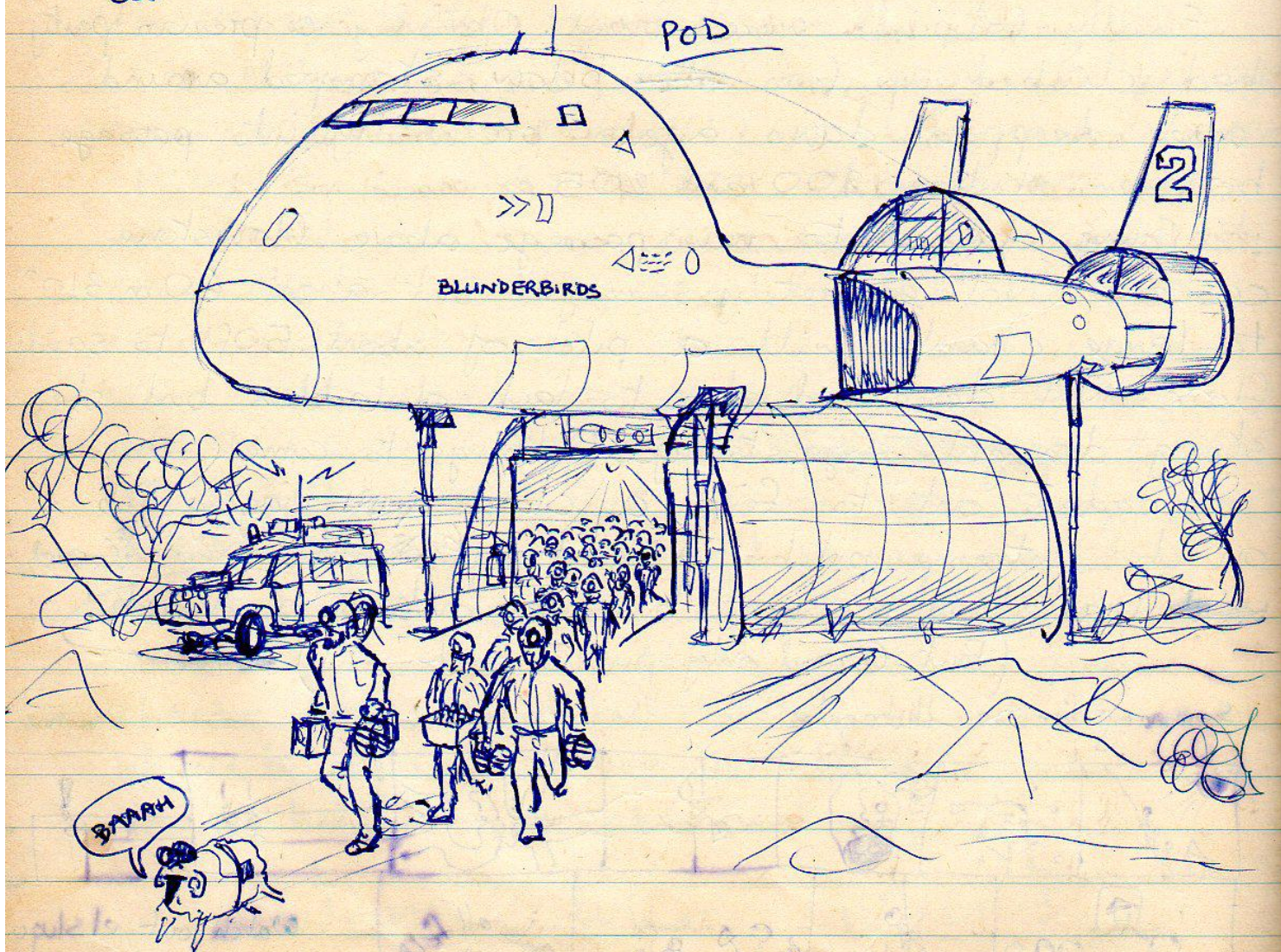
Rescue Part 5b

So..... After the Frenchman had appeared and Phil had disappeared, British choppers desperately tried to get in on this day.

After repeated insults from very tough looking froggie & Spanish lovers we stood down. Back to Silent Running -

Then 1 hour ± 10 mins after stand down downer froggies arrived in Matienzo and asked for help. Brits very (true) suspicious but on Sluggo the Great & Simona the Car and the Willy to go.

GEE MR TRACY ITS A GOOD JOB WE BROUGHT THE CAVE RESCUE





3/8/84 ← 85

Noddy + Queen to Alivas to look at 3 depressions down towards Saldento. One 20m shaft above barn found, surrounded by barbed wire - not descended. One way back talked to Spanish Speleos on way down 3km, -300m pot at road side. (567)

Coteron

Dave, Slug, Neil. visiting Coathanger passage & descend pitch found yesterday. Uneventful trip to pitch, sent Slug down. Pitch approx 20 metres split by large ledge 10 metres down. Nothing much doing at bottom, tight wriggle in rift and boulders down a further few metres. Surveyed out. Had quick dig on side passage half way along coathanger, could be dug further but no doubt. Came out to find all clothes wet so went to bar and got pined. Bottom of pitch (after squeeze) named Copulating Tupperware Box. In honour of Suzie Woogie.

3.8.85 Just Jane who wimped out of Mostajo. Walked back over hill to Matienzo. Called Enazo South east of depression we (GROBEL AND I) looked at a few days ago. Found shaft underground at top of depression about 40' deep. (Sandstone Pot) and bigger than Julia Wendy. Also found around depression about 5 other shafts and 4 or 5 draughting holes. None gone down or marked on map. Need to go back to and label. seventh moon of the sixteenth year of our expedition.

Richard and Grobel the half that didn't wimp out went of down to survey the stuff found yesterday up to the sump (wouldn't get me through it) Nothing dramatic happened, just took 300 survey



legs to achieve 45m length! When we got there the sump had an air space!! (only about 2")  
Noticeable drafts in lower rift just before sump.

3.8.85

PEDRO Martin and Mark, Push off  
Babery ~~Passage~~ passage in previously unexplored  
sections, survey off BOM 5000 by pitch,  
(Crumble passage) in typical Chab-syno  
rubbish, 1<sup>st</sup> Anon explored at end right  
hand wall 2 massive anons  
connections back to main passage (from  
mega city.) Survey back out to  
next station 11?, Anon off right  
(15 m before station 18, with unmade  
square (getting very bored.) Maybe a  
draft to V. Wood, then bomb on out  
(ps. last rift / anon is unsurveyed.)

3.8.85 MOSTAZO Simon Martin, Steve Bubble

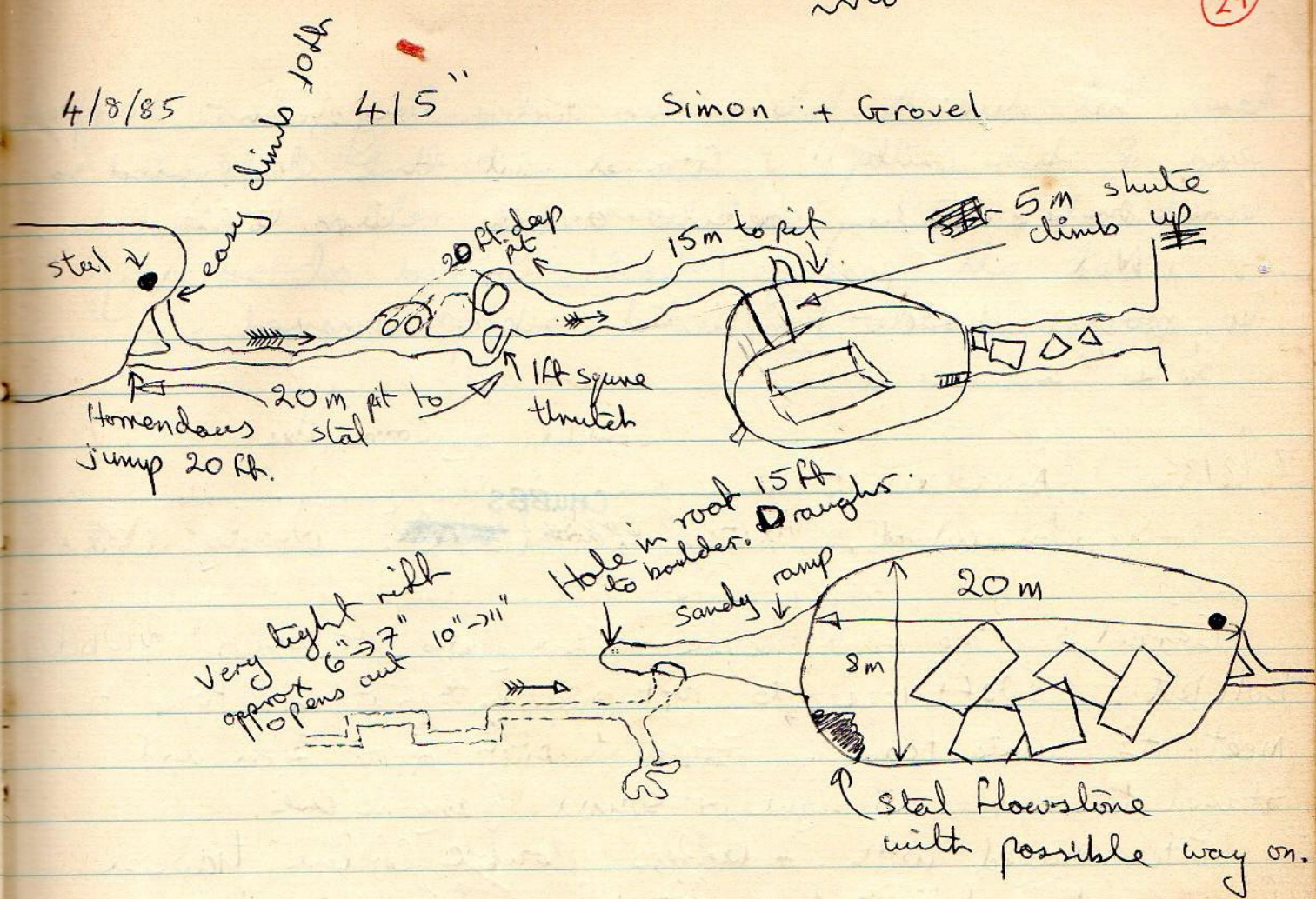
pleasant exp surveying from the sump, spill only by the fact my oversize  
top separated from the bottom prior to diving it - airspace 24" & dropping. Mosty solution pocket  
tubes and spits with overhead tunnels (not looked at) led to boulder pile at base of  
bunker - filled shaft/comp rising approx 70m+ - unsurveyed and not fully pushed  
- very muddy & loose in places, with large drops below crucial climbs. However  
stream passage continues beyond base of shaft - not fully pushed - squaled! Expto-M  
but flooding potential.



4/8/85

415"

Simon + Grovel



Into 415, winner draught yet again. Prodded about in floor, walls roof etc, ~~and~~ found no obvious draught. Saw sandy chute coming in at roof level on R.H.S with possible way on. Simon acted as human ladder for Grovel. Winner draught found again, berry! Ladder thrown up, arrow added and set of along hands + knees crawl on sand. Oh what comfort! Soon came to pit, avoid on left by small crawl. Pass two further pits with care, not all holds are solid. At end take right hand passage to easy to climb down by stal. ~~At~~ A cross chamber to sandy slope up which ends in a way, 15 ft blocked by boulder, which draughts. Stal in floor (arrowed) leads to split of ways, left through small passages to block. Some helictites in here. Right through nifty passage with good draught till too tight. Simon made a very brave attempt to get through



here, but due to hole in overcail + long Johns scraped  
end of his willy!! Gravel isn't that dedicated so  
turned back. Failing carbides forced return to surface.

Not all passage / leads looked at so may  
be more. Ladder from initial climb up removed.

4/8/85 Renada  
Big June, Dave, Martiny, ~~Wally~~ <sup>CHUBBS</sup> ~~Wally~~, Noddy.  
Spelling by Committee

Carried far too much tackle - 5 maypoles, 4 ladders, ~10 belays,  
bolt kit, ~500ft rope to rift pitch in Sanatagen. Hoped to  
meet Azpilicueta team. Arrived at pitch approx 3pm and  
stayed to 5pm - no sight or sound of anyone else.

Pitch rigged with 2 ladders, double lifeline, traverse  
line and pull back line for ladder. ~~Bussle~~ volunteered  
to test system, looked to be great fun swinging across pitch  
and smacking into wall! 1 Ladder and maypoles left in  
stuffed monk gallery.

Note - Blowhole is completely dry!

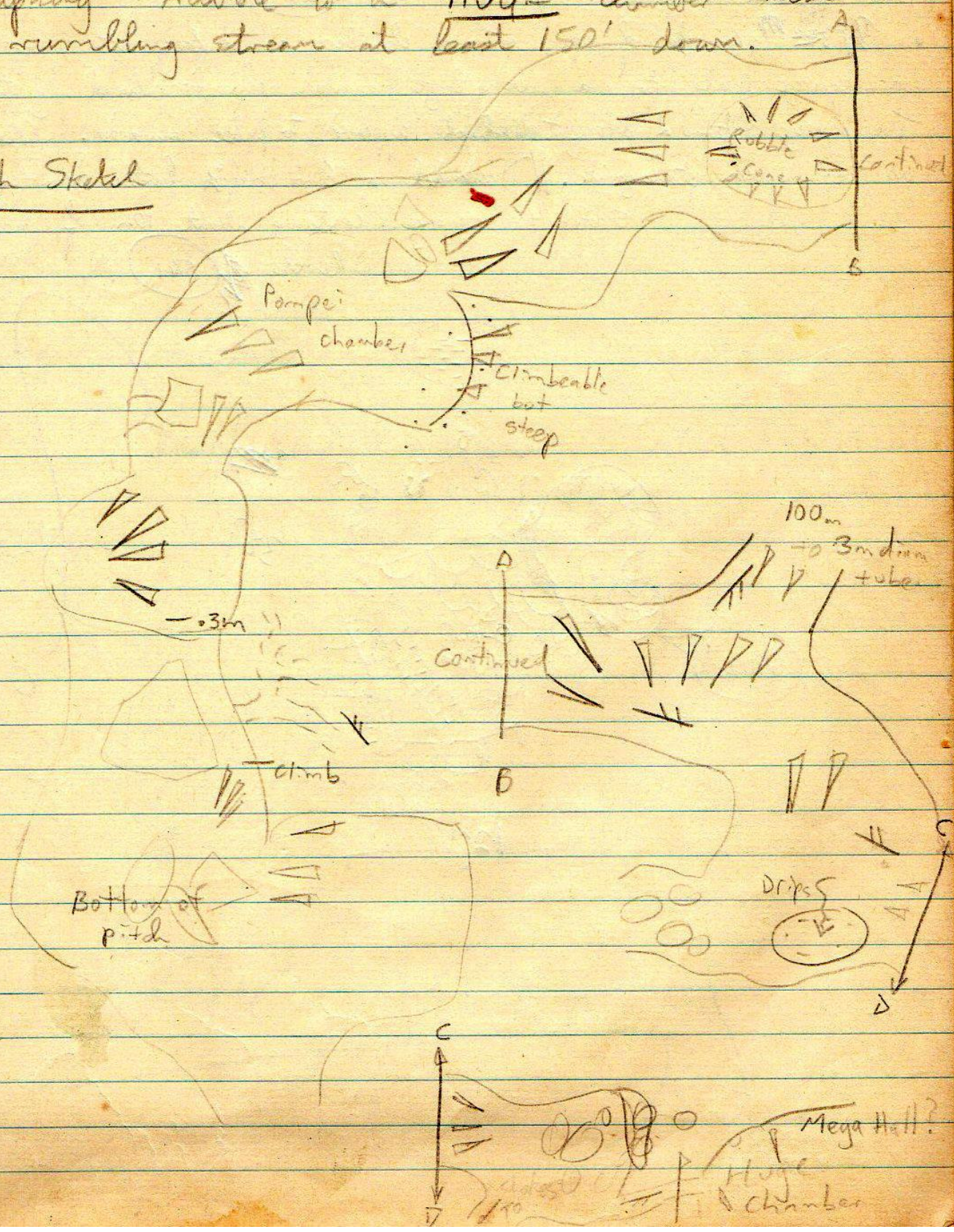
Azpilicueta 4/8/85  
Team Terry, Phil, Shuggo, Steve, Richard.

Finished rigging the bottom of the big pitch. Whilst  
Richard, Phil and Steve did the traverse (now bypassed) to  
descend the pit hoped to connect with Renada; Shuggo  
and T.T. went in search of glory. After grovelling  
around for an bypass to the 3m pit into the other  
big chamber they went back for ladders. Descended  
the pitch and then climbed up a steep slope to



farther large chambers. Followed draught through rubble filled chambers with good gypsum flowers to a series of dished chambers. Draught followed through a hard uphill hole lined with collapsing rubble to a HUGE chamber with a rumbling stream at least 150' down.

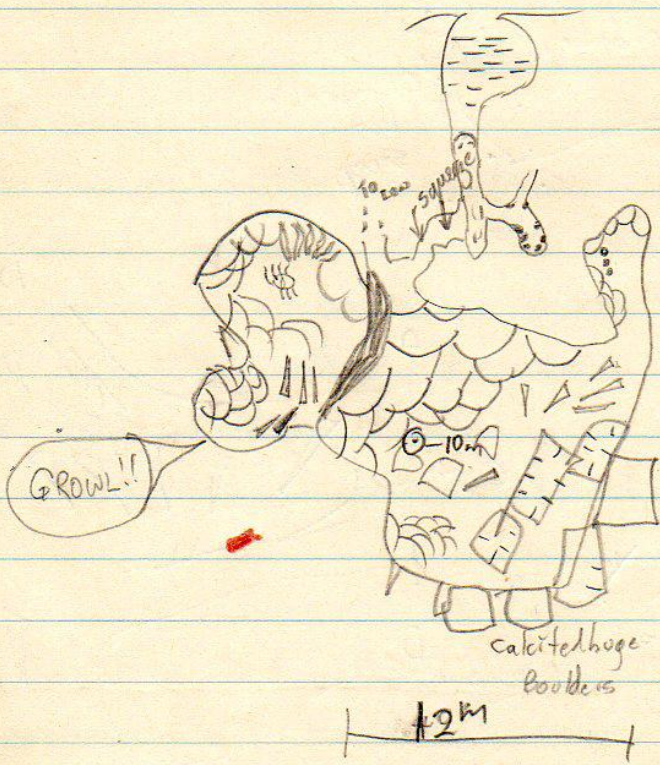
Rough Sketch



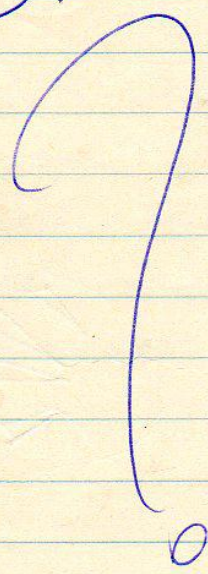


5/8/1985 Big Steve & T. T. walked up the side of Emaso above the resurgence (from Aqua). They dug out a small blind chamber and relocated # ~~387~~ <sup>387</sup> (Mag bearing Heron's Bar 030° The school 131°) Further along the hillside is a small chamber cave with old stabs (bearings Heron's 030° and school 121°) 540

~~387~~ <sup>387</sup> consists of an entrance chamber and a few rifts, length about 6m. a squeeze leads into a very large rounded chamber lined by stalagmite. The squeeze contains a draught which appeared to pulse inwards. No promise as too much stalagmite. // Descended a 6m shaft further down the hill. Sketch from memory contains about 10m of passage on two levels 541.



~~387~~  
387





DON

WHILLANS  
IT

HAS PEGGED

(33)

52 years old died in sleep  
5 Aug 85

5 - August 2000 AD. Athill - a quackler  
AZPILICUETA

Good trip Man!

Members to Dexair - Salford Phil, Suggole Great - Graham -  
Matron John New + Helen

— Ducktrip - Man! - to Botta - Man!

~~Swamp~~ Passage Man!

250m to Big Window - wow! told COSMIC

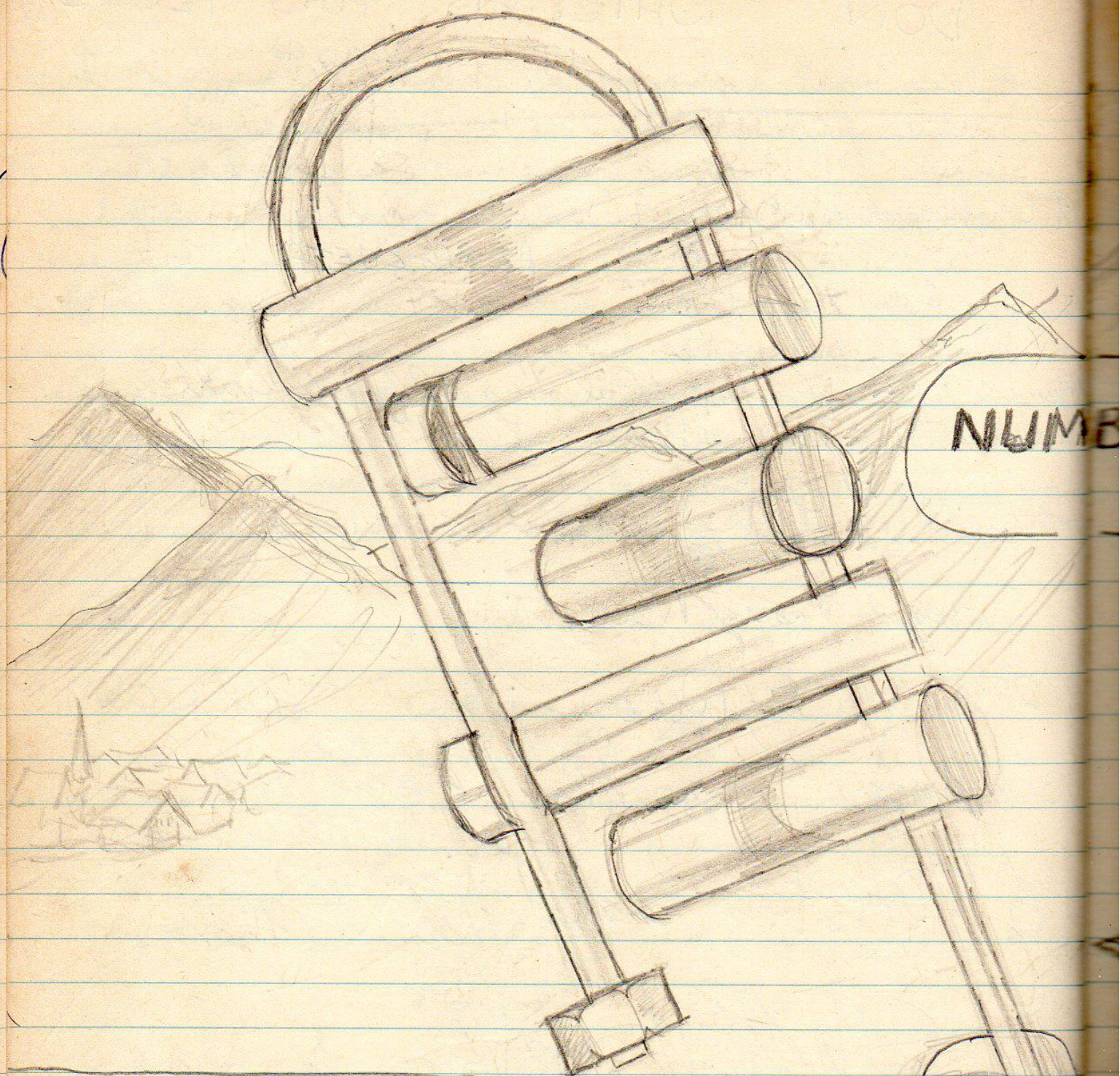
Side passages. Wow - Man Far Oak

650 metres Back That Man

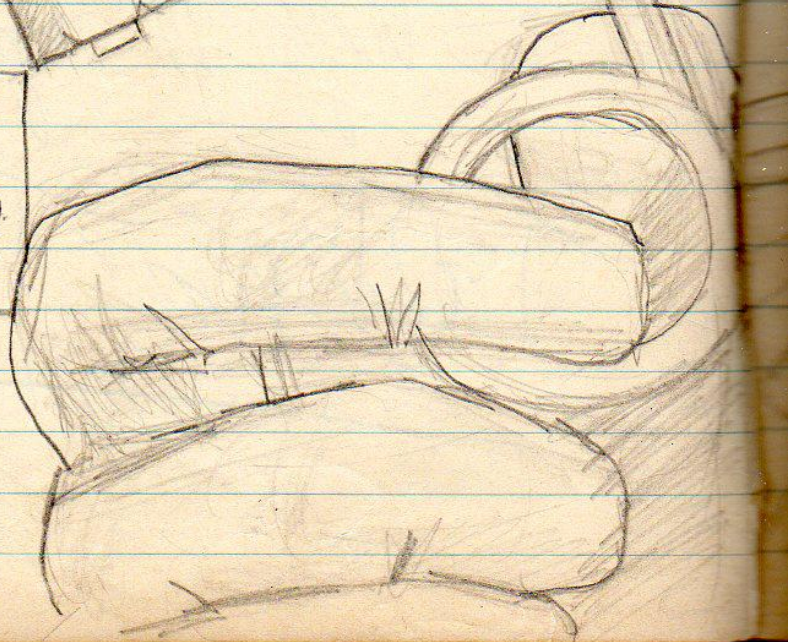
Stuff it up your arse

Talking Tony

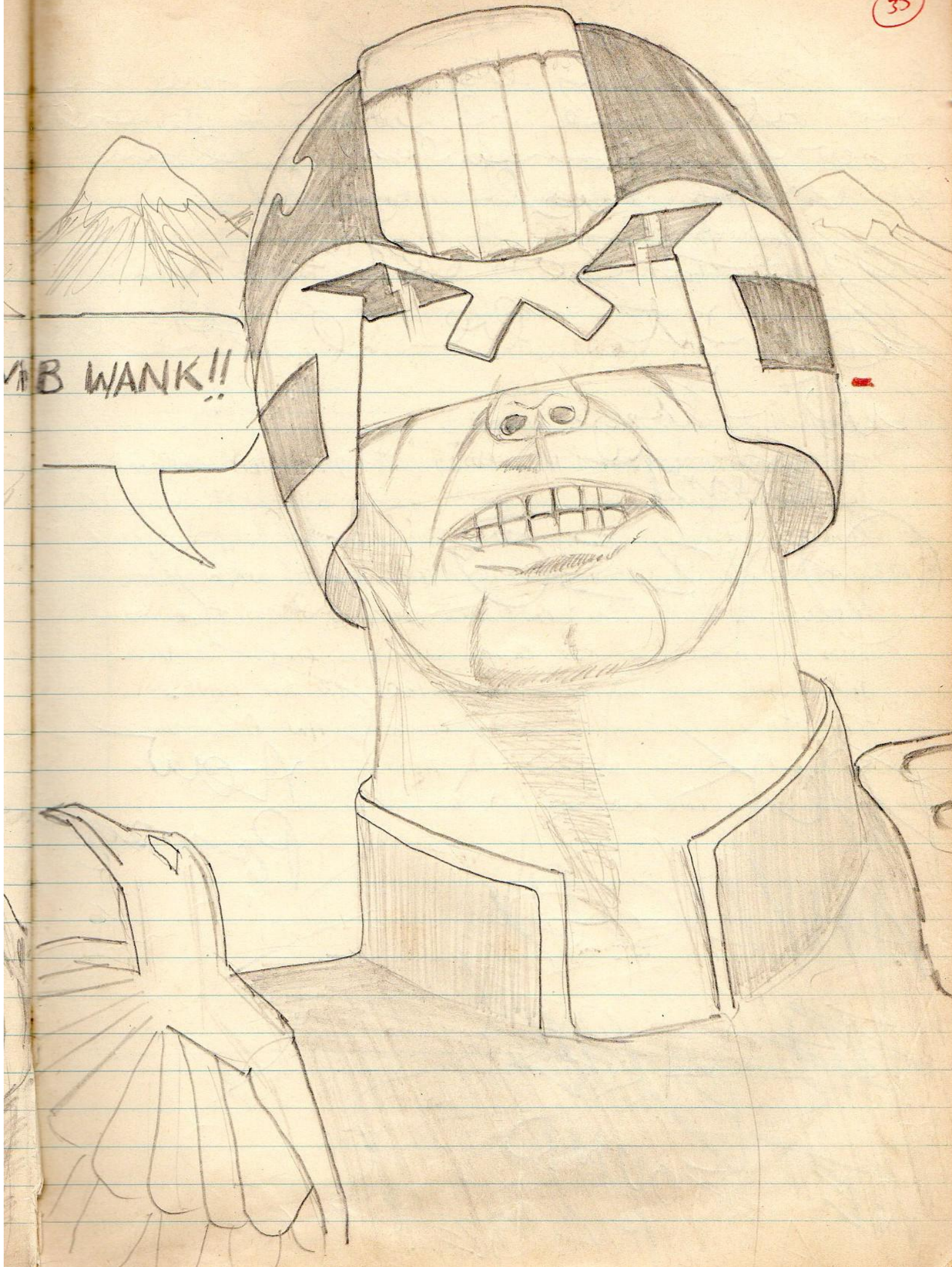




MEANWHILE BACK IN AUSTRIA,  
JUDGE DREDD CONFRONTS THE  
FALLEN JUDGE "STEEL PIN QUINN!"







WANK!!



NODDY'S  
SMASHED ↓

5/8/85 Noddy etc. Only one in  
bar at time of writing went  
down? Somewhere some  
found fuel - all  
older something  
Should be bar here  
at relay  
sump

250

POCK  
ANYBODY

New  
Passage

~~THE~~ RIES  
WE A FOUND  
PAGE?



6/8/85

MOUSE TAK - <sup>DWARF CHAMBER</sup> Mark & Neil

Bombed off down to Golden Void bypass, looked at several "?" on survey and found budgee. All. Most blind or choked. Surveyed one for about 30m.

Carbide dumps are a fucking disgrace why can't people at least bury it??

6/8 Steve's Trip in Morzjo?

Revenge of the squashed Hedgehogs of the world.

Steve, Sting, Noddy, Neil + 2 Italians, Pushing maze of passages at end of Hedgehog crawl. Many passages draughting strongly in. Finally dropped into chamber with one set of footprints and "DCC 84" on wall. Good looking shaft off to one side. About 150ft x 20ft  $\phi$ . All draughts appear to bomb down this shaft. Must be a goer.



Renada?

6/8

Super Steve - Cave diver extraordinaire, Bubble, Richard, Jane.

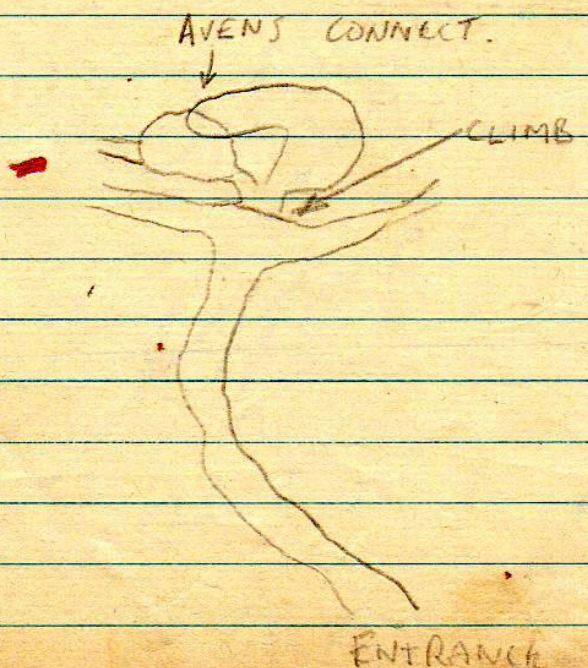
Swam into entrance series across 30 ft lake. Duck through blowhole. Water everywhere, but managed to get to sump 1 (duck?) Super Steve attempts 30ft free dive, but turns back after air bell at 2ft. Only just managed to get out of blowhole & into rapidly rising lake. WET TRIP.

Volvo 6/8/85. Phil O, Howard, Aldo, Lupo, Luigi.

TRIP DOWN VOLVO, HOPEFULLY TO DIG DRAUGHTING CRAWL, SUMPED

ON OBSERVATION IT APPEARS THAT THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS RAIN DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUMP, ONE MIGHT PRESUME THIS TO BE A PERCHED SUMP THAT TAKES THE WINTER OVERFLOW, BUT COME SUMMER DRAINS AWAY SLOWLY THERE WAS NO DRAUGHT ANYWHERE IN THE CAVE.

THE ITALIANS WITH US FREE CLIMBED AN AVEN DROPPING INTO A COUPLE OF PARALLEL AVENS WITH SOME NICK PRETTYS IN THE ROOF NO WAY ON WAS FOUND,





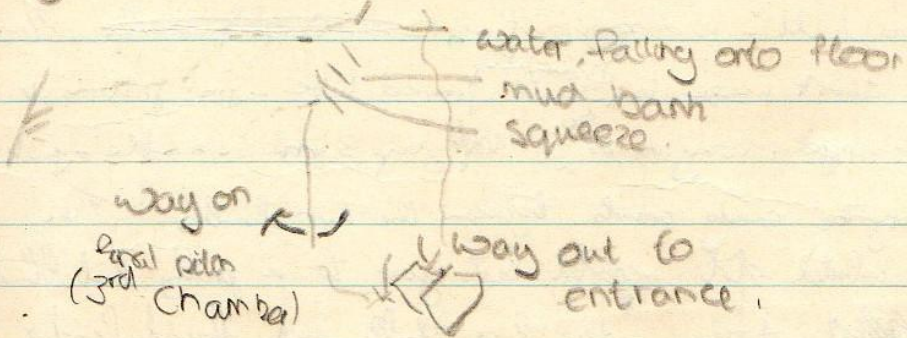
5/8/85

~~415~~ Juan, Lank, Liz, Cronel. 415.

grovel  
Lebc  
in  
415

Went down to push secret weapon (Liz) in previously found  
squeeze + scurry out. Squeeze too tight but Lank crawled  
down small tube to find 10m dia tube leading into hill.  
Ran all over going whoopee! Scurried out. Left a small  
inclined ramp with stall grills to right to be laddered another  
day.

7/8 185 BOB, Sarah, Mark, Apoli-quacha  
Beach Alternative, look at previously  
undescended pitch in final (?) chamber  
in 415 up calcify gully through  
stalagmite grill, Ran out of ladder (quacha  
grovel's eyesight) pitch needs 20 ft  
delay + 50 ft ladder + LIFELINE, <sup>+ long delay for time</sup>  
Found promising 50 m. Side chamber  
descending at 45° - C.E.N.E, brilliant  
bricks braced calcify flow but draughting  
strong 10ft 2nd chamber.



6/8/85 Simon Mark Martin? down "415". Instead of going thru squeeze/crawl  
immediately, pushed route up the boulder in roof and entered large caverns which came  
out into main passage above end of crawl. Thought at first "Mostajo", "winner!",  
when found survey stations in 80's & 90's, but Greg's ten survey beacons  
- must be difficult climb! Pushed left end to large chamber with 2 blind shafts 40' deep  
and worked a pitch in main passage estimated 60-70' deep. Only found end of  
crawl by actually going out and down it from other end!







Sorry - missed me watch

8/8/85

Bill, Bob, Liz, Grovel.

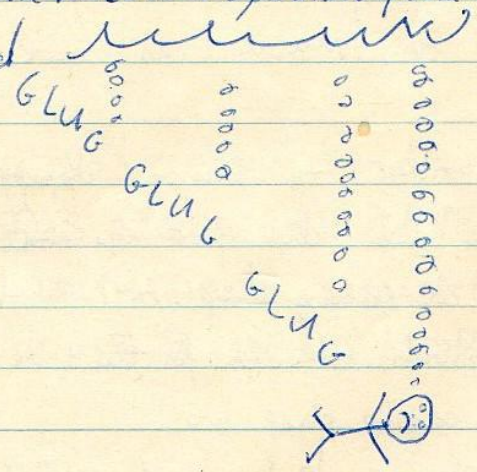
415

Went to stal rift, found earlier. 15 ft pitch to ledge, followed by 30 ft pitch to boulder floor. Bob descended shaft, 35 ft worth of pitches. No ladders left - a 20 ft pitch still to go. Grov. managed to keep his wedding buckle intact, again. Smumbled around larger chambers on way back, but nothing found.

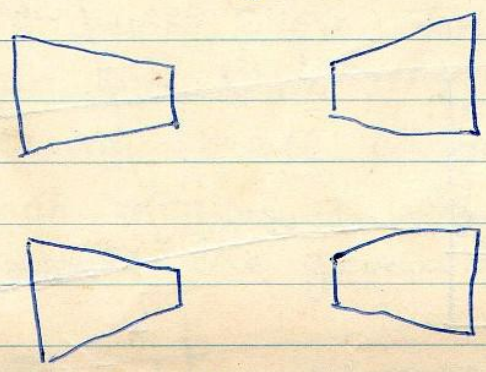
Left pitches tacked up for return with more ladders. Went to pretty spot - 2 passages ~~drifting~~ draughting. One blocked by stals. The other blocked by stals

7/8/85 - Wednesday. Spaniards into Alisa's Pot with Dye at midday.

8.8.85 Jane & Graham (B.E.C. - h NCC) Major expedition to beach. Graham hit - spotting & getting burnt. Jane rescued a Spaniard from the sea by shouting "Come this way." He drowned



at same level - pitches everywhere - last survey station arbitrary - PUSH IT!  
\* Annual tracks in sandy crabs



Sorry about this split right-leg! Terry couldn't whistle!







COBRANTES. 7/8/85. PHIL B. FRANK. LENNY. HOWARD.  
TRIP IN TO WEIGH UP THE END. WHAT A PASSAGE.  
BELGER STYLE SIZE AND BLOCKED BY A STALAMITH.  
ROCK TOO CALCIFIED FOR BOLTING. PASSAGE OFF TO  
HIGH FOR SCALING. POSSIBILITY OF CLIMBING USING  
ALUMINIUM EXTENSION LADDERS. NO WAY THIS CAVE  
STOPS WHERE IT DOES. VERY IMPRESSIVE.

AND THE LORD SAID LET IT RAIN FOR TWO  
NIGHTS AND TWO DAYS AND IT DID.  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE SAID LET THE SUN SHINE  
AND IT DID. SOME WENT CAVING.

8/8/85 Nigel & Slug went down Most's to do Hedgehog Crawl but turned back  
when Martin (DUG) had a bad arm. Had a general Cook around instead.

JANE TO HROBEL - "WHERE'S SQUEAKY DAVE"  
HROBEL TO JANE - "HE'S WITH DAVE HOWARD"  
LANK - "I SHOULD FUCKING HOPE SO"

SALFORD PHIL HAS A FLARE FOR CAVING.

8.8.85 BIG JANE, CHUBBS, STEVE, JANE'S APPRENTICE.  
INTO RENADA TO RIGHT HAND PASSAGE before  
Sanatogen. Found small chamber and Steve  
dropped a rock down a hole and claimed it took  
7 seconds to hit the ground.

6.8.85 The above did a very wet trip down  
Renada and the duck was sumped. The Coke



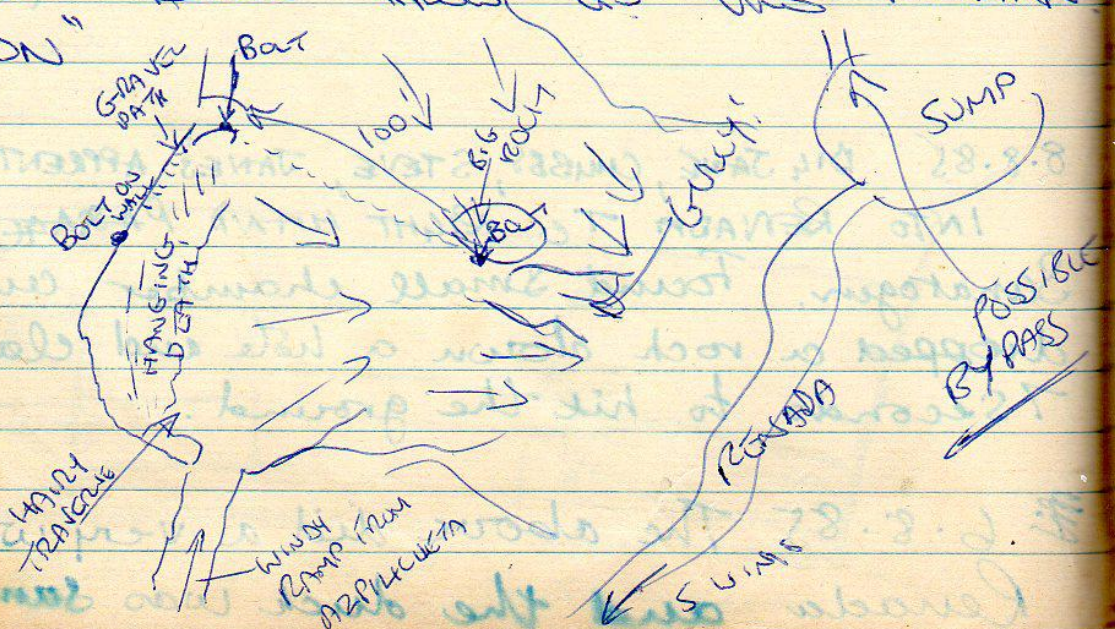
before the blow hole (not Juan) was rising at the rate of 1" every 10 minutes. Just like caving in Yorkshire. I will refrain from mentioning what happened the night of the 8th, but the Torso from Newcastle made a wry comment, ~~which no one noticed, so it was lost forever.~~ in his sign language. But as no one is watching him, his pearl of wisdom is lost forever to posterity.

9<sup>th</sup> August 1985. Azpilicueta - Renada 2.

The Arjo - Italian assault

Martyn Tubrett, John New, Bocchi Luigi  
Giancarlo Sagni Sholtozina

A descent to the bottom, then into Grege Hall, a interesting house led to Ptdl, bats places Ranes descended and reposed at second pitch, and finally into Renada 2. This should ~~have~~ been known as "THE ITALIAN CONNECTION"





9/8/85. Renada - saturation cover for end of Sanatogen  
Big Jane, Lark, Chubbs, Keith, Gavel, Juan, Carol, Liz, and  
fill-in-your-name if its missing - Tui

B J lead off the sheep to Sanatogen, where they got stung  
out, leaving Tui & Chubbs at ladder pitch to final chamber.

Chubbs directed Tui to left hand side to look & listen.

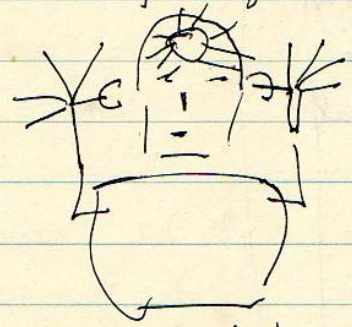
Tui encountered draught and tracked it down to bottom of chimney.  
This became somewhat tight hence its name the Pipecleaner.

Emerged via footprinted passage approx +25 metres up. Found way  
to Aspiliqueta final chamber early, but couldn't find anyone  
to tell so went back to 7/8/85 passage where Phil, Steve et al  
were supposed to be shaft bashing, got Ghar Perid at end of  
passage - 5m more then closed down; returned to sound of voices approaching.

Doused light and thought of an opening line - given it on a plate -  
Salford - 'er - this is one of these shafts, suppose w'd better blow a whistle  
~~and~~ and see if anyone hears, Steve be quick."

Steve "Ok"

Big Breath -



Tui - "Hello" in a very quiet voice

Phil - "Who was that - you? Steve?"

Tui - Hello to me.

Phil - "Oh", sorry we're late, we got sidetracked in the Portsmouth  
chamber - its a bloody great tunnel.

Tui - ... but did persuade them he hadn't done Aspiliqueta again

Returned to tube and decided it wasn't big enough so looked at  
a pitch 25m long passage which they'd left a rope down. Couldn't get  
anyone to hear whistle or shouting so returned to pipecleaner - did same

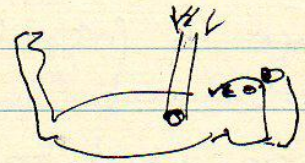


there - got hammer knocking in response? Having made sure ropes was  
climbing pipe cleaner Phil suggested using a flare - we didn't  
discourage him. What a noise!

P O W

ROAR

Hah Hah Hah. Ho Ho.



THAT WAS GREAT  
LIGHT ANOTHER ONE

9/8/85 Meanwhile in Azpilequeta

As Phil, Terry, Richard and Steve had  
arrived at the Bottom early they went to  
look at the Potenza passage. Eventually  
climbed down from their end point into  
larger passages heading west. Several  
interesting holes in floor. Ends in  
a calcite chome in a passage  
4m by about 15m high. Richard and  
Terry surveyed out to Azpilequeta  
thus missing an easy way out via  
Reñada. They came out of Azpilequeta  
rather late.



cough cough

BLOODY GREAT.



9<sup>th</sup> August 1985

Hole 415.

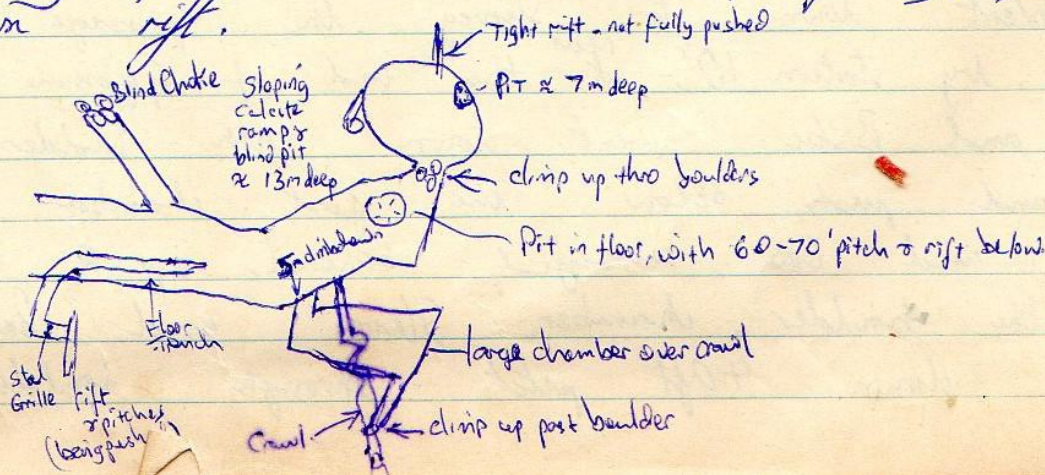
Simon, Pete, Mike, Sue.

Pushing trip to descend known '60-70' pitch, as yet undescended. Pitch is in near right hand corner of first large chamber near the entrance. Climb down through boulders to head of calcited flow-stone pitch. 3 x 25' ladders belayed to suitable natural belays. Cascade pitch ~ no way on at first level. At bottom of pitch, two passages lead off. Left hand = very short 20' length up mud-bank to choke. Right hand passage leads to impressive rift passage about 40 metres long. Well decorated with helicitites. Widest part of rift 7m wide, 12m high. Strong draught blowing in from far end of rift ~ low crawl under stal grill leads to small passage through calcited boulders - "Pales type" dig only, no significant draught. Stronger draught blowing down narrow part of rift but too tight to follow. Would require baring.

Checked out boulder slope further along main passage (?) and concluded no way on.

Descended rigged 1<sup>st</sup> pitch 40' through stal grill & low crawl but suffered light failures & so came back out without pushing on down further undescended pitches. Left 2 x 25' PPEC & ladders at bottom of 40' pitch.

On way out took the "hand-line" ladder at side of steep sloped boulder, off, as only hooked over calcited rock which has started breaking up. Ladder left at top of very easy climb up & down rift.





9th August 1990 Slug, Noddy, Bill, Jane.

No. ~~534~~ Set off to look for shaft that had not yet been descended off the track to Azpilicueta. Slug had been there once before & led the way. We crossed the ridge above Azpilicueta & headed for barns near which the shaft was supposed to be located. En route we found a large wooded depression which has a draughting hole at the bottom, unfortunately blocked by large chunks of limestone. Having got to the barns the ~~case~~ shaft did not materialise & the whole episode began to look like part of Bean Geste with thirsty figures staggering all over the hillside. We finally decided to head for home & relatively near the valley floor, Slug started to ~~re~~ recognise where we were. We found the shaft about 200m from the track we had gone up 6 hours before. Needless to say it choked at about 200ft deep. We found another shaft nearby which is undescended but sounds deep. - deeper than the won wot. Sluggs did down forgetting his spanner on the way. The farmer has lost uno wach so if you find a flat cow splatter at the bottom of a shaft please tell him. Slug says he'll accept responsibility for the epic hike.

~~534~~  
545

9th August Mostajo. Nicky, Cos, B.B, Steve.

Went down to survey the passage in the wall by station 10 <sup>near</sup> the end of Gypsum Passage. Steve and Babe went down with ladders to rig and push below the first chamber while Nicky and Cos surveyed behind, up to the top of the boulder chamber. Steve and Babe went down 40ft pitch through boulders and



proceed on to a sandy rift which Steve descended to 45ft. Found that the rift opened out into two water taking overns with various ~~or~~ rabbit holes filled in all around. Trying to follow the draft but lost it somewhere in the bottom. (Approx 48m depth. Total)

7th August Cos, B.B. Mick - Azpilicueta (START AT SURVEY STA # R 72)

Set off to look for new passage at the bottom. We went off up ~~the~~ the boulder slope and off to the right, dropping down through the chokes into a small chamber and up into a larger choked chamber. Followed a passage down to the right of calcite slope at far end of chamber through a mud pool and along ~~the~~ passage with stairs. Fairly strong draft all the way. Crossed a few holes and a side passage until we reached a stal squeeze after which was a crawl followed by low passage which opened into a choked rift. There is a short climb to the left and then we followed ~~the~~ the rift along the top until we came to a large chamber with a climb down through boulders where we turned back. We estimated that we had gone about 200ft from the mud pool.

9/8/55



7/8/85 Azpilicueta. T.T & Richard survey crawls & tubes under main chamber

7/8/85 AZPILICUETA BUBBLE, STEVE

WENT DOWN WITH THE REST OF THE CREW ON THIS DAY, AND WAS TOLD TO GO AND FIND THIS PASSAGE TO SURVEY. WE WERE POINTED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION FROM THE MAIN CHAMBER BUT? WENT DOWN THE WRONG HOLE, SQUEEZED THROUGH TO FIND NEW CHAMBER ALONG WITH PORTIENZO LOT, THEY WENT RIGHT AND WENT LEFT THROUGH A COFFIN LEVEL TYPE TUBE INTO A BIG CHAMBER WITH QUOTE (BIG BRICK) IN CENTRE.

AFTER 2 HRS OF CLOSE SCRUTINY OF EVERY HOLE + CRACK IN THE CHAMBER FOUND ONLY ONE TO THE LEFT THAT WAS DRAWING SLIGHTLY.

AFTER RETURNING TO MAIN CHAMBER FOUND TERRY AND HE TOLD US THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. WE SET OFF AGAIN AND FOUND THIS BIG OLD STREAM WAY THAT SOMEONE HAD OBVIOUSLY SERVEYED FROM STATION 9 THAT IS REALLY STATION 10 AFTER THE FOOTPRINTS STOPPED WE FOUND A TUBE DESCENDED AND FOUND THE STREAM WAY. EVENTUALLY AFTER A FEW CRAWLS WE HEARD VOICES AND WE CAME OUT AT THE SLOPE AT THE BOTTOM OF STATION 10 AND MET UP ANOTHER PARTY SO CAME OUT.

COTERON

7/8/85. BATTERY PASSAGE. JULIE (LITTLE TITS), PEDRO, NODDY, BIG STEVE & SLUG.

TRIP TO BOTTOM PITCH FOUND BY PEDRO AT END OF BATTERY PASSAGE ON 11/8/85. 1ST TRIP UNDERGROUND FOR JULIE IN 18 MONTHS TOLD JULIE THAT IF SHE WINGED (?) SHE WOULD HAVE HER HEAD STUCK IN AND BE BURIED SO SHE DIDN'T WINGE. SHORT LADDER DOWN LOOSE DROP LEAD



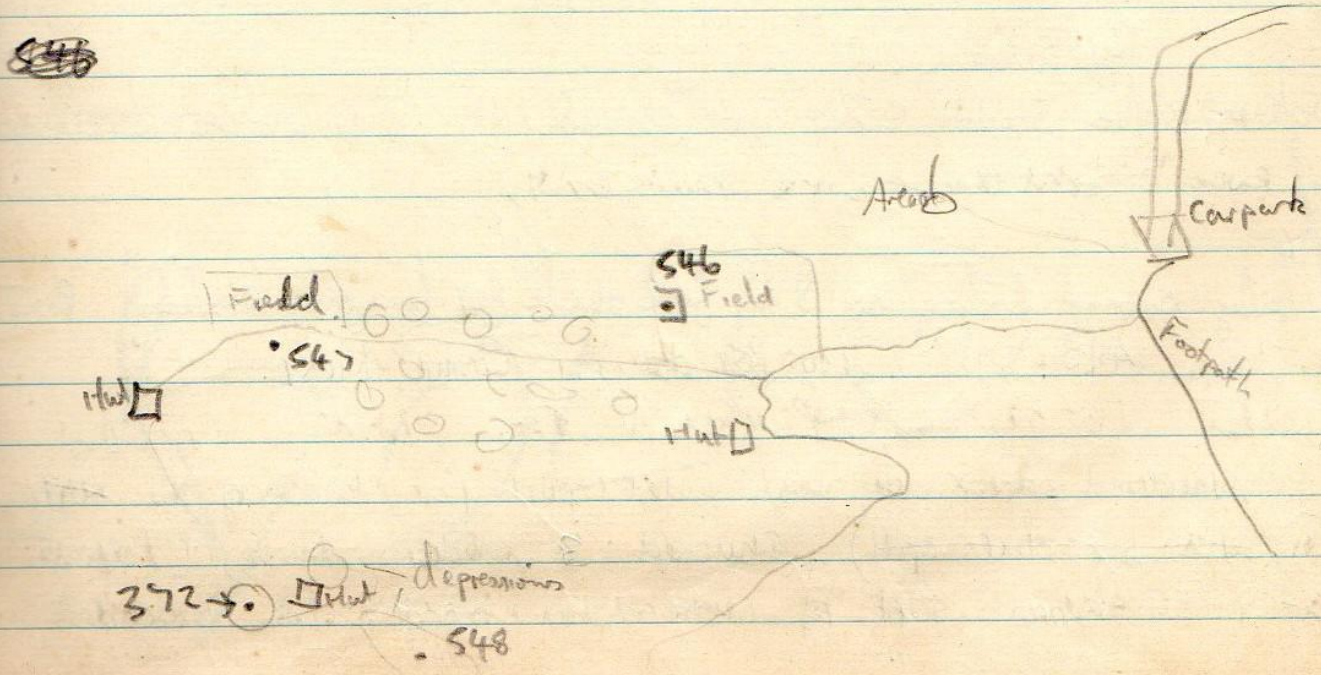
TO THRILL POWER AND NEW STUFF 1ST FIND  
WAS ONE MUMMIFIED BAT NAMED THARG THE  
BAT CHAMBER, MAIN WAY ON LEAD TO MUDDY PASSAGE  
DEGENERATING IN HORRIBLE MUDDY MESS OTHER PASSAGES  
LEAD TO LOOSE CHOKED HORRORS AND TINY IMMATURE  
STREAM PASSAGES SURVEYED MAIN BITS AND PHOTOED  
BAT. TRIP OUT WAS ZARJAZ.

7/8/85. ARRIDONDO. PORTENZO. GEORGE, NODDY, SLUGGO  
THE GREAT, BIG JANE & OTHERS.

HARD TRIP TO ARRIDONDO FIESTA. GREAT BAND, LOTS OF  
DRUNKEN DANCING, NODDY COMMITTED ATROCITIES ON  
WAY HOME.

BIG STEVE HAS GONE TO HEAD-RUN BAR TO BUY SOME  
GOLF SHOES TO JUMP UP AND DOWN ON NODDY'S HEAD  
MORE WITH.

10/8/85 Dave & Simon walking above Arenal.

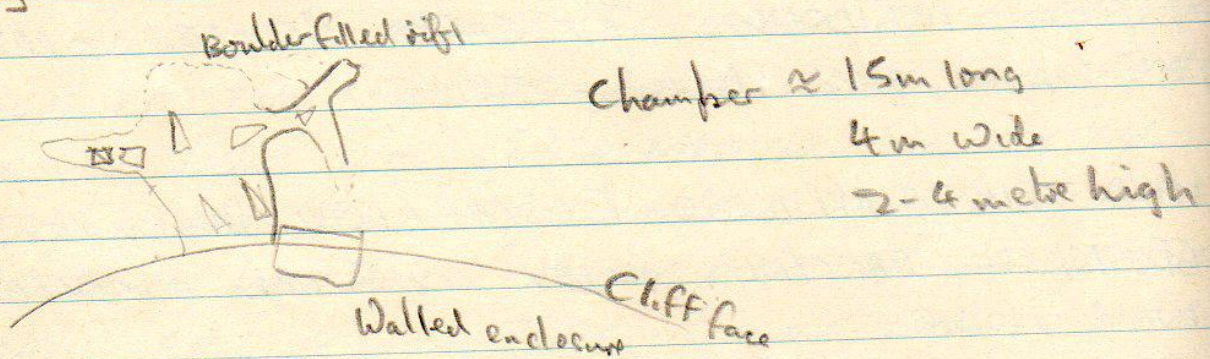




546 3 metre deep blind shaft. Fenced off at edge of field and covered over with undergrowth.

547 Possible dig just above path. appears to have been used by locals to store wine. Slight draught. not v. promising.

372 ?? Rediscovered. Fairly large old phreatic remnant in bottom of depression. Goat pen built at entrance. No draught detected.



548 At bottom of deepest of a line of depressions.  $\approx$  2 metre deep 4 metre long 5 metre tall rift. heading  $310^\circ$  magnetic. Choked at bottom but could be dug. No noticeable draught.

11/8/85 Reñada.

Big Jane, Dave, Simon, Sue got <sup>so</sup> bored at Azpilaguetta connected. They even brought de mayra back out.

"I'm only caving today so I'll feel well for tonight's drinking" B.J.  
11/8/85. 415. Bob, Pete the feet, Cosmic, Nicky.

Wandered down to undescended pitch (at bottom of the <sup>40ft</sup> ~~pitch~~ <sup>with the stal grill</sup>). Chucked 3 ladders down, (Total <sup>4th</sup> ~~pitch~~ <sup>ladders</sup>) but still approx 50ft of undescended shaft. Bob descended



the pitch as far as possible, which was draughty, but also becoming increasingly unstable.

Just below 4th pitch (15') about 10' down 5th pitch (30') on the night, ~~passage~~ is small passage, draughting inward (I think) not explored, due to lack of time. Passage reached by traversing across (lifeline necessary) into projecting lump of rock which looks as though it could snag off. Climb down into passage.

Pitches are as follows: 1st - 15'; 2nd - 30'; 3rd - 35'; 4th - 15'; 5th - 30'; 6th - 35' or thereabouts.

All are easy climbs, against wall but lifeline recommended due to looseness.

Also checked above 1st pitch ~~at~~ at top of initial squeeze continues upwards with draught ↑ but becomes calmed up, whole series of pitches ~~was~~ probably one shaft. Babbo.

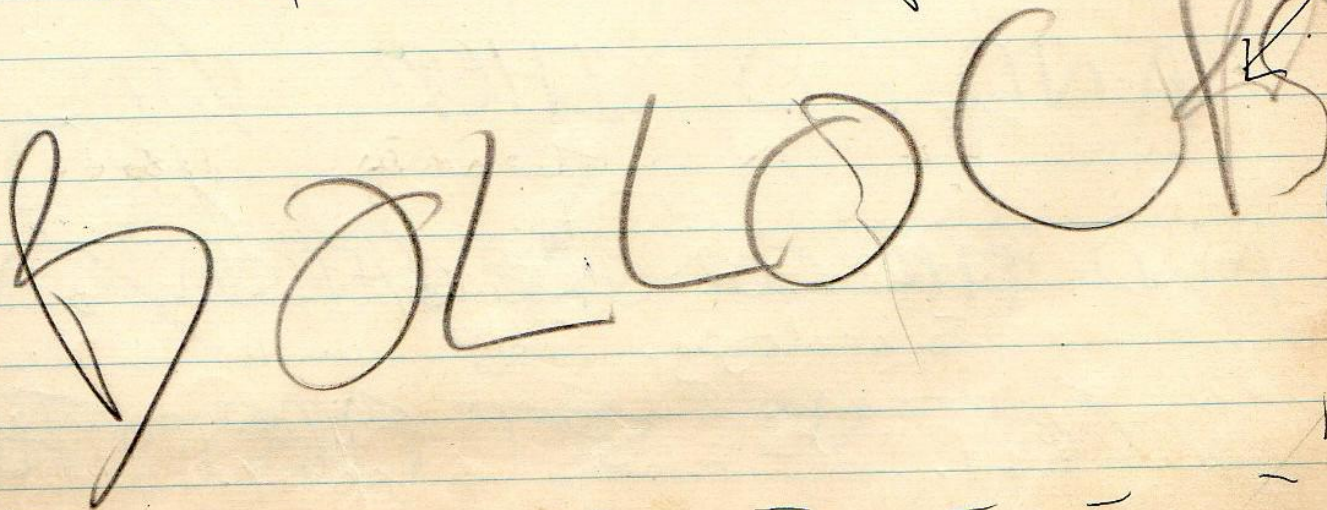
### CUEVA de Cobranteras 11/8/85

Henry FRANK Ross Mike Graham

went caving watch this space ←

'O' I TECK PISSED AGAIN with Tent Pegs

Frank fell ect, More Tent Pegs Needed.



2/5 on itches



RESERVED  
Reversed  
SLUGG'S EPISIAL  
TO THE  
PISSARTISTS.

EXOCET VII VIX

\* AND THE LORD SAID LET THE BARBE \*  
SHUT

AND LO IT WAS.

AND THE CONGREGATION SAID

OH SHIT!

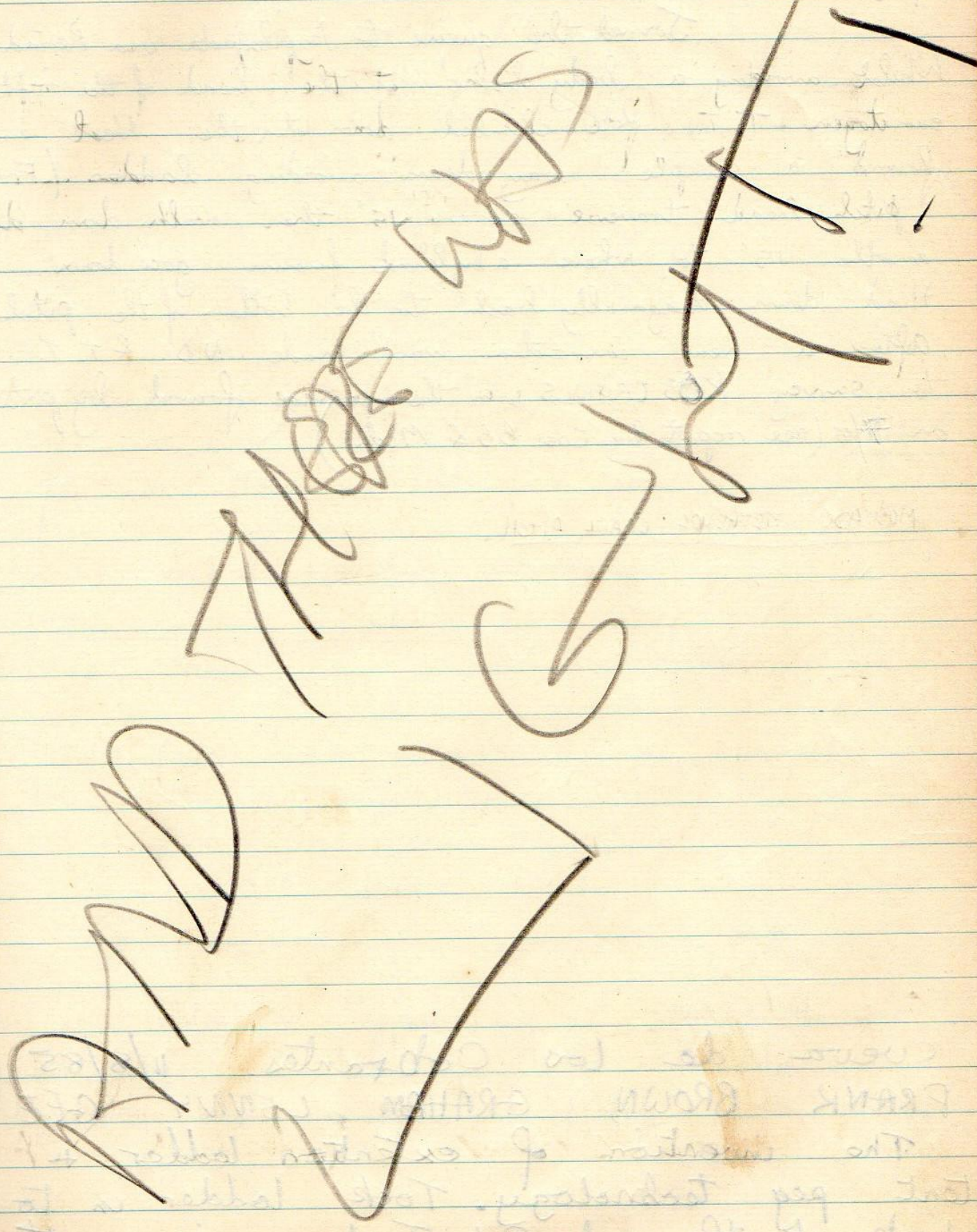
AND THE LORD SAID LET THERE BE  
TENTS

AND LO THERE WAS

AND THE CONGREGATION SAID

LET US SET FIRE TO THEM





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11/8/85 Nigel Dobson, Terry W.

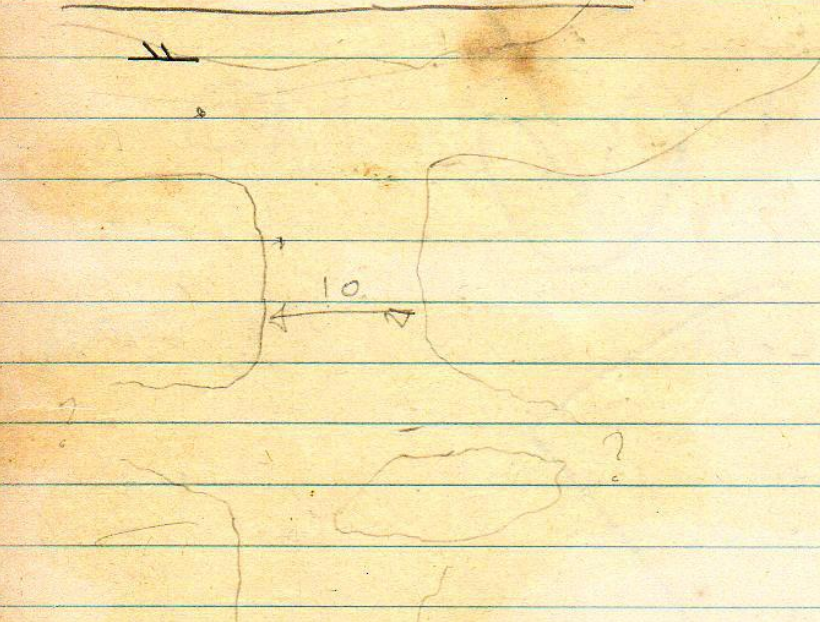
Joined the queue to Azpilequeta via Renada.

Whilst avoiding a 'body dome' at the head of the rift in sanatogen T.T. free climbed down at the west end and found a simple way down avoiding ladders. (From the pitch head traverse across <sup>right</sup> 15' then walk down diagonally another 15' to where a big blind fissure goes down.

Head down diagonally back <sup>left</sup> to the bottom of the pitch.) after a new connection was made N.D. & T.T. went to survey KOS CRAWLS in the passage found by portuero on 7/8 (see report by Cos BB & Mich)

THE "LABYRINTH OF KOS"

MOSTAZO HEDGEHOG "CRAWL PITCH"



20m Cueva de los Cobrantes. 11/8/85

FRANK BROWN, GRAHAM, LENNY GEE

The invention of extension ladder + tent peg technology. Took ladder in to do climb at the end. Put Tent peg in + attach climbing rope. Send Frank up ladder. Ladder collapses. Frank falls 20ft, but held by Tent peg. Try ago



11/8/85 Phil Lappard, Mike Bartenstian

Abbed down Abseil equator and after 2h bugging about in phreas tubes with drafts going wrong way, found 30' pitch into chamber with "sea of faces" behind boulder from Renadas. Opened door and re-rigged with ladder thro' to above-cave. Detigged Aspi-whatsit.

0030 on TALE 13/8/85

UNATTRIBUTED QUOTE (BY SUC) -

" I'VE JUST BEEN OFFERED A SMELL OF WANK!  
The offer was taken up later! ~~As an~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~real~~ minute - this was only offered by accident, but the intention was there!

QUOTED FROM NOODY

IVE JUST SEEN MILES AND MILES OF ABSOLUTE GLORY!

HUGE GREAT PASSAGES JUST BIG ENOUGH TO CRAWL INTO.

Memo re. Golden Vind bypass: bypass is ~~the~~ ~~more~~ difficult, longer and less safe way down. Golden Vind is still probably best way down into Mostajo lower levels. RPR.

Need more Tent pegs.



12/8/85 - S.S., Ian, Max - 415.

Our aim was to rig the bottom pitch and push on as far as we could and with this in mind we lugged in a fair amount of tackle. At the bottom of the pitches Ian found the new pitch and freeclimbed about 40ft into a fairly loose and brittle boulder chock but lost the draught before leaving any possible way on. We searched around for a while to make quite sure and then started to detackle our way out.

We explored a small hole about 10' down the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch (see Bob's 11/8/85) which was draughting quite well. Ian & I managed to get in off the ladder travelling in part stail's about 10' at right angles to the pitch and then at 90° to the left a slope of mud down into the rock made the way on too tight to follow the draught after about 5'. We headed in out with all the pitch tackle Max.

Also Bob, Cos, Nicky and Mick when went down to go draught hunting and survey the high level route. Found no drafts but Cos went along a rift to an aren which descended 30ft till it choked. Rift between climb up and trench.

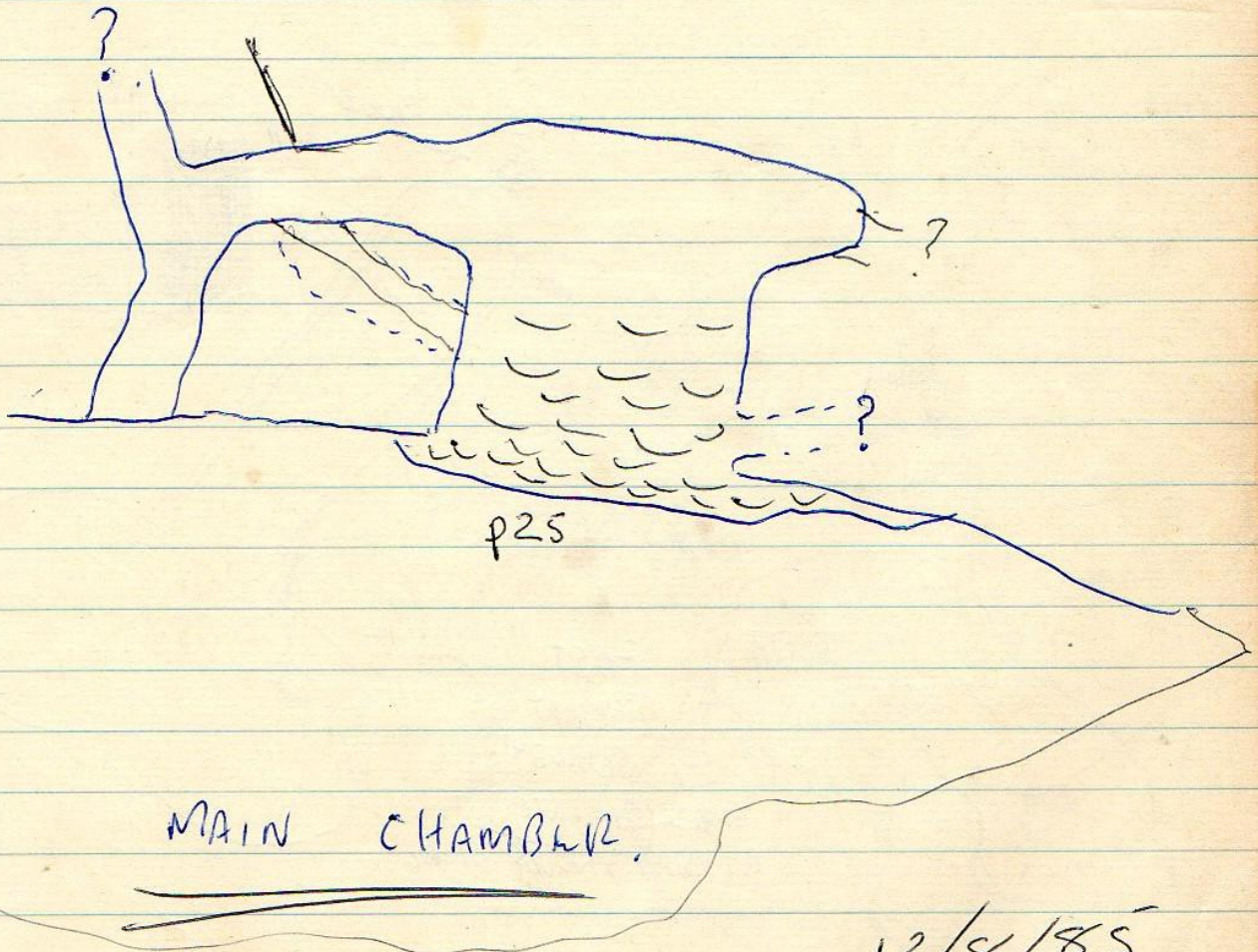


COBRANTES

13/8/85.

FRANK BROWN, PHIL BOARDMAN, HOWARD TAYLOR, LEN GEE,  
KEITH LEWIS, ~~BILL~~ JAWA, JIM.

PEGGED UP STAL BLOCKAGE USING ICE PEGS, THE ONLY  
WAY TO DESCRIBE IT IS LIKE CLIMBING A GIANT MERANGUE  
FRANK DID THE HARD BIT, GOT TO THE TOP OF THE  
STAL, STRAIGHT AHEAD THE PASSAGE CLOSED DOWN, WAY ON  
TOO THE LEFT, PASSAGE RETURNS TO MAIN CHAMBER, WAY ON  
YET TO BE EXPLORED. RETURN TOMORROW, TO PUSH AND  
SURVEY.



12/8/85

EL GRAND SHITO

AFTER 5 DAYS OF CONSTIPATION I FINALLY WENT.  
THANKS TO STEVE FOR THE LAXATIVE  
Howard Taylor



BADOSA.

MOSTAZO

HEDGEHOG CRAWL

THE ITALIAN JOB

NODDY, SLUGG, BOB, ITALIANS :- GLUACO, LUIGI

INSTRUCTIONS FROM BIG UN : "DON'T MENTION JUVENTAS"

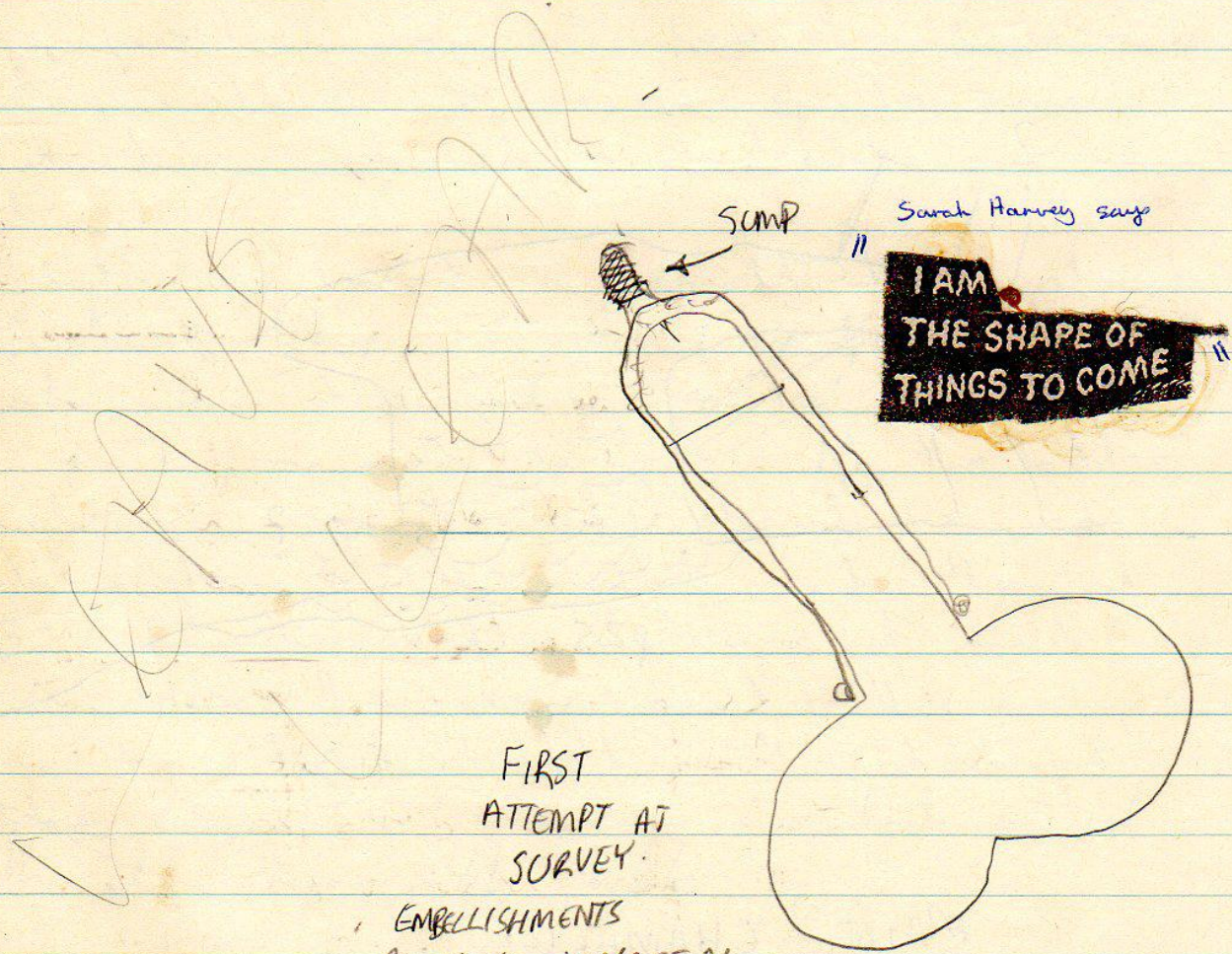
got to pitch "OK. No Problem." Italian.

Italians went down pitch "but not good."

So tight.

Everywhere ~~to~~ "wo" above pitch. Slugg.

However the draught called so a return was made. Bar Herman.

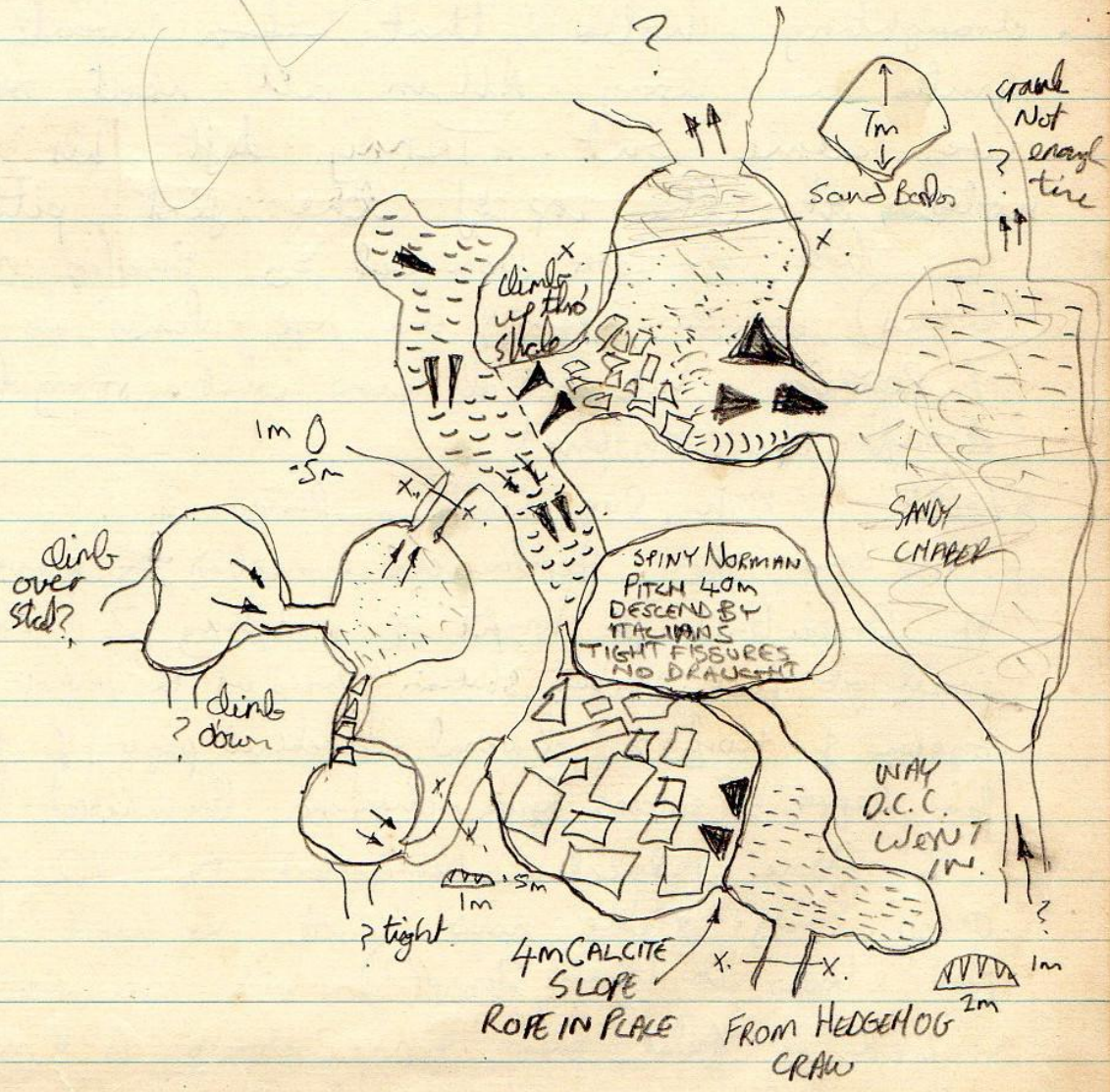


FIRST ATTEMPT AT SURVEY.

EMBELLISHMENTS BY LANK, NODDY ET.AL.



*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes at the top of the page]*





NOT WEBEL  
WROTE THIS?

BUT NOT

SARAH (WHO  
DID FUCK ALL

13/8/85 Reñada → Azpilcueta - Terry, Dave, Sluggo, ~~Comic~~  
~~Went~~ in to survey and hunt draughts  
around and about The Mines at The End of The World.  
Got in to Azpil pretty rapidly and piggled  
down to the end of the Portenzo passage, ooked!  
at the preltags then wandered down through  
a hole in the floor by R17 to get  
into some low level phetic stuff. Terry  
descended a sharp nasty shaft to 7m but it  
choked. Co and Sluggo ~~also~~ went hunting  
holes while Dave and Terry surveyed. Most  
holes choked but there was a tight  
draughting hole that ~~when~~ went down  
quite a way. All in all nowt much. So  
we came out. Terry left his surveying  
notes at the top of the first pitch out.

These were later discovered by Sue (of Mike/Sue/Smor fame  
below) at the bottom of the rope-climb at the entrance series  
of Reñada - but we all know what a strong draught there is  
through this system!

13/8/85 Mike, Sue, Smor - Reñada 2.

Trip down thro Azpilcueta connection to survey top to bottom  
of Cueva Hall for benefit of matching Z-coords. The loss of  
pencil at first survey station forced us to revert to millenia-old  
system of twig & charcoal-bloached paper for taking notes, with  
fair degree of success. Torja-chamber, illuminated by Spanish-type  
8" flame reduced in dimensions to 10x20m cross-section  
camp. Fairly stable now - with no heart-shuddering moments  
Had a look at lower Sump(1), but no draughts or bypasses  
in area - false over sump, about 6-8m above water level  
not noted at, as I have this great fear of deep water, but



doesn't seem probable.

5.8.85. Cateran. Hank, Juan, Gravel, R. Steve, Liz + Julie.  
Hank, Juan, Gravel + S.S. on S.R.T.

The wonders of S.R.T. meant that only Gravel didn't need the ladder. Juan took 1 1/2 hrs. to get back up the pitch having taken c. 300 steps to go 60 feet. After the change over he abandoned the rope totally + self-lined.

Beside this the videoing went well + Cateran took a whole new perspective.

Juan could have climbed the ladder in the time it took him to put his sit harness on at the bottom. Fortunately for his sea life his sit harness was comfortable.



# STEEL PIN

**QUIN**

**FEAR OF THE DARK!**

INTO THE SEEDIER PARTS OF THE PLANET.



THE DARK? NOTHIN', JUDGE!

WE DON'T GO NEARS IT, NO SIR!

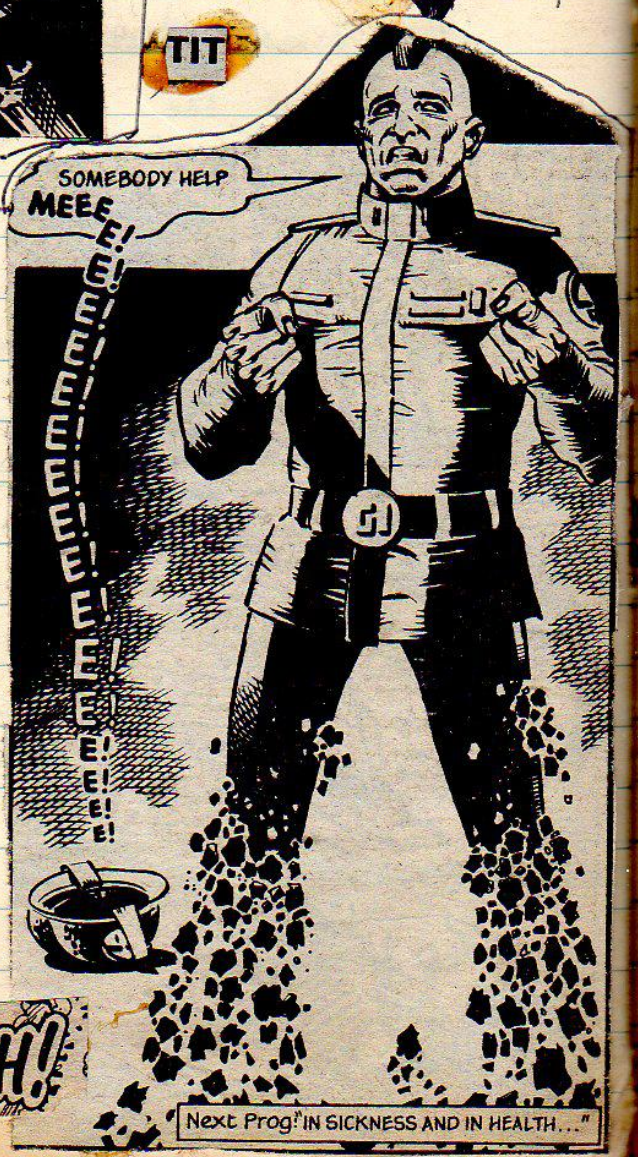
NOBODY THAT'S GONE INTO THE DARK HAS EVER COME OUT OF IT!

**EYELESS IN HELL!**

MAN IN THE DARK...

ABOUT AS MUCH USE AS A PAPER HAT IN AN ACID STORM!

**TIT**



SOMEBODY HELP MEE!

EEEEEE!

**in THE DARK**

WHOOPS!

HELP!

WHAT IS IT, QUIN?

**KERRASH!**

**SMASH!**

SHOULD HAVE REALISED HE'D RUN INTO THE MUTANT BARBOSSA

THEY CALL ME THE MUTANT.



**CRASH!**

Next Prog<sup>n</sup> IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH...



AFTER THE RESCUE THE OPERATION



# THE MEGA PLAN REVEALED!

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I CAN REFORM HIM! I CAN OPERATE ON HIS BRAIN!

THE OPERATION IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

## TINKLE!

THEY TRIED. (BUT NOT VERY HARD).

OH, FOOP!

AFTER THE OPERATION

EEK!

THE MEATHEAD'S HAD HIS LEGS TAKEN OFF -

MUTANT MACHO-FREAKS!

# SHOCK



HOW'S QUINN, BUD?

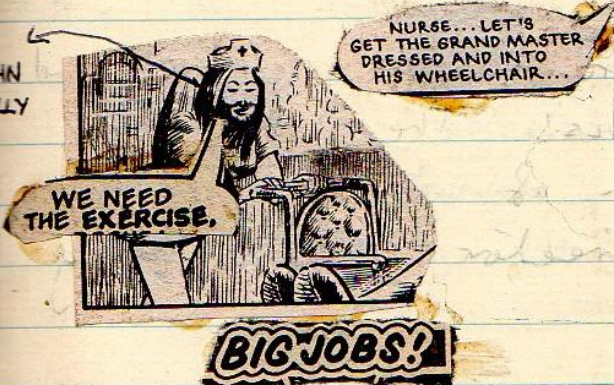
SLEEPING NOW. NINA TOLD ME HE'S THE BEST.

HE WAS A PHANTOM.

OH, BROTHER! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A GUY WHO'S FINALLY FLIPPED HIS LID?

WEEKS LATER

JOHN LALLY



NURSE... LET'S GET THE GRAND MASTER DRESSED AND INTO HIS WHEELCHAIR...

WE NEED THE EXERCISE,

## BIG JOBS!

MONTHS LATER

### THE BOYS ARE BACK!

THE MUTANT

... WAS PAID TO TAKE A DIVE.



NUTS TO THAT, QUINN!



14 August El Big Biggo trip.

Liz (first by special request), Juan (King for a day), Lank the wanked out, Squeaky Dave + Grovel the illiterate

Left at 9-30, (note this early start, because Isabela didn't and we were 25 min late!). Rushed into Biggo carrying for Phil's diving trip and tacking up on way. (sounds good but it was only 1 sack really). When started filming the apprentice actor didn't understand the directors instructions "ACTION!" Juan cries.

"Whats that?" says Squeaky, sitting down on his bum.

"ACTION" Screams Juan

"Oh, I understand" says squeaky, and wanders off in the ~~opp~~ opposite direction to that required.

"PLEASE, ACTION, IT ONLY MEANS ACTING NORMAL DAVE!"

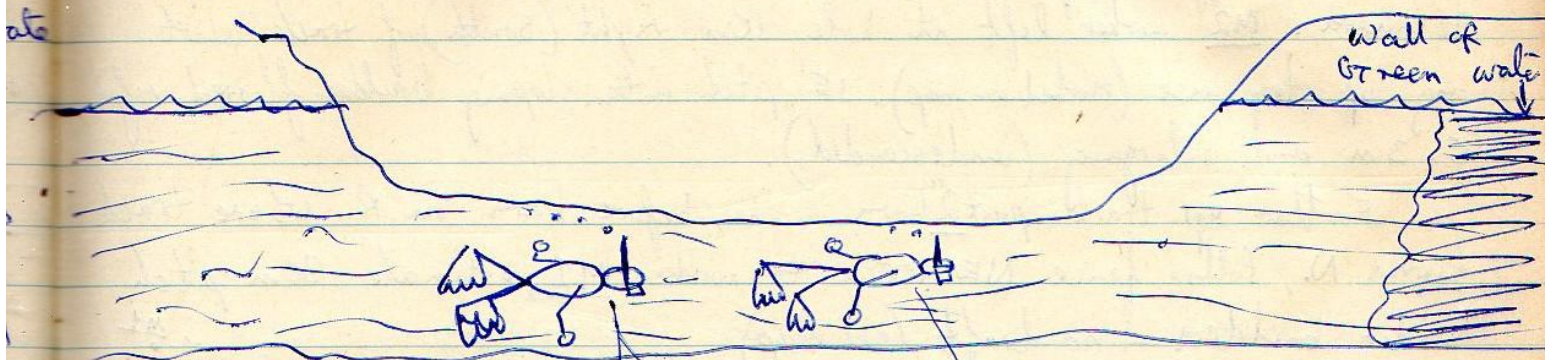
Squeaky promptly falls over!

Meanwhile the ~~two~~ real hero's ~~arrive~~ arrive and swim off into the seamp. Fools! The rest of us came out videoing. Not much of interest to us near minions, but El ~~the~~ Director was having orgasms all way through.

News Flash. On way out of Biggo, while admiring view out of entrance, Lank started to ~~for~~ grope at Grovels hand. Grovel then enquired of Liz whether this



call was for ~~the~~ her. Luke turned bright red  
and Juan filmed it as a substitute for a sunset!!



"Hey Fred what's  
your job?"

"I'm a North Sea Diver"

"Diving Biggo sump  
must be ~~a~~ real  
change for you"

Better than being  
a Bus man ~~or~~  
on holiday!

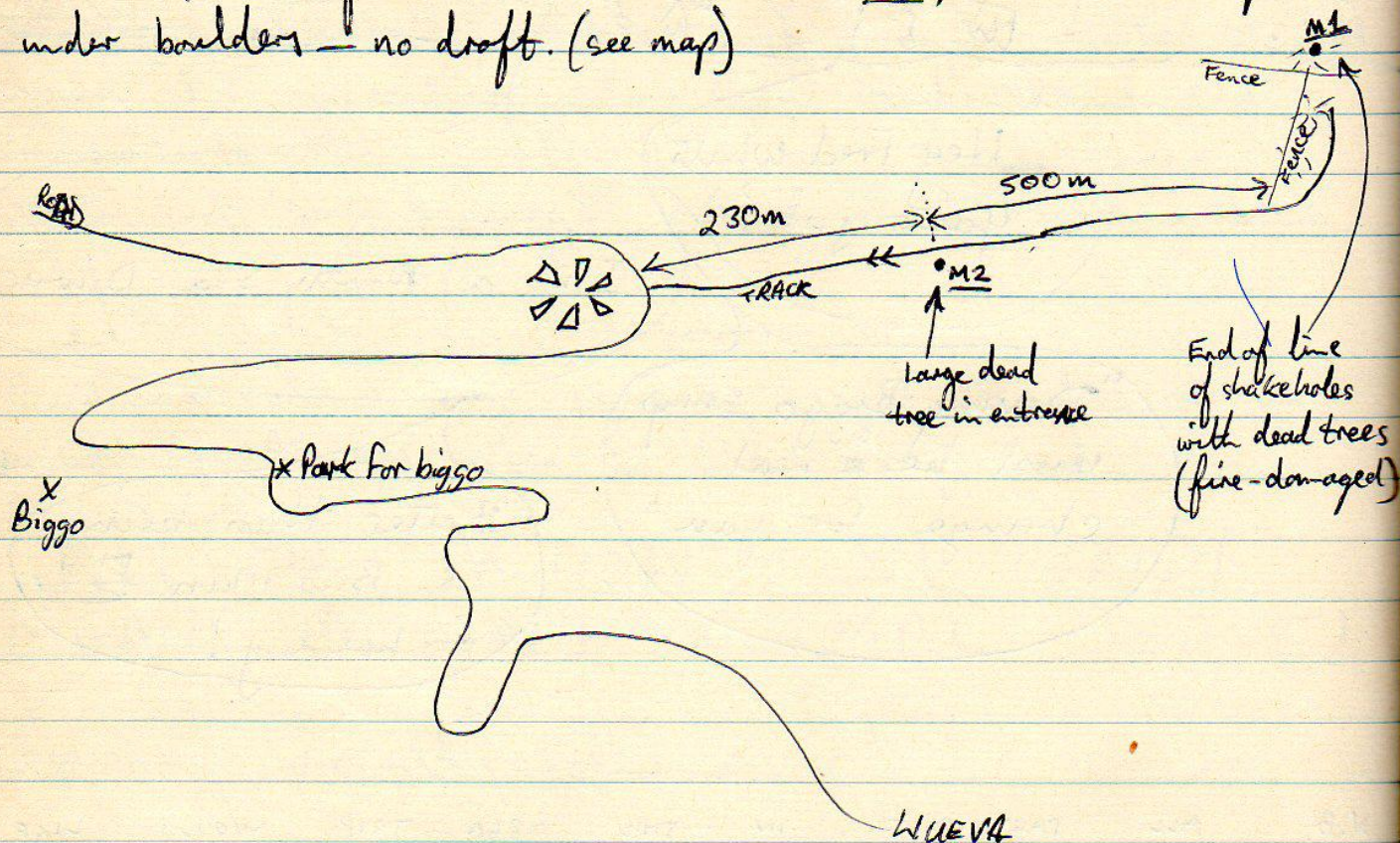
N.B. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MEGA TRIP WOULD LIKE  
TO THANK SARAH MARVEY FOR KEEPING THE BAR  
OPEN ALL AFTERNOON (THUS SACRIFICING HER INSATIABLE  
DESIRE TO VENTURE INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE NETHERWORLD  
[NOODY'S NETHERS] FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EXPEDITION, QUEEN  
& EVERYBODY ELSE'S NETHERS)



14/8/85 - Sue + Mike Bethshaw - Surface exploration:-

Track off east from 180° bend in road round shakehole on way to huera. M2 marker left at hole 10m right (south) of track short way up steep rise (marked on map). 15' pitch into sloping boulder-floored rift 5 x 3 m and enlarging (undescended).

Further up track past <sup>net</sup> barn on L., before barn on R. where track turns N., follow fence NE 100m to marker M1; estimate 30m pitch under boulders - no draft. (see map)



18/8/85. Renada / Azpilégüeta. Cos, Nicky, Steve

Surveyed the big brick chamber, and a small <sup>draughting</sup> phreatic passage just under the big brick, which dropped into an old choked stream passage. This was reached by a 25 ft climb down, and a tight squeeze. ~~interior~~ Retrieved the surveying tape left by ? the day before.



14/8/85 Mustang - Man, Jim, Mick.  
Miked down to Dumb Chamber area for Mick  
to photo prettier. Man + Jim returned to Golden Void  
to locate passage found by us by surveying back  
from Golden Void.

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14/8/85. Alyssas - Spanish cave. Naddy, Portenzo Pebe, Sumari  
& 5 Spaniards. Basically a tourist trap for us to let English cavers  
know the what to expect of this cave should any work need  
undertaking here. Entrance series of 5 pitches  $\approx$  20m, 10m, 15m, 20m, 32m  
impressively belayed & rebelayed - much easier to rig on ladders, as  
Spaniards admitted. Gear dumped at bottom. turn left

100 m stoop/crawl to start of "meanders", 300m of not  
particularly bad traversing in roof of trench with little water in bottom.  
Drop down to floor of trench, and  $\approx$  100m crawling involving 3 web  
ear ducts & 1 steel grill - all prone to sumping - originally free-  
dived during initial explorations. At end out into big passage at  
top of large muddy boulder pitch with another inlet on left.

Stopped at this point. Way on is traverse over rock bridge to  
left - climb down approx 10m, traverse <sup>anti</sup> clockwise thro 270°  
to a large loose rock-bridge belay for next 35m pitch.  
Entire muddy & unstable - could hear boulders falling  
spontaneously all time we were there.

At bottom of pitch 700m large stream passage to  
blockage at stream level - backtrack  $\approx$  100m & climb up (rasty)  
& over in roof passages will can drop back to stream again.  
- then stomp off to sump pool - large & clear. At present  
the Spaniards are pushing roof passages & crawls & digging a choked  
bedding plane following a draught.

length  $\approx$  2kms to stung with  $\approx$  1km side passages.  
Survey not complete at present. Starts off NW - but turns



towards waterizo further down.

~~2:00:00~~ ~~14:08:85~~

14:08:85 CUEVA LLUEVA

PHIL, TALKING TERRY, STEVE, RICH, EL SLUGO, FRED  
THE DIVING TRIP (BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY)

Everyone through the camp O.K., but finding the way on through Luggers' boulder choke proved difficult, as the line had been washed out. Slug and Fred climbed an awen, following a draught, whilst the rest of the team went on to push the boulder choke at the end.

Despite comments by Slug, the climb up the awen went, and after a short section of awkward passage a break through into a ten foot diameter pneumatic tube was soon found. Storming off into the black void Slug was getting more and more excited, the passage was getting bigger and bigger, passing through parallel rifts and at "Andy Quinn's broken foot junction" the passage took on the proportions of Biggo. Stomping passage lead on. Slug almost creaming himself, was screaming with excitement, while Fred was beginning to suffer from heat exhaustion due to his six mill. diving suit.

at a junction (later to prove no more than an archway), it was decided prudent to return for the others, as the passage was proving mega!

Having collected the rest of the team, and refreshed Fred, by drinking gow pool water through calite straws, exploration continued beyond the previous limit as incredible pneas tube led to a huge (as in biggest ever seen) boulder slope was encountered. This was by-passed by climbing



half way up, skirting to the right and drinking down again. A large passage full of breakdown lead onwards. The sound of the river in the distance stirred the adrenalin, and had people leaning forward in excitement. Around a left hand bend Cañason water was met. Exploration continued by climbing a downstream boulder slope. At the top of this, later found to be approx. 1 kilometer from the connection, a halt was called. The passage, thirty feet wide by fifteen high continued, with the river roaring in the distance, was left for the next trip and the "crown" cave was surveyed on the way out. A few side passages were looked at but nothing of significance was found.

Back at the break through the "upstream" passage was explored, this ended very quickly in a mud infill completely blocking the passage.

An eventful trip out was made, after a total of eleven and a half hours underground.

15 August The weary wanderings of the  
 Washed out Wanderers.  
 Hank, Big, Mike, Sam, Juan, Gravel.

Set ~~at~~ this point a real ~~is~~ what  
 was said!!

Take 2. Set out to a man  
 1 hr.

Take 3 Set PTO two pages!



A team Keith & Jim - Jim led the whole cheesy mess  
 '8' team Bob & Bill & Frank - Detatched Frank's Folly alias Tent Peg wall alias the Meringue

Cobranetes 14/8/85. OBVIOUS climb (only if your bloody mental) on right after traverse round pitch and climb up to stal boss. Consistency of eggshell-on-slit - use tent peg technique as pioneered by famous Victorian explorer, but must be prepared to stick one's neck out.

~~Very easy~~. 30m from sentry box up to chamber with SESS written all over. Rumoured to have been mapotted - brilliant but can't the same technology write the bloody thing up! There ARE NO ways on up this climb.

THERE IS NO DRAUGHT IN COBRANTES.

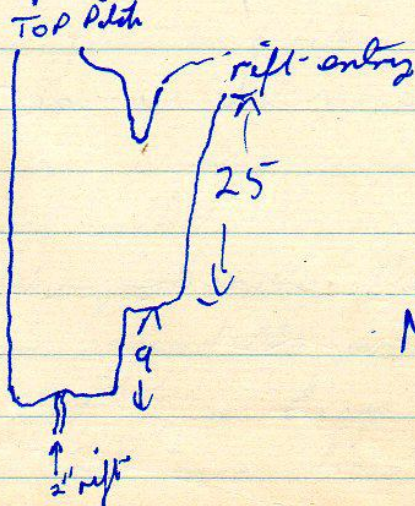
Yes there is, Jim - in an alcove under the meringue but it needs an enthusiastic lump-hammer wielder

15/8/85 Pedro, Phil, Julie & Graham, Hills to west of Spear Pot (X-29H)

Short, steep ~~walk~~ climb up to 600m with 56m rope and my SRT gear (at the time I thought more of the team had gear). Looked at 4 holes that Pedro had found before, and 1 that Graham found.

① 18m pitch, slope down boulders to -23m and 2m drop to mud floor, inlet on left, stalled up 1 ~~4~~ Dig. (569)

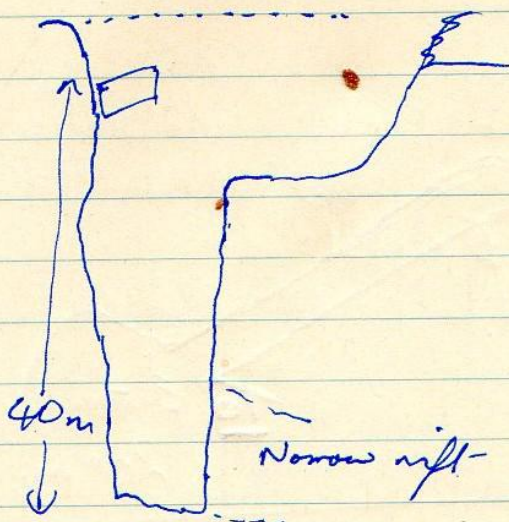
② 25m pitch to 9m second to flat floor and 2" rift (570)



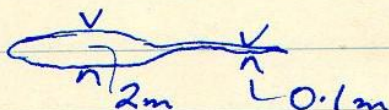
NO GO!!



③ 40m <sup>deep</sup> narrow rift - heading in direction of unexplored shaft (3B) lower down hill (on same fault).



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3B Rift between ③ & ②, we ~~also~~ thought - it would go to ③ as we had ~~heard a sound~~ heard a sound when a rock had been dropped down ③. This hole should be done, as it is a ~~steep~~ steep ramp down to a pitch, and may be below the level of 3 & 2 at the bottom.

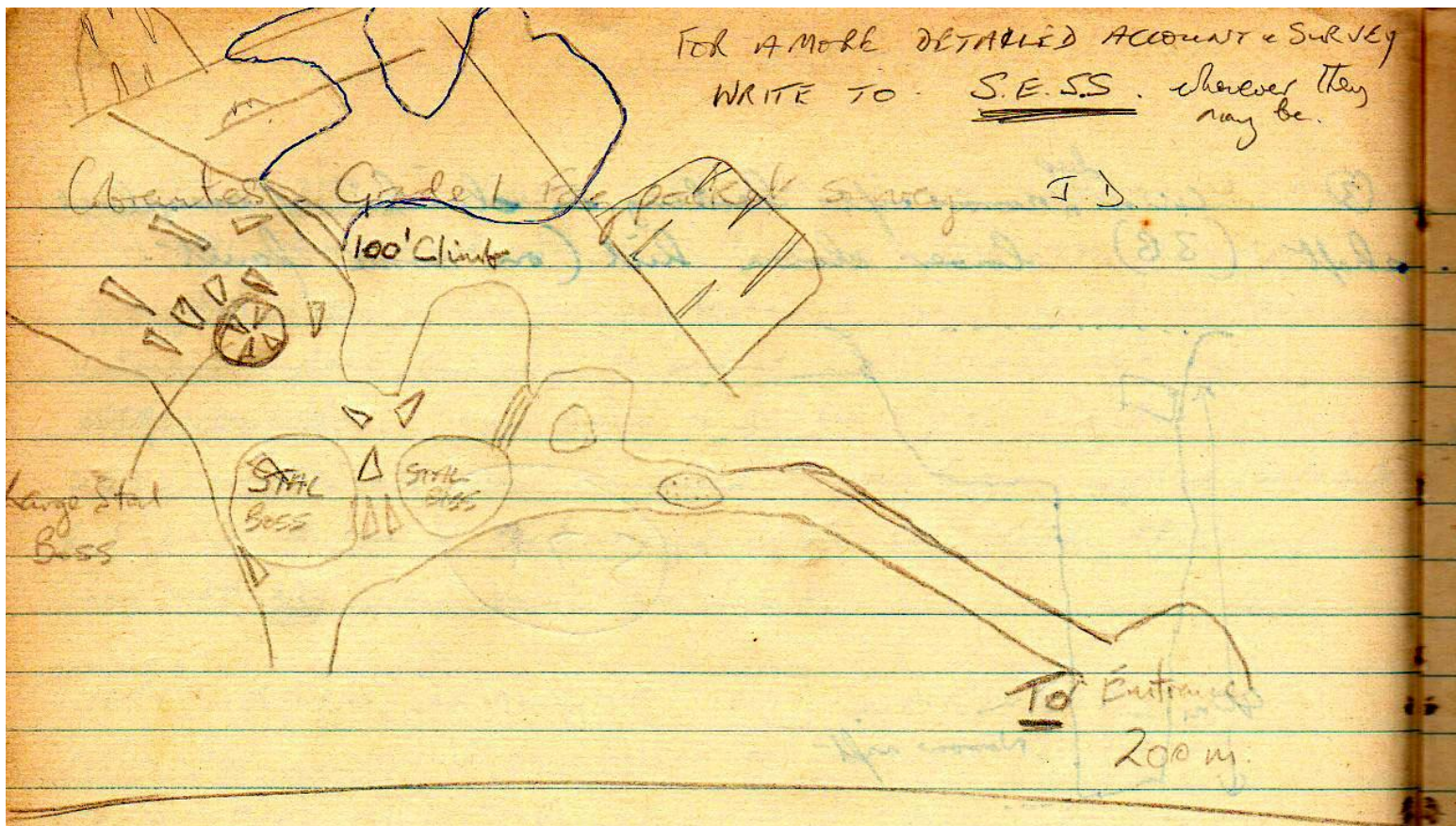
4. Graham found this hole when I put bolts in to ③. This seems the best - dig of the four.  
24m to chamber & squeeze (easy) draughting in.

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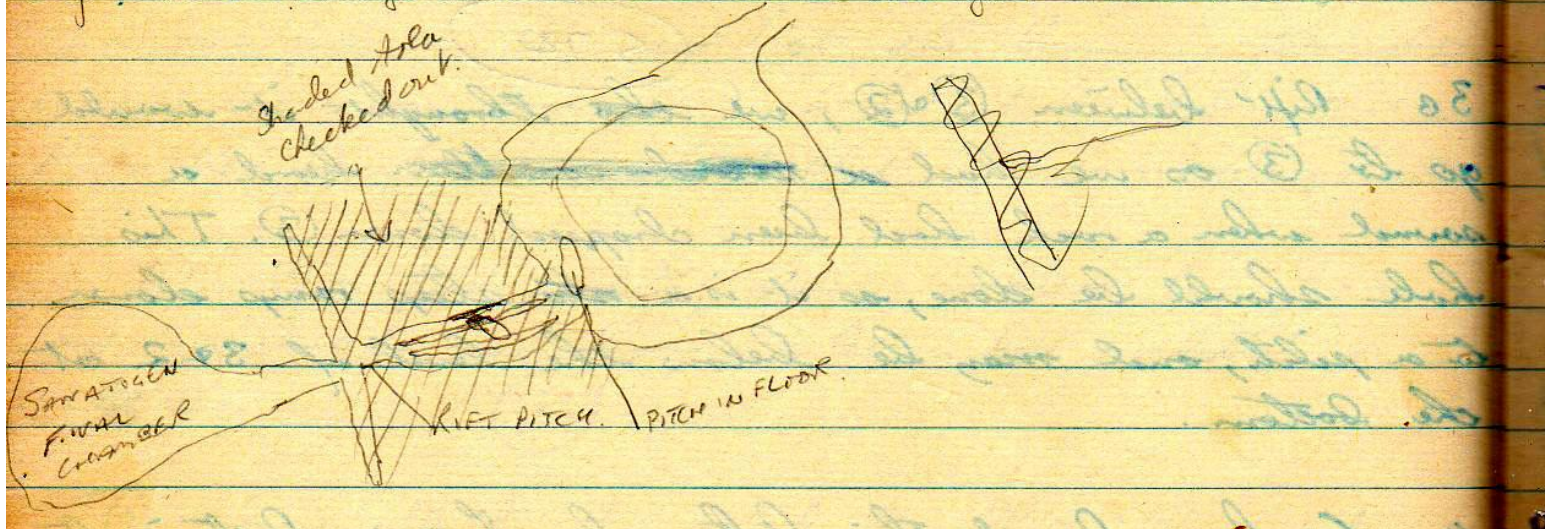




For A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT & SURVEY  
WRITE TO S.E.SS. wherever they  
may be.



Renada 11/8/85 Checked out ways on between once laddered  
rft into Sanatogen Fossil chamber and first pick out



At Jeff's Thinking Take Four

The Weary wanderings of the Wanked out Wonder  
Take Four. Set out to push down the  
caves found by Mike + save the day before.

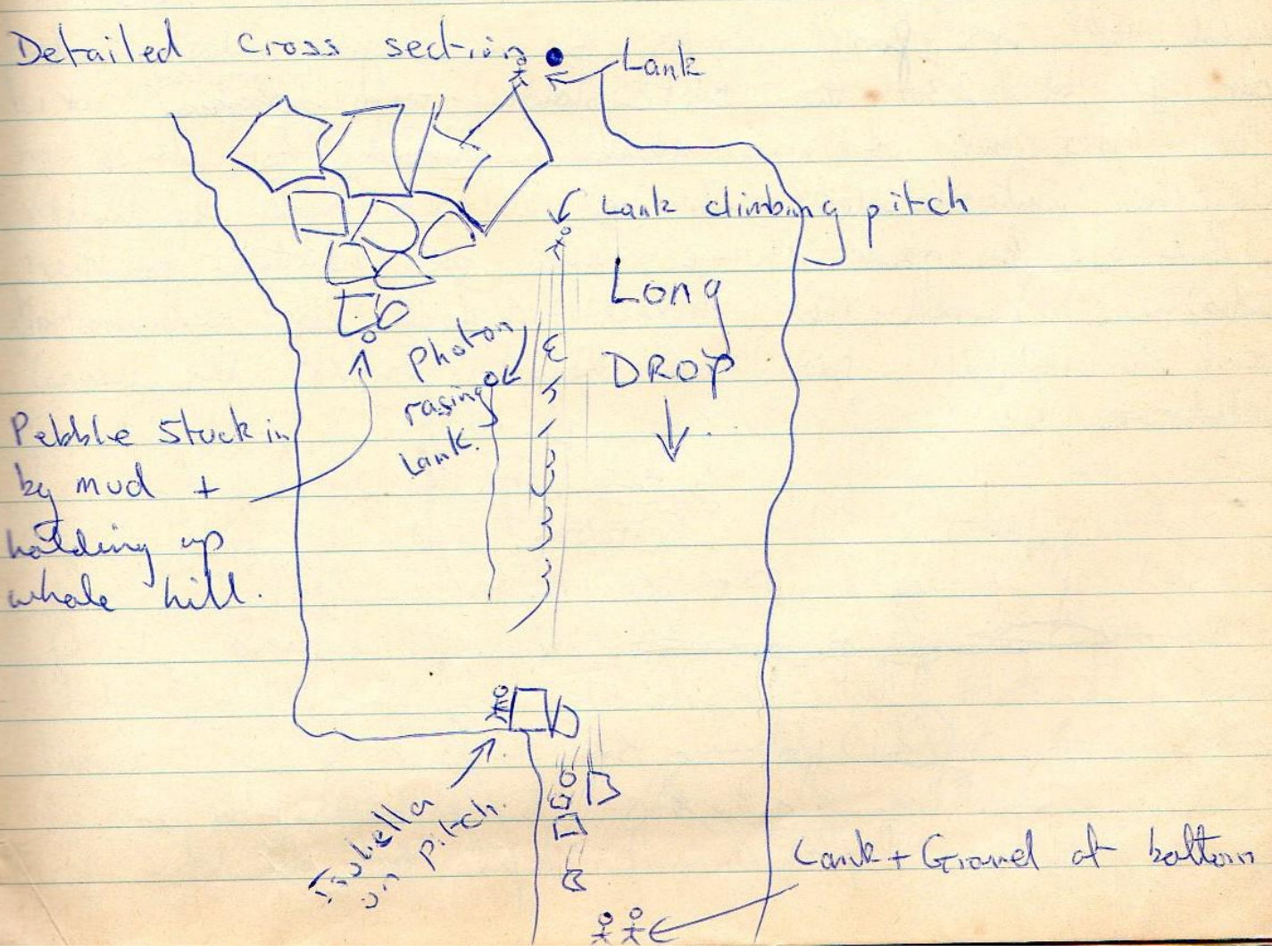


Grot to cave M2 and threw ladder down. Lank jumped down to top of next pitch and started to put-in a ball.

Lank " Tap, Tap, Tap"  
Boulder Choke " BOOM, CRASH, BANG "

Lank " Tap, Tap"  
Boulder choke " CRASH, RUMBLE "

Lank " Hey Gravel I think you are better at  
batting than me."  
Boulder Choke " BOOM, BANG "



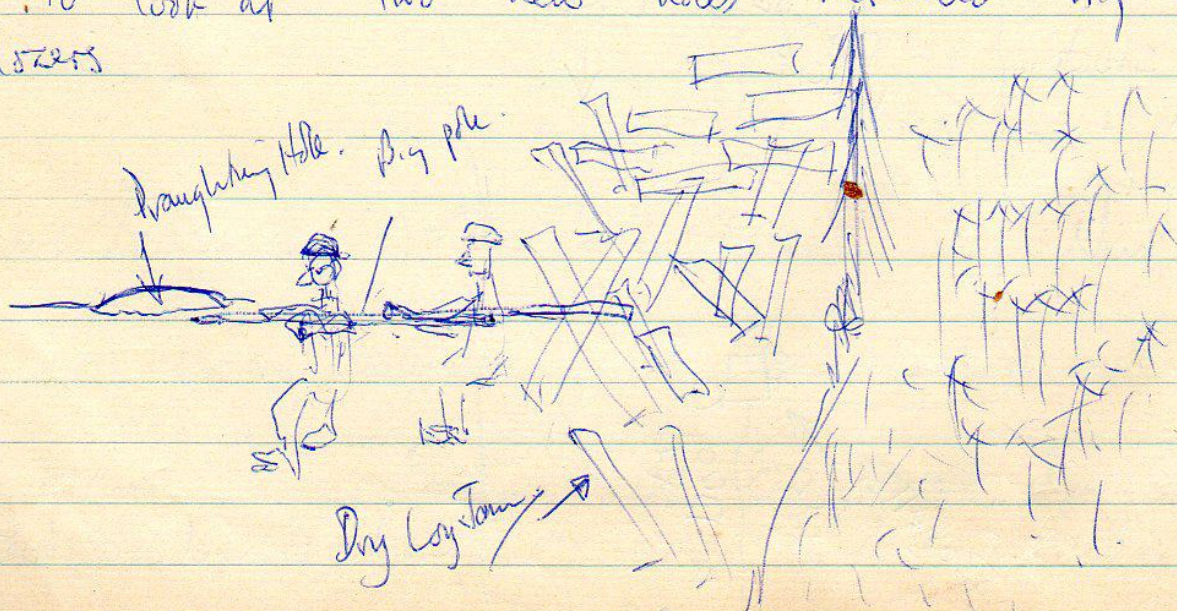


M2. Very loose rift about 100 ft deep. No draft. Not worth going down even if you value your life.

Then went to M1 which was much more stable. (Quick sand is more stable than M2). 20m entrance pitch to large chamber 15m x 10m with no obvious way on. Scrabbled about in floor and found descending rift.

16th August.

Well it was getting pretty late. The neighbours were causing trouble again cooking breakfast and hurting my head. So after a deal of pestering a trip was decided upon. Raño I could see it's first visitors for a year. We finally got off at 2.30 the Bertenshaws were ~~gathering~~ <sup>champing</sup> at the bits but were eventually allowed to climb into the white beetle and be carried over the hill to Raño. A quick change and we headed for the entrance. Ignored the obvious draught etc and instead went to look at two new holes revealed by the bulldozers.





(77)

This was caused  
by Liz finding  
a bite.

One went about 20m. to low draughting crawl  
diggable. Found no more excuses so had  
to go underground. Uneventful entering until  
we got slightly lost. Went off into roof and  
B on survey found various bits off c 50m to a  
large chamber - lots of eggs in it hence the  
Egg Scrambles. Further downstream at c an survey  
climbed back towards entrance. Explored 140m (paced)  
passage no real end. Came back & met the others.  
Went off to ladder pitch mainstreaming and up to  
end without any problem - Oh sorry found another  
chamber with horrendous choke on roof - off into  
"unexplored passage". At Catprint passage we stopped  
at the stal run while Grovel was sent off to  
investigate the choke at the end. After 2 hrs he  
hadn't come back so I went to find him. Just  
as I arrived he had climbed into a higher passage  
muttering something about another passage above.  
At this point I had an overwhelming urge  
to use the Rioño survey I was carrying  
for purposes for which it was not intended. After  
leaving a large pile of something unpleasant in  
the chamber, I returned to the others and we waited  
for some time - Grovel did not return so we went  
off to look at side passages on the left. While  
exploring them Grovel arrived to say he had  
found "Cave's Measureless to Man & Woman". Approx 300m  
of stamper off the climb at the end of Catprint  
passage. We returned to the sandy chamber 60m from  
the end of Catprint and not to be outdone I went  
off into the roof and found The Crystal Sand Mines



beautiful crystal walls. Passages going off in various directions. Winner! Took a few photos on the way out - Grovel wants a 'middle' so I have to stop writing for a second or two. Got out at about 9 so it was a jolly trip really considering how late we got down.

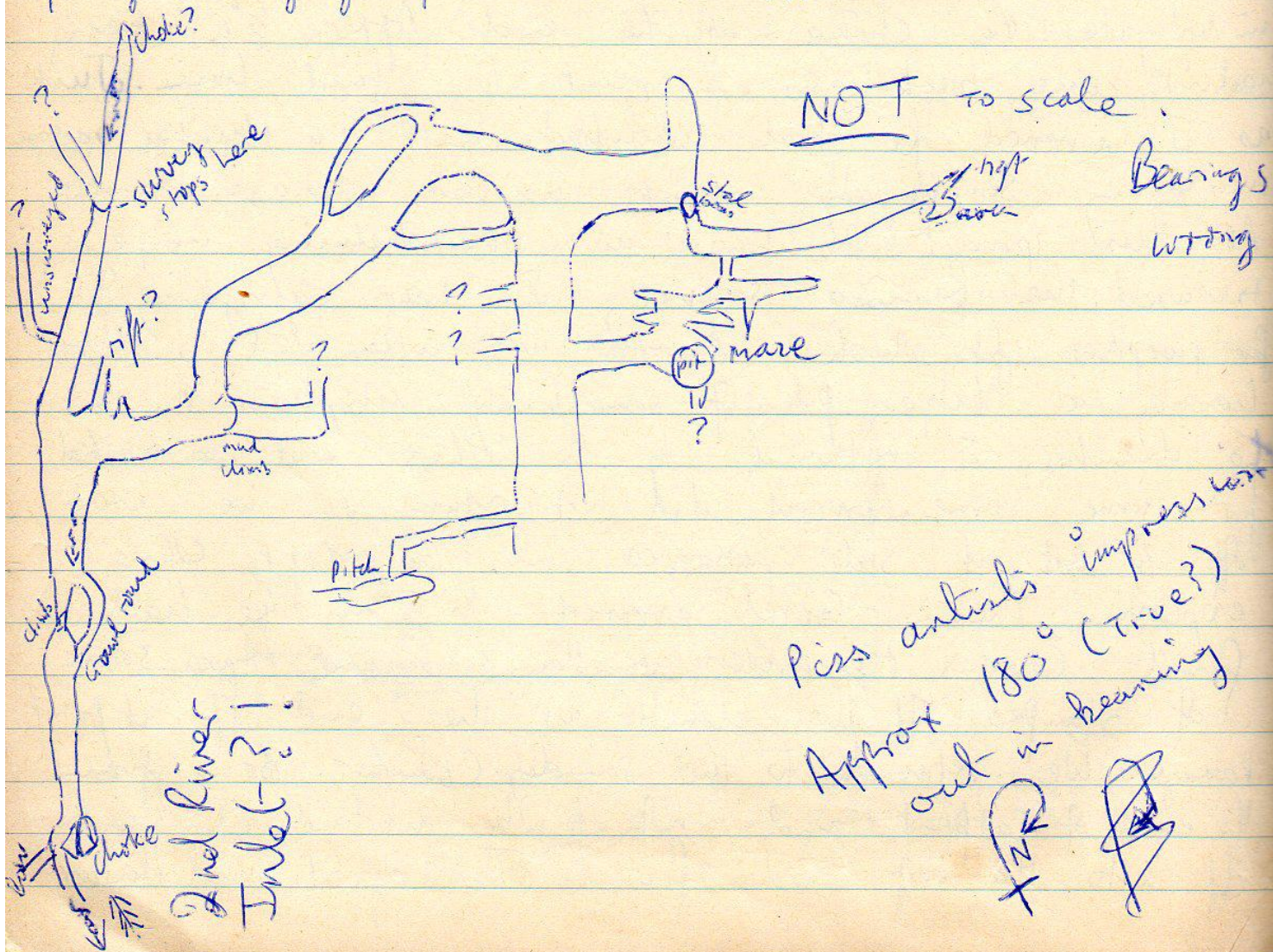
17th August ~~16th~~ Rioño.

Go to big passage at top of climb explored 16th.

Liz, Lank and Pete in left hand at top of pitch.

At first we missed the way on and surveyed round maze and big pit and various insignificant big chambers.

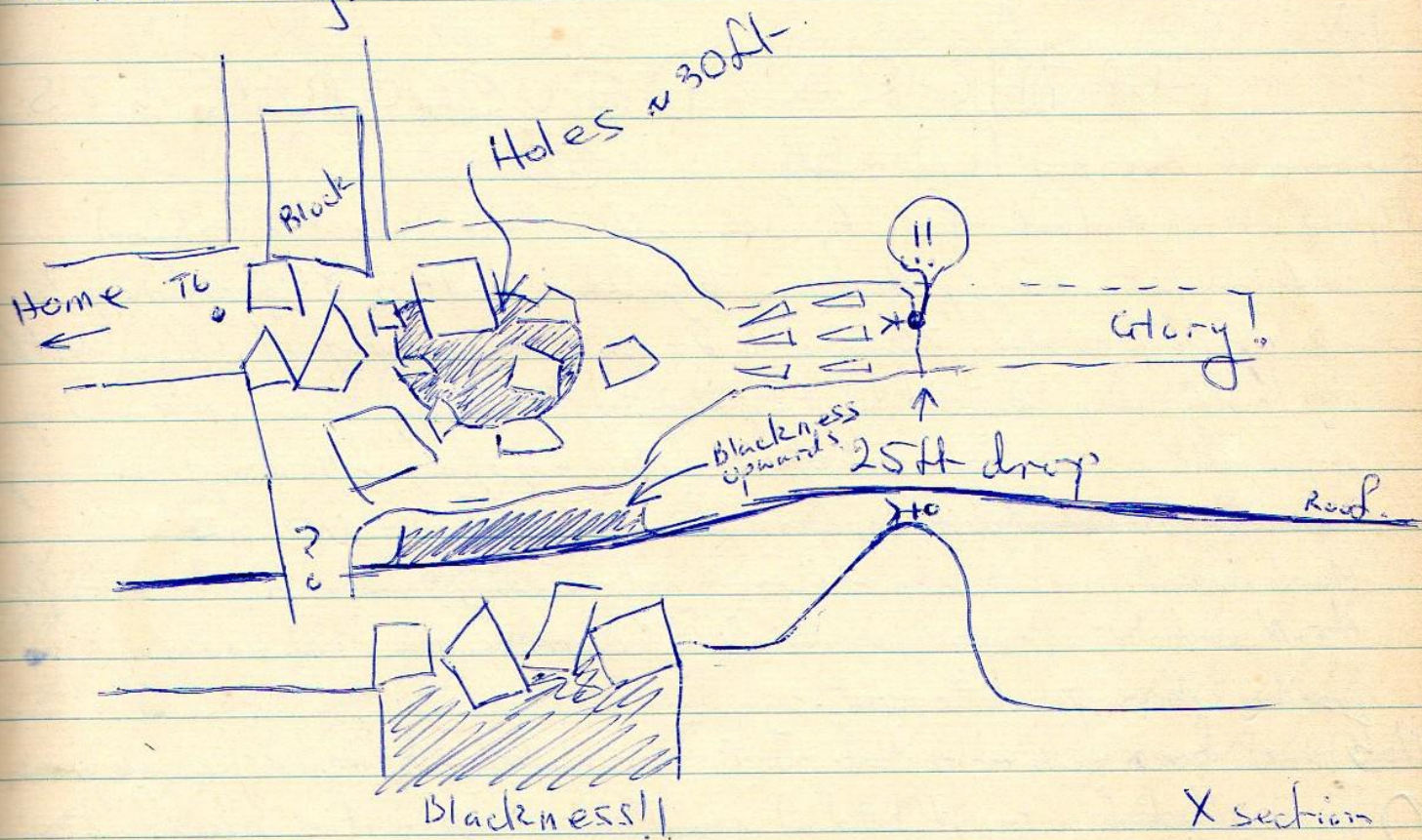
Finally found way on, leading after various junctions to a stream passage draughting upstream and well-decorated inlet.





Other Kam. Sue Tony, Gavel

Sauntered to the end Round day before and found big ole in floor. Didn't like it (Poked around and thought it was about to close down - actually had to put knee down at one point!!). Continued until reached a massive cross fault and huge holder-Pilled Chamber. Took easy option and surveyed ~100m of 10x5m passage which had a floor. On way back wizzed around chamber to sandy climb up back. When at top looked over sand cornice to big passage beyond. Recommend use of a deadman belay.



Lots of bits left. (hundreds really)

NEWS FLASH

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SH ----- NEWS FLASH.

A spokesman for the Matienzo 85 expedition today announced that the passages surveyed by Clark + Hig<sup>+ Peter</sup> today in Riano 1 probably connects with Second River Inlet.

This has still to be confirmed by an independent witness, but our caving ~~comerpondant~~ comerpondant says this is a very likely.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS!

Saturday - Noddy Julie Jane Bill.

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11/8/85 Went to look at no 4 (see 15/8/85 Pedro Julie Phil Graham)

Actually summoned up the energy to go down it. It is 80 feet deep to a mound of rubble. There are 2 draughts - one out of the floor on the North side - very unstable but it exploded to the runway other at W end up slope under terrible loose roof thru the easy squeeze - the draught comes up & the rubble ~~had~~ chokes descended inadvertently by Julie. NO GO

There's also a drip tube under the South wall heading back under boulders to the N wall but if anybody moves it's El Colapso on your head. No doubt no promise. Nice pitch to now.

12/8/85 Went for a walk while Noddy Julie Jane son bothed & I dreamed of cerveza

found a Yorkshire type (butchery) inward draughting phreatic. Someone's been here before. Down splitshaft - 20ft over way - n.w.t. 25ft further way - 3 inch slot then 15ft. Do slot transition insert noddy continues in roof. Stal blockage - 40 foot shaft beyond - Reckon 3 inch slot & Noddy's shaft connect. Take a lump hammer & chisel on nowing

Also 100 feet further on to 2 bedding / rock, not winter on

on up - bedding plane entry dug to about 15 feet in - 2 rocks to shift



This pen is about as much use as a bit of half burnt  
 matchstick & (reckon) Speteo recovers ought to buy us a  
 new one

18/8/85

(574)

Only Caving Trip of the day by JuJu + Pete. "Come  
 to a little stream passage in Ozana". Turns out to  
 be 30ft tight pitch into 3x3 ft passage which narrows and  
 boxes on sandstone to pools and eventually gets silly when  
 helmet and generator has to be removed when halfway through tight  
 bit. About 50m long - a sensation of on Mendip; but  
 in Matienzo just a limber-up for the FOOTBALL MATCH  
 which the Españols won 7-3.

17/8/85

Phil, Fred, Mike + Graham in Biggs.

Easy trip in, through the sumps and into the new  
 stuff. Photos were taken of "Andy Quinn's Foot" and "the  
 Rhinoceros". At the boulder choke, Phil and Fred climbed  
 to the top of the slope to get a decent photo. Whilst  
 posing by a huge dossier Fred noticed an upward draught.  
 A vertical climb up of ten feet led to an obscure route  
 through boulders. One final boulder was pushed ~~ass~~ aside  
 to reveal blackness. Shouting for Phil to follow Fred climbed  
 into a huge chamber.

Once Phil had joined him they set off up a  
 boulder slope which led to a mud floored passage with  
 lots of potties. The floor came within a metre of the



roof forcing the explorers onto their knees, a short section of cranking lead to large passage which became bigger and bigger and walking and scrambling amongst boulders finally lead to a "swirl" chamber with a way on below through boulders.

Whilst they were trying to find the descent route, Graham caught up with them, and after a brief discussion returned for the surveying equipment. Whilst chinking down through, "Linda's birthday connection" a boulder six feet long by two feet by two feet moved down the slope a short distance. This resulted in Phil and Fred ~~not~~ getting the survey gear!

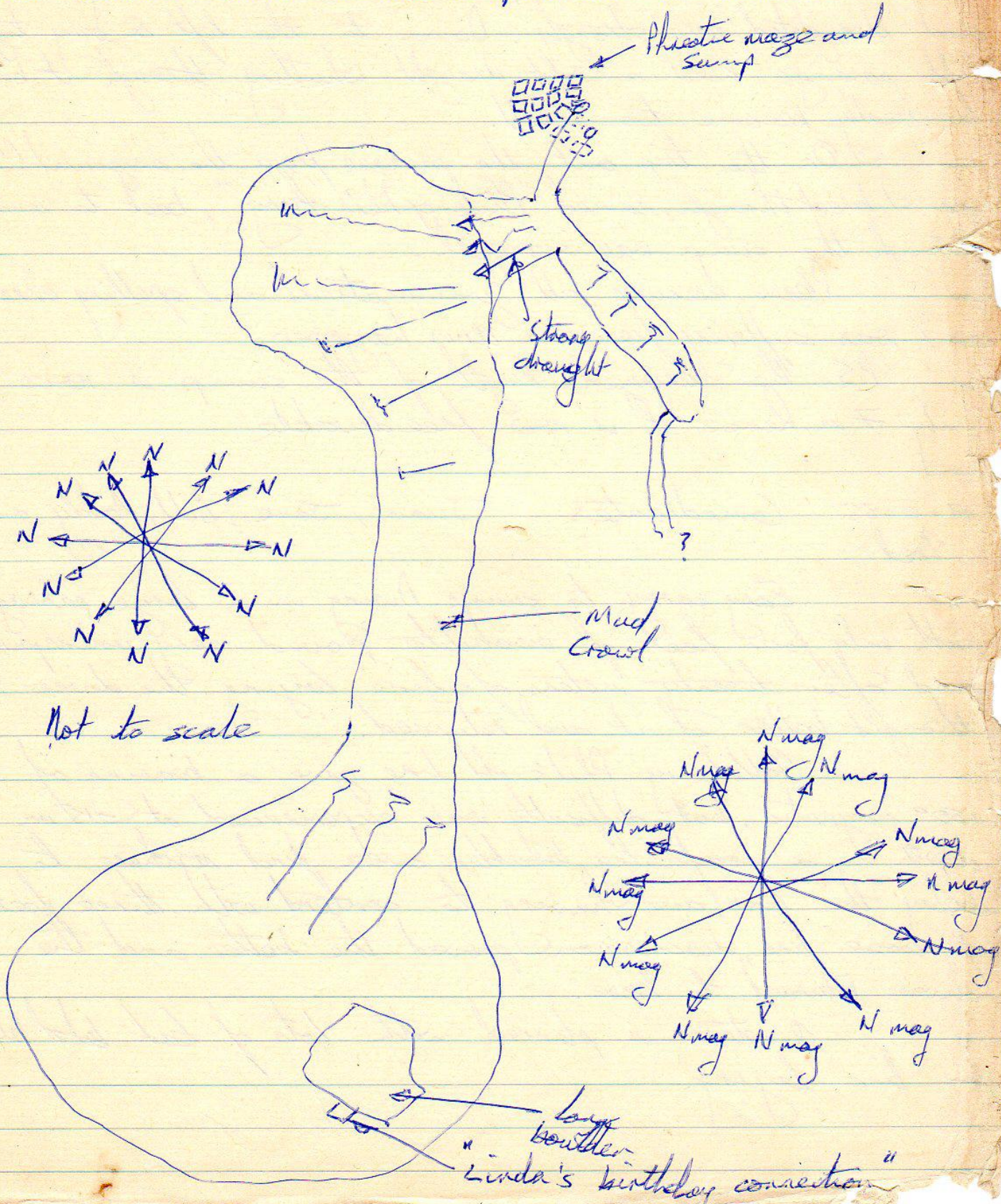
Down through the boulders led to a sloping passage. Ten feet from this a roaring draught was felt through a passage six feet high by ten feet across. This sloped down into a phreatic tube with the sound of the river in both directions.

Upstream a short section of passage soon reached the stream. A sink down through a hole in the floor lead to a phreatic maze! Various passages lead to a duct and essentially a sump. A great deal of difficulty was experienced in finding the route out, a maze of "identical" looking phreatic tubes lead off everywhere, with nothing to distinguish one passage from the other. Twenty minutes of search finally found a route out, but not through the original way in. This area of passage is extremely confusing, and draughts. Exploration in the future would be safer with the aid of a diving line.

A quote from Phil, "I was getting worried, but I would have been even more worried if the river had been rising."



Downstream from the junction lead to a sand filled passage, at the end of which a flat out crawl under the right hand wall draughted strongly. At a junction it was decided that it would be prudent to return.





Back with the others quick progress was made to the previous limit of exploration. The passage continued large for another 200 to 300 metres of boulder scrambling ~~to~~ lead to the inevitable boulder choke which was very solid and draughted very strongly. Down to the left a very tight left passage had a soft draught whistling through it but eventually became too small.

On the trip out the passage from the original (this year's) breakthrough, named "Philosopher's Fury", back to and through the camp was surveyed.

Please excuse all grammatical and spelling errors as I was suffering from an airis hangover.

P.S. The surveyed length of the sump is now only 7m, hence it is now free diveable

19.8.85 Comediantes Juan, Jane, Bill, Nolly and Fred.

Easy carry to sumps. Diving in a large passage with only four feet of visibility proved very uninspiring and after twenty metres of line laying the diver thought better of it and returned.

Following Phil's old line gave a bearing of  $180^{\circ}$  magnetic, but difficulty was experienced at 15m depth in a confusing boulder area find nowhere to belay the line, and having to contend with three feet of loose line, disorientation proved the better and the diver returned to base.

A return is planned with lots of lead shot blocks for line laying.

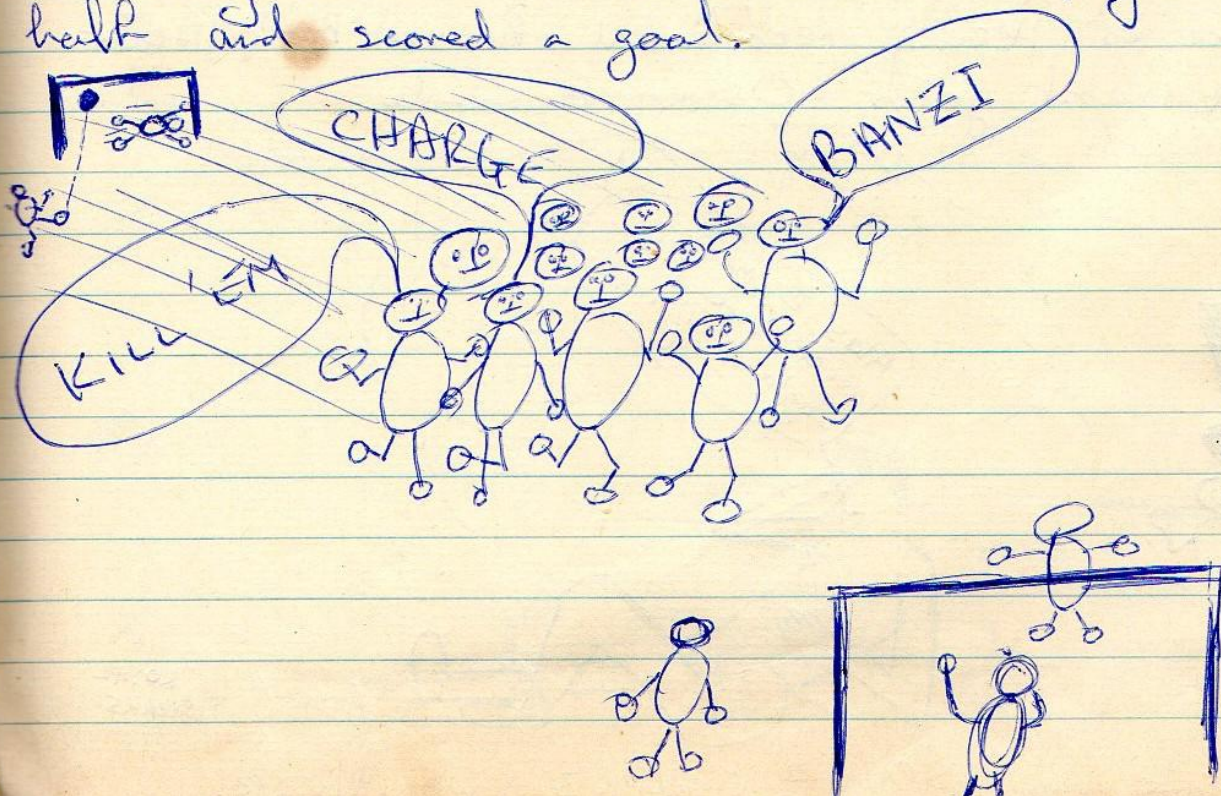


18/8/85

### The Football Match!

The glorious English football team proudly arrived onto the pitch in their exquisite ~~B~~ Matching Designer outfits, to be confronted by the ill dressed Spanish team. Everybody on the English side showed excellent taste and wore individual colours. ~~to two people~~ Some people even went to the extent of wearing non matching socks! The Spanish team ~~did~~ showed little individualism and all wore matching yellow and green outfits.

The whistle blew and the match started. The English started ~~to~~ attack straight away. However the result was more like the Light Brigade than Man Utd! After this initial thrust the Spanish casually kicked the ball into the empty ~~an~~ English half and scored a goal.





A special mention must be made of the condition of the pitch. The SAS would have been proud of it for their jungle warfare training! One half of the pitch (conveniently the Spanish) was beautifully mown and rolled, ~~the~~ the other was knee deep in grass, brambles and thistles. Not content with this slight change in conditions there were man traps added down one wing, and sun baked cow shit spread around. (For anyone <sup>who has</sup> never ~~been~~ fallen over on this it is like broken glass but with nasty diseases.)

Back to the game. It went exactly as the English had planned it except that the Spanish kept scoring! Much blood, sweat, toil and tears later we came to the crowning glory of the match, Fred's rendition of the dying swan from Swan Lake. Having been told by the ref that any rough stuff in the penalty area would be dealt with ~~seriously~~ seriously Fred decided to take a dive. Rudolf Nureev eat your heart out. This performance is being recommended for a Best Actor award of next year's Oscar awards.



The score was SPAIN 7 ENGLAND 3 we think.



20/8/85.

Juan, Tony + Julie in Uzeba to 2nd River Inlet.

Uneventful trip up to the wet crawl - deemed hypothermic due to strong draught whistling into upstream. Rio connection not yet proved as no-one on other side. Digging not really on - little space and may fric.

Zoomed back to Flashgun Chamber Passage and the climb and passages entered by Luke on 7/8/85. While Juan is deliberating on which bit of hanging death to climb up, Julie appears above having entered a narrow sandy ramp further along the main passage. All up to head of pitch. (250) after initial

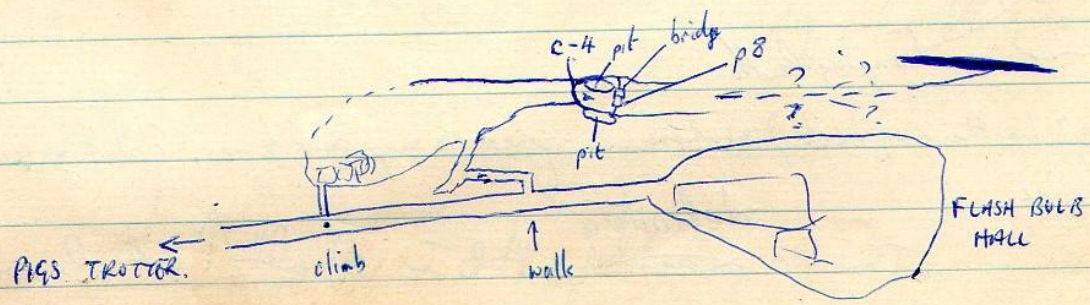
A roped climb down to "bridge" means that 25ft of ladders can be belayed via a rope to boulder in floor of passage above. ~~Passage~~ Juan descends into passage trending @ 255°.

Mucho phreatic with holes off all over the place. About 50m from pitch base a drop between blocks enters a 3m wide rift with superb straight walls rising out of sight, and one set of prints.

Ten metres down into this passage an inlet (3x2) enters 5m up the right hand wall (with some water). A mud climb up was not attempted (due to loneliness) but someone has been here before.

About 100m entered but not pushed. Draught at head of pitch (blowing out of the extension) was not found below. Needs surveying and pushing.

not being able to afford a Julie, not believing in back-up lights, was found in Flash Bulb Hall on top of a large boulder heap.

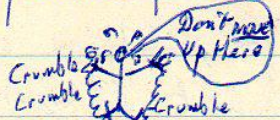




21.8.85 Noddy Jane Bill ~~563A~~/58? - marked 563A in carbide

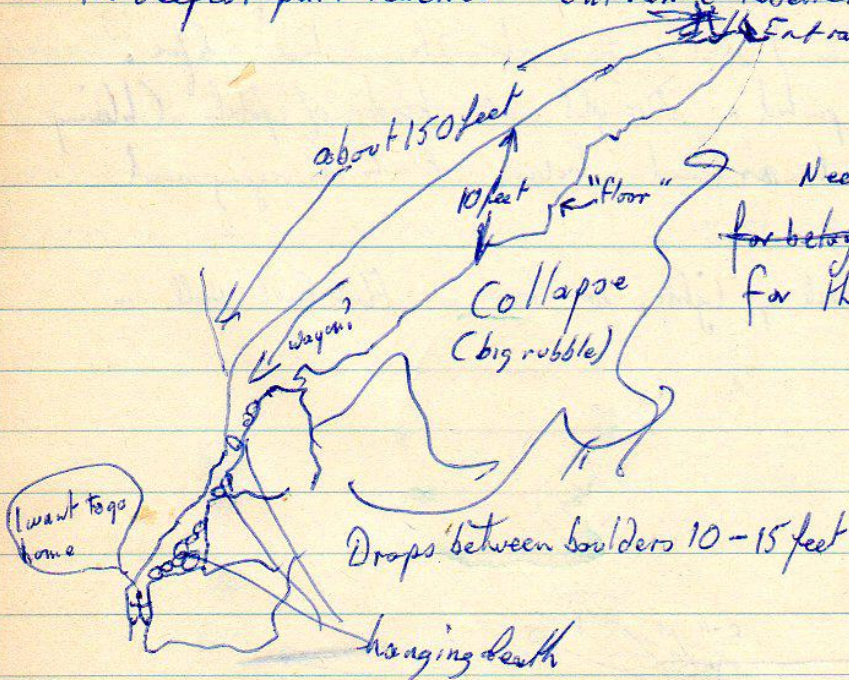
Wild cave chase after Lank's 561 & 562. Eventually found 561 just where the map said it was!! Spent a couple of sweaty hours going in ever decreasing circles where the map said 562 was. Investigated a promising hole at the spot but no orange tag so bugged off. Came back to find a shirtless Noddy heaving boulders out and sweat in. Sent me for a wire belay to leave the last rock out. Back up an ever-steepening hill to rucksacs. Picked up belays & ladder & hammer. Back to hole. Ten feet away Jane yells "Get the bloody rucksacs you dope - he's in!" Back up the now near vertical mountain under blast furnace of a sun. Run back with 'sacs. Collapse in heat. "Gimme a lamp" "OK" "Gimme a brighter one this chamber's three feet high and twenty-five feet round."

Sod it. Kit up. Go in. Chamber is a hading collapse. Down slope. Lots of holes in floor round edge & lots of hanging death. Rift near deepest part of chamber descended down a funnel of scree. Drafting bedding at bottom. No way on



Lots of possibilities. There is a carbide cross

at the deepest part reached. Entrance labelled 563A in carbide soot.



Needs a ladder or two, 40-45 foot stemple for belay but knerve belays & Life line for the two undescended rifts found so far.

Found 562 on the way back, no-where near where the map said it was. Didn't go in but it does look nice.

This is ~~probably~~ <sup>definitely</sup> ABI shall ↑. Needs more work



20 - AUGUST - 1985. Les Cripples trip to beach.

The thousands injured in the football match went for a very easy trip down to the beach. Had a little route hindering difficulty as some cunning Spaniards had occupied our normal site! Found alternative which was just as acceptable.

575

21.05.85 Graham, Juan, Julie, Jean and Fred  
Riño I ~~Resaca~~ resurgence and flood resurgence

Flood resurgence dried first, but closed down to impassible rift after a few meters.

Actual resurgence looked at but no way on could be found between boulders.

If anyone find an aqueflesh on the far side of Bay @ camp it belongs to Graham.

~~Resaca Juan...~~

Resaca una covega.  
Graham dice que el río con la covega hace la murga y el limbo.  
Surgen \$ por el agua fluvial.

20/8/85. Lank, Fred, Liz, Noddy Riño I.

Surveying Entrance passage → tubes → "escarpment".



# THIS IS FOR LANK'S WRITE UP!

## FRANÇO 1. OF WHAT???

Went to the bits found the other day - just before the pitch in the entrance series. This starts back over the ~~entrance~~ way you came in to the pitch chamber. A false floor leads off. This was pored out the other day <sup>(140m)</sup> to a chamber. Today we continued across the chamber and soon found the way on this continued down a false and hit a streamway from right to left. We turned right across a broken <sup>down</sup> chamber and soon came across a carside G. We were back in the 'unexplored' series. We rapidly went through this and continued into the unknown. After a few hundred metres (some of it very well decorated) we ended up in a very large choke of boulders. After some scrambling the end was reached in the left hand side. The draught was still blowing out away from us. On the way back we surveyed; Liz got lost and started squeaking in a choke to the right. Noddy eventually rescued her. There was some difficulty in route finding on the way back and we even <sup>re-</sup>discovered the "Tubeway" in old FRANÇO. Liz headed off to Glory only to be dragged back.



22/8/85. Juan, Noddy, Grouse. Detachable + video Biggs.  
Filer in Givero 2.

22/8/85. Me and Liz went up to Sandstone  
cave 562 35' deep hole put in a  
right wall Sandstone blocks on floor. Eye  
hole through wall not possible to get through  
but stones could be thrown for a further  
40' or so. Echoes well but doesn't draught.  
Not that promising I think. Went to <sup>561</sup> 562?  
the draughting in bedding - these are  
so near A.B.I. that they probably  
aren't worth bothering with but Liz  
went to have a look anyway.  
probably got twice as far as me but  
still couldn't find the way on. There  
seems to be lots of in draughting holes  
in this area. All very interesting but  
as yet we haven't found the back door  
Key!

↑ by Fred (she had not noticed that she had  
been there the day before) Unsuccessful exit collecting  
Cantabraniscus on the way out. ~~think~~ I  
(2) was almost mortally injured on the way out  
when a piece of roof which Liz had sabotaged  
fell on my arm and very <sup>very</sup> nearly broke it.

Noddy also got lost somewhere!

ROBBISH.  
LJ



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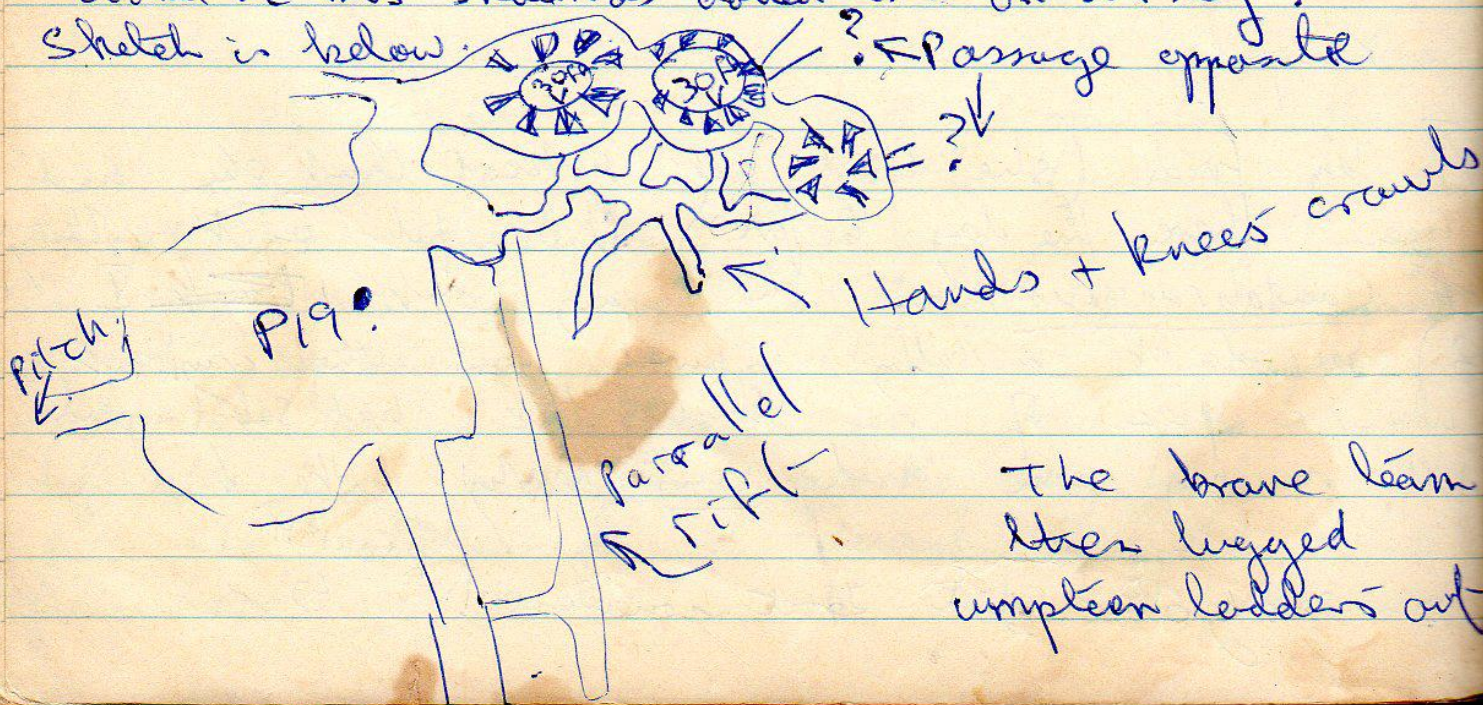
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Univ. of Amsterdam. PO Box 20125, 1000 HC Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Water-dwellings, togs removed from Peñaña, Patatal, Condeute, Agua,  
Givero 1+2, Orillon.

24/8/85. MOSTAJO

Juan, Noddy, Julie, Pedro, Isabella, Hoobel.

The whimps team went down Mostajo to avoid metal detecting. Went down entrance pitch then around "Milky is a coward" traverse, through the crawls to ~~the~~ <sup>"Holms"</sup> Craps out climb. Having gone down the two metal detecting alternative pitches we arrived at chamber P19. (serious bit) Looked at hts shown as dotted lines on survey. Sketch is below.





2 Molino	1000.
1 Camposdelante.	700
3 Fenada.	300
3 Riaso.	900
1 Brigo	250
1 Jivero.	100
1 Enaso.	100.
<del>1 Cofre</del>	<hr/>
	3350

of ~~the~~ Mostajo. Meantime L.P.S.M. found lots of antiques.

25/8/85 Washing tackle. Everybody

Lots of people stood in river washing gear - (even Mills!). All tackle was washed and in pristine condition. A very good job by one and all.

Hee petal, here is 5 pta !!

Show us your dick.

Liz said no thank you!!

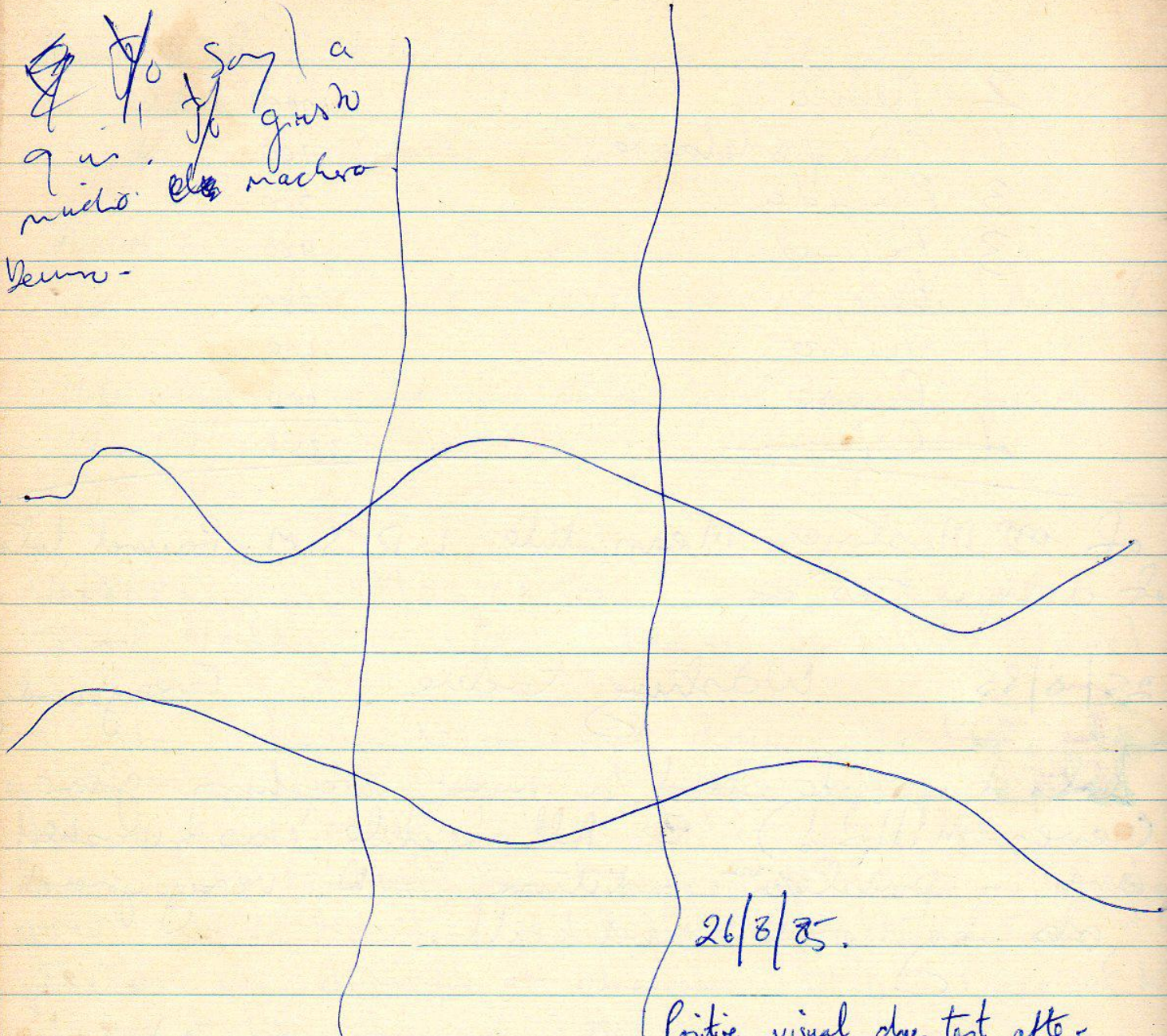
Sorry she didn't at least at first! But Lark paid for her to do it!

This is a cave which I have seen in before. Now I'm very happy with my life. I'm very happy with my life. Oh Dick. Lark paid for it! 26



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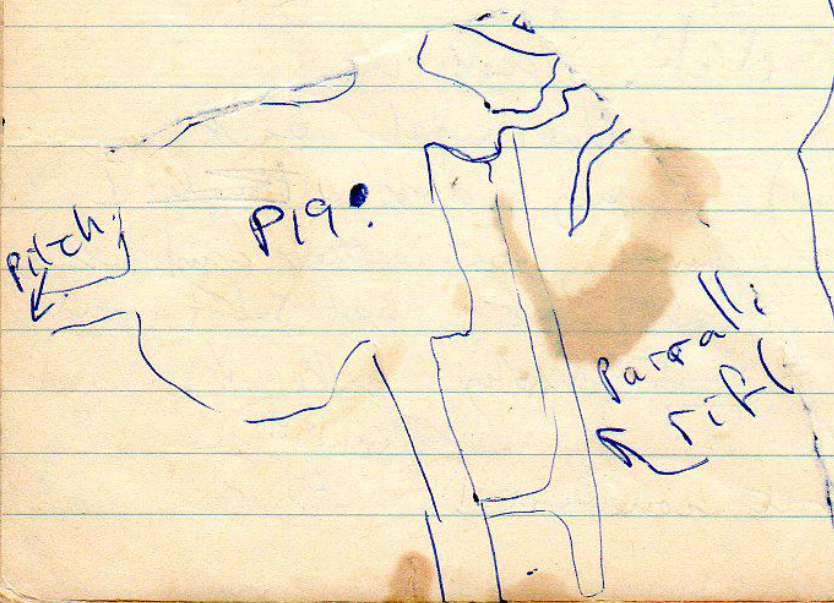
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muchos ~~los~~ machos  
De un -



26/8/85.

Positive visual dye test after  
eluting the Agua (Ciesonal)  
detector. Comedante not positive.  
[Previous detector from Comedante was  
removed]

Takes 16-19 days to travel









# **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**