MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 1987

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

25/7. MOSTAJO PETS, BRUCE, COLIN.

TO DROP SHAFT AT END OF HEDGEHOG CRAWL. PITCH IS LEFT AT FIRST CLIMB DOWN AT END OF CRAWL THEN UNDER BOULDERS TO WHERE SMALL INLET JOINS. PITCH IS 25' TO LEDGE THEN ANOTHER 25' TO FLOOR OF LARGE MUDDY CHAMBER. FOLLOW WATER FOR 30m TO ARRIVE IN LARGER MUDDIER CHAMBER WITH NO APPARENT WAY ON AND THE DRAUGHT LOST. APPEARS TO SUMP. IN V. WET WEATHER.

26/7 BU56 ~~576~~ 346 SLUG, BRUCE, MARION, PETE THE FEET.

Just off Tablon track between Cadiera & Cateron.

SENT DOWN CAVE BY PEDRO TO DROP PIT HE HAD SPOTTED END OF SUMMER LAST YEAR. NICE ECHOES. 25' DROP SHORTLY FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER 25' DROP AND ANOTHER OFF SHORT STALLED UP BALCONY OF 25'. ENDS IN SHINGLE FLOOR. NO WATSON. NO OTHER LEADS. SEE OVER FOR SURVEY.

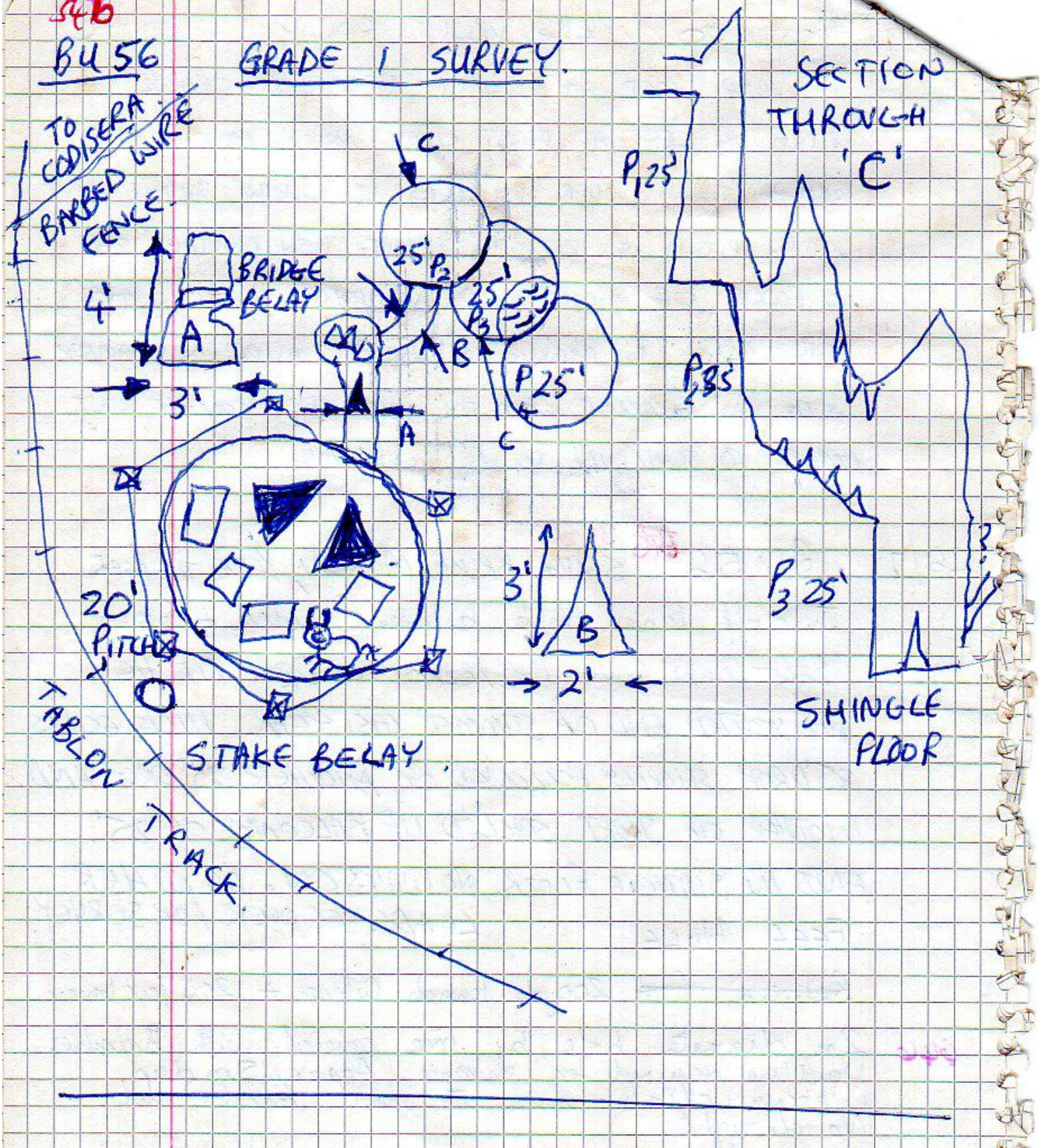
FEET HOLE

~~Between Cod~~ 200yds towards Cateron & 200 feet lower

646 2m diameter hole by tree covered with Brambles Hand line required for entrance. Approx 15m deep. Corkscrew climb down to short blind crawl. No draught.

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BU56 GRADE I SURVEY.



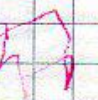
Dd. Jic, Pedro, Keith.

54 Dig en draughting crawl, often 1 hours digging passed by Pedro. Led to 5m aven - not climbed and a tight low crawl. Possible passage at top of aven.

26/7 PIERU COLIN.

ATTEMPT TO FIND TORCA DE REVILLON.

8 hrs later still haven't found it but found 1 x 10m long cave full of goat shit at top end of Toad in the hole valley. 1x20m ?yr "somewhere on Top", and 1x 50' shaft in the valley between Toad in the Hole + Mairaja. No way on at bottom. - No draught.



27/7 PIERS, PEDRO, COLIN

FOUND TORCA DE REVILLON. - V. FRIGHTENED.

NEED TO TIE BOTH ROPES TOGETHER SO NOT ENOUGH

TO DROP PITCH AT BOTTOM.

SHAFT IS V. IMPRESSIVE + LOOSE.

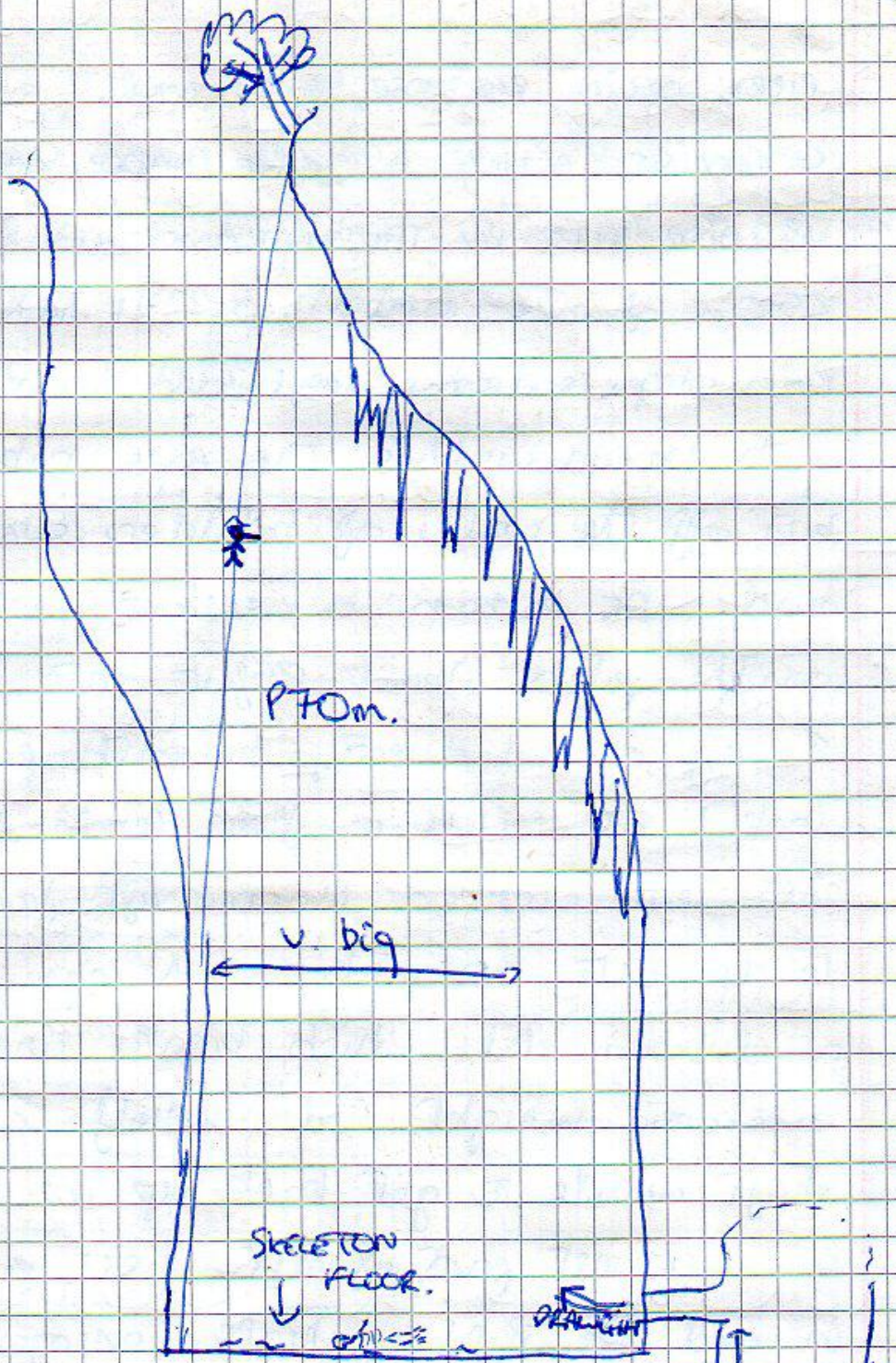
27/7. BIGGO VIA

28/7 PIERS, COLIN, BIG NOSE, GERMOLINE.

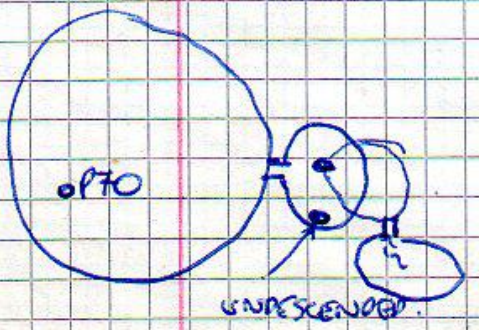
GERMOLINE ACTING AS CAVE LEADER, CARRIES THE KAS UP AND SITS BY THE ENTRANCE LOOKING PRETTY. 250m of rope coiled up - it had better go'. Piers drops entrance shaft and arrives at bottom with brown wellies. The rope rubs knocking bits off the walls of boulders cemented in mud. At bottom a window leads onto another pitch. About 25feet onto boulder floor. 2 ways on. 1 directly beneath pitch not looked at. Hole in floor leads to 10' climb into small chamber. Narrow rift from chamber leads onto 30' pitch. B-N rigs pitch off a dubious stal, which breaks under his awesome weight finds himself in roomy shaft unable to get back up as rope is in narrowest part of rift. Piers puts bolt in and B-N eventually emerges after much thrutching. The pitch was blind and the draught lost.

PTO for survey. (Grade 1?).

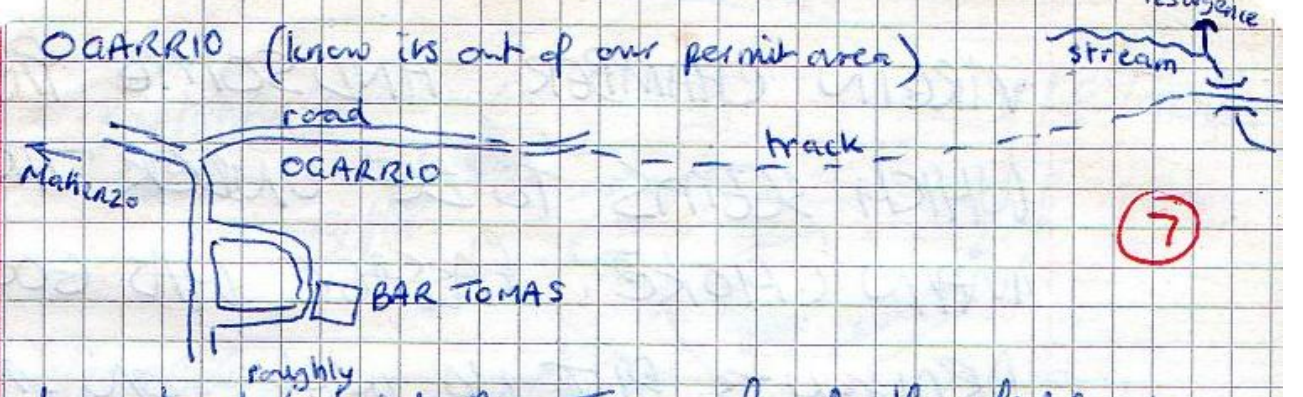
TORCA DE REVILLON.



PLAN



OGARRIO (know its out of our permit area)



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Walk down track behind Bar Tomas leads thro fields to where bridge crosses nice clean stream (complete with tins bottles etc) One resurgence nearby, several holes above but not the expected drawdr. Didn't follow stream but obviously comes from another resurgence - too clean to come from Ogarrio. Water should arise from Muella massif ? Joe.

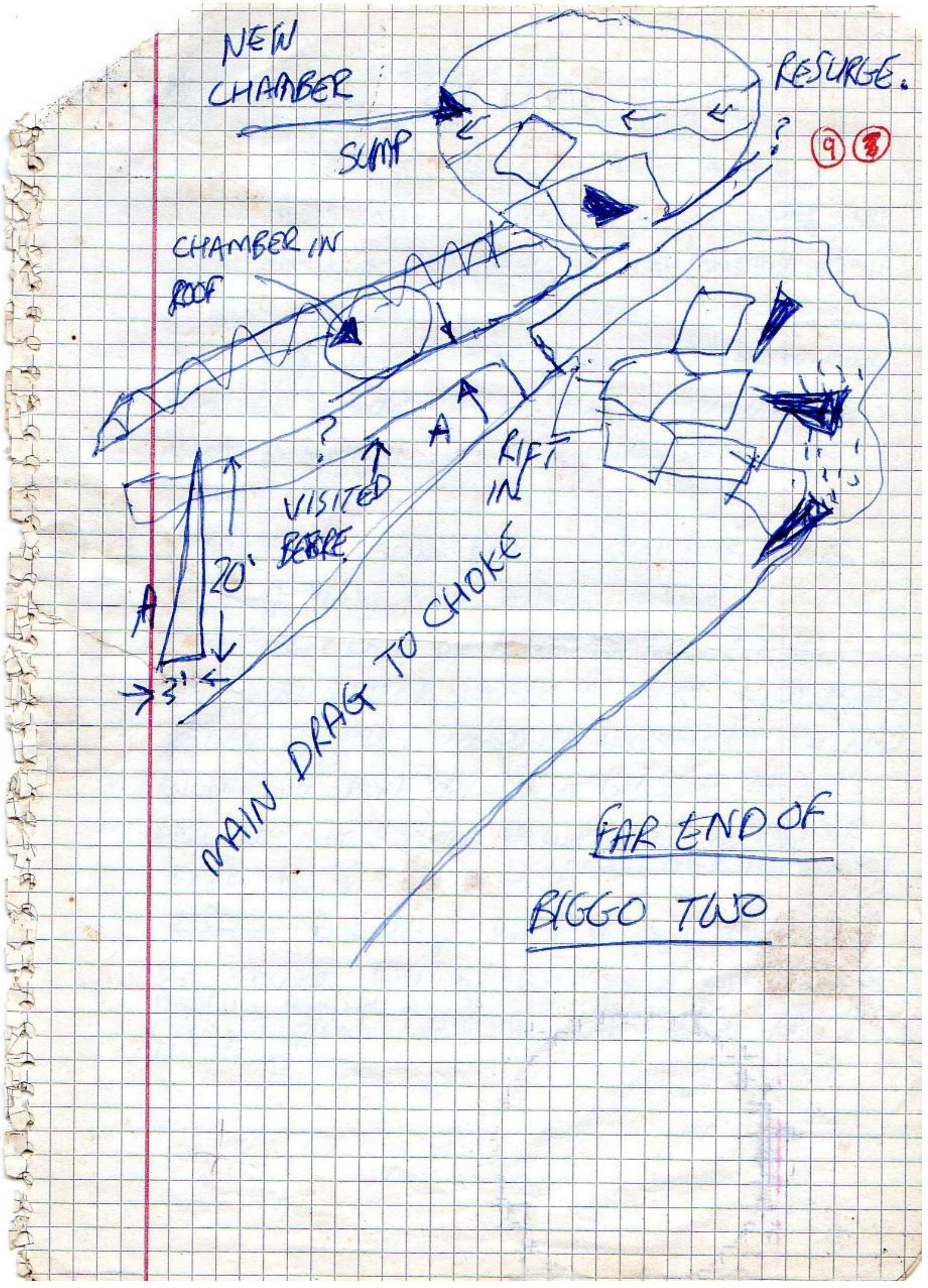
STAR DATE 29/7/87 SLUG & BRAIN.

BIGGO.

REFAMILIARISATION TRIP PAST SMACK BOULDER CHOKE UPTO CHOKE AT END OF BIG PASSAGE;

POKING AROUND IN CHOKE A RIFT ON LEFT HAND SIDE (LOOKING AT CHOKE) WAS NOTICED (FAIRLY OBVIOUS), PEOPLE (ONLY ONE) HAD BEEN IN PART OF IT BUT WE ENTERED A

VIRGIN CHAMBER AND SOME PASS
WHICH SEEMS TO BE UNDER THE
MAIN CHOKE. PASSAGE HAS GOOD
DRAUGHTS BUT NO WAYS ON. A
STREAM WELLS UP FROM DEEP
POOL IN CHAMBER AND SINKS
AGAIN ON OTHER SIDE. IT
(SOME DISPUTE ON DIRECTION OF FLOW)
IS CLEAN WATER AND SO
PROBABLY NOT ~~CARCLUEUES~~
CARBERNAZA WATER. THE SUMP
GURGLES AND MAY BE NO MORE
THAN A DUCK. IT ONLY GOES TO
SHOW THAT THE CHOKE AT THE
END NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION.


NEW CHAMBER
SUMP
RESURGE.
?
(9) (3)
CHAMBER IN ROOF
?
VISITED BEFORE
A
A
RIFT IN
20'
A
3'
MAIN DRAG TO CHOKE
FAR END OF
BIGGO TWO

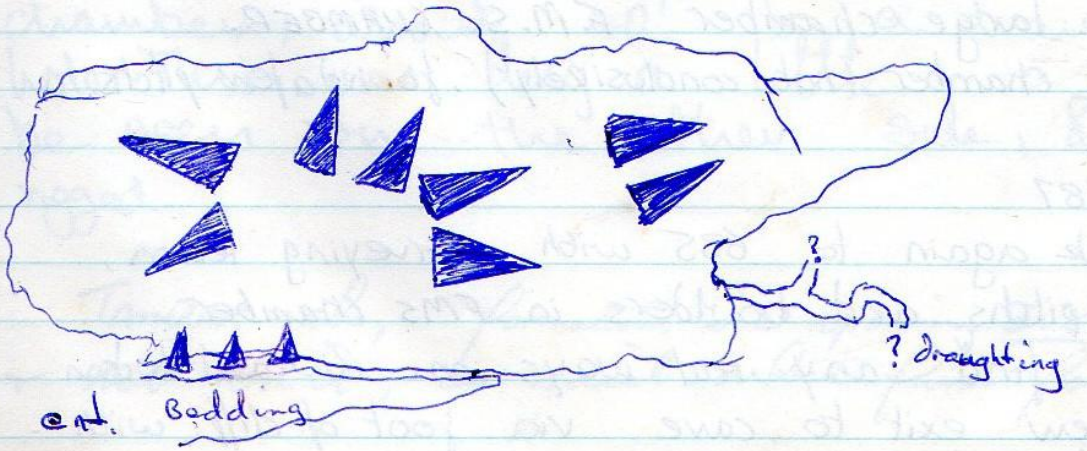
SYLLYS JA.JW.JA

87 Log Book

31/7/87 Brian + Colin

Went to find Portsmouths hole on Muella, 635 along with rest of world + his wife. Didn't go down 'cos of overcrowding - found something else instead.
About 200m back towards smoothie bar from Portsmouth hole - obvious bedding into base of crag with connecting shaft. Wading rift off side of bedding. Only one place big enough to get down - and even then its tight (though I'm fat) rift drops for ~30ft into chamber - about 100ft (ish) diameter. Draughting hole - small + tight leads eventually to draughting hole - smaller + tighter. Lump hammer might produce results.

Grade 1.



TUESDAY 28/7/87 Jason Mallinson & Richard Hudson

⇒ SESENTA NUEVE

Found on Muella (635) with 16 m first Pitch. At bottom found tight, draughting (v. strongly) hole. Started to dig out to provide access.

WEDNESDAY 29/7/87 J.M., R.H. + ED HAMER.

Returned to 635 with rope and bolting gear and descended 2nd pitch. Found chamber with ~~cliff~~ bedding plane leading off and draughting, followed thru to find 3 small (collapsed) chambers, losing draught. Explored numerous boulder chokes.

BIRDSHIT CHAMBER.

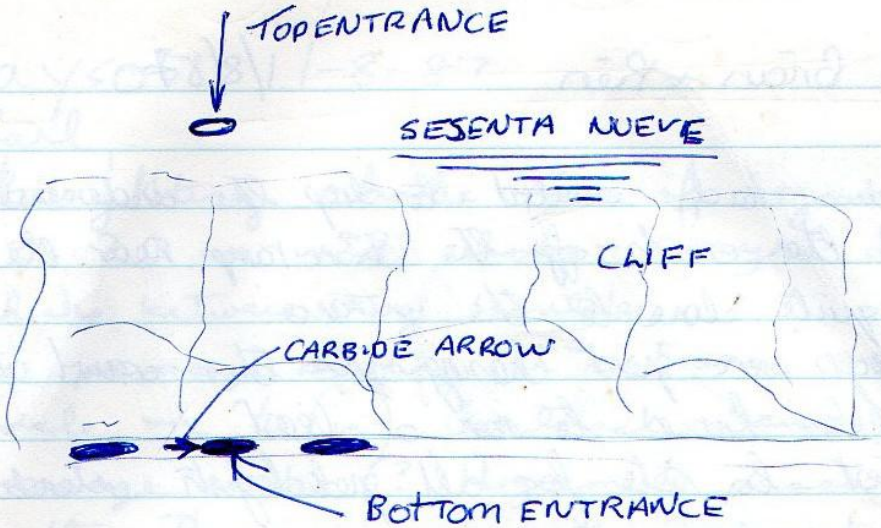
THURSDAY 30/7/87

Returned to 635 once again. In 1st chamber went thru a small ~~chamber~~ window in smaller chamber with two obvious exits. Down leads eventually into boulder chokes and bottom of a 70ft pitch. Straight across the chamber leads to a mud rift, which traverses a pot and leads to top of the 70ft pitch. Traversing around the pitch and up leads to a climb up AIDS CLIMB. to a v. large chamber F.M.S. CHAMBER.

Explored chamber (not conclusively), found a few pitchs.

FRIDAY 31/7/87

Back again to 635 with surveying team, Explored pitchs and boulders in FMS Chamber, could not find any real ways on. Richard Hudson found new exit to cave via foot of cliff, with by passes the two entrance pitches. But this tight for approx. 50ft. and then sandy crawls.



The most promising way on probably lies thro' the bedding plane, where the draught is.

COTERON. 1/8/57.

Phil, Frank, Big Nose.

Went to end of Frank's passage to hammer thro' the small hole into big stuff below the pitches. Unfortunately Phil didn't bring enough tackle so plan A was aborted. Instead we dropped the pitch just before the climb into tampax chamber, about 40' to a draughting hole. This was dug a little - a passage can be seen on the other side. Cave left rigged.

TAMPAX ch, formations are growing out of sand + not on it, as said when first found.

Phil P.

Coleron - Brian + Pier 1/8/87.

The intrepid duo had decided to drop the undescended pitch at the end of the crawls off the 92m ramp near the edge of the world quite close to the entrance.
The next 3 hours were spent chasing after this crawl and finding the smallest holes known to man or beast.
A point of interest to note for all speleologists intending to perform ablutions underground.

If you're ever caught short,
when your mind is all fraught
with caves that can never be found.
Wearing "Alpinex" gear
~~&~~ with zip chest to rear
you can be sure to leave your own mound.

But a small note of caution
or you'll have an abortion
of a shit that'll leave you in tears.
If you're wearing "the" suit,
(with 3 zips to boot!)
Then this is the moral, my dears.

Don't wear underpants
or you'll have to dance
as you try to bare your bum.
Else you'll fill your shreddies
with all your own "readdir"
It'll leave you feeling ~~dumb~~ a pollock.

Carkavayso 1-8-87.

Andy, Carl,

— to draughting choke end of Argument passage pushed ≈ 20 m into choke — draught disappears in muddy chunks between big boulders.

Back to passage starting at entrance end of bridge by pinnacle, on L (in). Explored & surveyed series of rifts, passage under (?) Argument passage connecting to Chase the Dragon & back to Argument passage at other end of bridge on R.

SLUG, PEDRO, SQUEAKY DAVE. KARCOOWAVESO.

SURVEYED PASSAGE AND PUSHED LEADS FROM FIRST JUNCTION IN FOUR FANNIES PASSAGE. GOING IN THAT IS. FOUND A FEW SHORT PASSAGES OF INTEREST INCLUDING A CHAMBER FORMED BY BREAKDOWN IN THE SHALE BAND. PEDRO SHOWED US SOME IRON ORE DEPOSITS IN THE SHALE. WE WERE SUITABLY IMPRESSED.

WE THEN INVESTIGATED CRAWLS AND PASSAGES IN PASSAGE ON RIGHT OF MAIN DRAG BUT STOPPED WHEN WE DISCOVERED SURVEY MARKERS. THEN MET UP WITH ANDY HALL WHO DIRECTED DAVE & SLUG TO THE WET BIT AT THE END OF MAZE PASSAGE.

FOUND VARIOUS PASSAGES BEYOND BOULDERS AND GOT TOTALLY LOST. SAT DOWN AND STARTED CRYING. THEN HEARD A STRANGE SOUND, THE SOUND OF CLINKING GLASSES OF BEER IN HERMANS BAR. WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW THE SOUND STRAIGHT TO THE BAR.

THE NEW PASSAGE IS MORE MAZY STUFF AND IS ABOVE RIVER. LOTS OF LEADS NEED MORE PUSHING.

3:00 AM IN

THE

MOURNING

NO OTHER FUCKERS

IS IN THIS BAR

EXCEPT

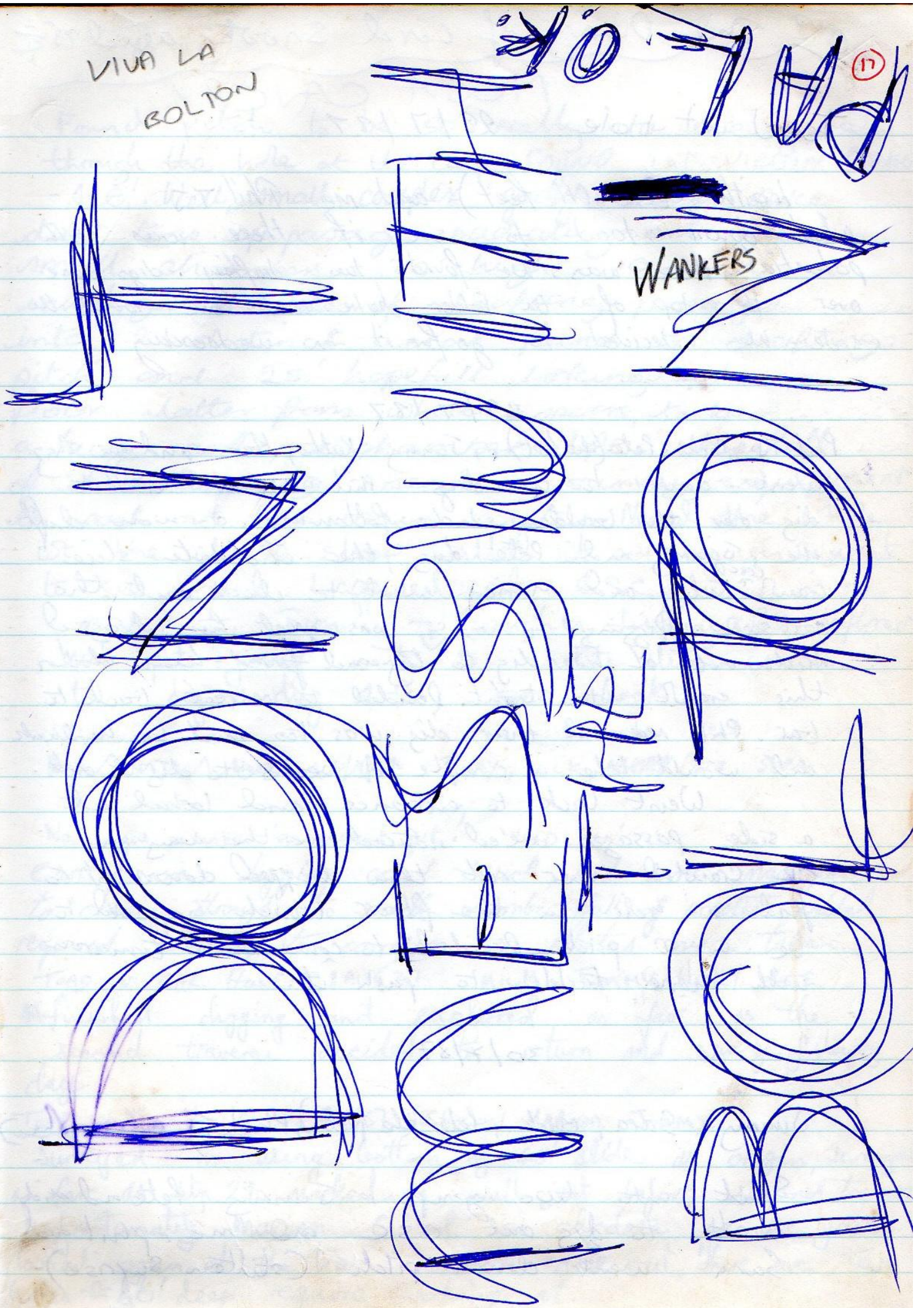
THE BOLTON

VIVA LA BOLTON

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[redacted]

WANKERS



The Diary of Lord Snooty aged 25¾

MEGA CAVER!

Toad in't Hole 28/7/87

Keith, Pete (the feet) and me Phil TJ went down toad to see if there was still potential, there was. We found two drafting digs one over the top of the bolder choke and one round the side. We decided to go for it on wednesday.

29/7/87

Phil TJ, Nick, Pete (the feet), Jimmy, Keith, Marian and me shaz went down to the digs - Phil TJ & Mick started to dig over the boulder choke following a new draft. Me, Jimmy (CSC) and Pete dug the chocolate slice crawl. Keith and Marian went to check out the corkscrew. Digging in CSC was great fun, dragged mick out of his dig to try and force him down this crawl - too tight. Decided to retreat back to bar. Phil reckoned their dig was too much like hardwork and would take a couple of weeks to dig it out.

Went back to entrance and looked at a side passage we'd noticed on the way in. Crawled over rift then dropped down 6' to find a hole in the floor which happened to be a 50' pitch. Decided to come back tomorrow with more tackle to push it.

30/7/87

Jimmy, Sara, Mick, Pete (the feet), Phil TJ and me shaz

Split into two groups Jimmy, Pete and Mick went to dig out CSC and me, phil and Sara went down pitch (stilton Suprise)

Found pitch to be 50' really nice once you're through the hole at the top. FOUND 1ST VIRGIN PASSAGE -ACE!. Well, small complex gratty cheese slice stuff tens of pasages radiating out from small chambers 30' hight 10' wide investigated lots of drafting pasages into 2 distinct areas found 50' drafting pitch and 25' hopefull looking hole in floor latter from what appears to be a huge collapse chamber. left v. hopefull of it continueing - needing survey equipment to sort out the main routes. Named the whole lot the cheese shop. Called it a day and went to see what happened at ESC.

over to Swanny ↓ Roughly - tuffy artic explorer Mick, pete + jimmy went to chocate slice crawl to dig, dug 4 ft, came back.

TOAD IN THE HOLE JIMMY, MICK, ~~MICKY~~ PETE SARA.

No buggus written an account yet! HOLD ON!

Carried on digging crawl Mick, and Sara managed to crawl through to small chamber full of pretties which required breaking to carry on so photos were taken.

TOAD IN THE HOLE 31 AUG 87 MICK JIMMY NICKY PETE

finished digging and explored as far as the second traverse decided to return and survey following day

TOAD IN THE HOLE 1 AUG 87 SHARON, MARION JIMMY.

Surveyed in using bottom of 40' slide as origin, surveyed as far as stn. 29 marked on wall just before second traverse unfortunately Marion C Dal. on chocolate so we just looked again at the traverse and came out. There are two holes ±50' deep require looking at.

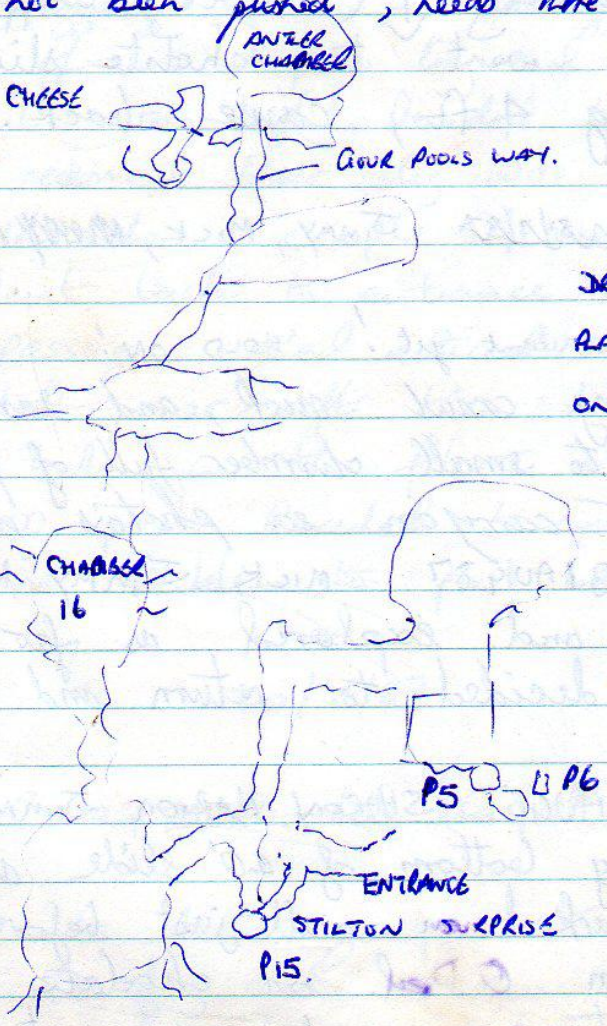
TOAD IN THE HOLE 1/8/87

GROVEL, PHIL + K.P (ME)

Went to survey "Cheese Shop Series" and descend undescended pitches. 25' pitch was really only 5m onto a small chaotic muddy chamber with 6m muddy pitch descending. Grovel descended to small chamber with draught emitting from shattered boulder floor.

Surveyed back from pitch, up 5m pitch into collapse chamber 8m diameter and 2-3m high. From there surveyed back to 'Stilton Surprise'. Continue surveyed to second undescended shaft. ~~Whilst~~ Whilst carrying out survey 'ferret' Phil found new stuff by climbing up in ~~the~~ chamber 16. This lead into a series of leading chambers, the lower ones containing some fine red stal. A calcited passage ~~gour/pool~~ "Gour Pools Way" led to more phreatic "cheese" and a climb up into "Antler Chamber" which is about 15-20m diameter. Ways off all over the place which have not been pushed, needs more work and survey finishing.

KP.



GRADE 1/4 SURVEY.

DRAUGHTING IN VARIOUS PLACES - TO BE INCLUDED ON FULL SURVEY.

Cotero - J Palmer
Cotejon - Big Steve.
Toad - Pete Cowell
Caraseco - A Hall + Slug.

2/8/87

Rascavieja

Richard.N. & Andy

Found choke have traced through as far as previously done. Followed draughts through small hole which we had to dig leading down to 20 m of tight choke to probable end. Also went up rift just before dig goes high (60' approx) to chamber and rubble based bedding plane. Still going with stony daylight.

Kalcawaso 2/8/87 — SEWERS OF DOOM.

Slug, Andy, Steve, Milly, Ed, Richard, Blod., Carl
Went to ~~Maze~~ Sewers II which needed surveying.
Passe Past the maze, encountered chambers with flowing water underneath. Made connection with Candy shop.
Surveyed side passage and the quickest route back thru the maze to ~~boot~~ last survey station.
In Candy shop followed water passage into another chamber, here we followed a large river passage (v. deep) upstream for 100m+ until it chokked. Could find no obvious way thru.

Uzkeaka 2/8/87. Colin M., 'Doc', Carol, John (Patsnath), Nicky
Went to Gorilla walk via new entrance near Rico church. Much quicker than old route. Approx 10 minutes from entrance to Quadrophenia. Very muddy for a few yards but otherwise straightforward hands & knees crawl. Found Gorilla walk to be very cold for non wetsuited persons so turned back somewhere along it (I think about 200 metres short of end. Had fun finding way out of old entrance. P.S. Colin + Carol had working lights for 1st time for a whole trip.

2/8/87

"FROG-IN-THE-BOG" — [OA] Pedro, Gravel, Mick, & Pete the Feet.

Went to bolt the traverse in the main route of the new passage, & to descend a 40' shaft beneath this traverse.

Traverse in main high level choked about 20 metres beyond the big shaft.

At bottom of shaft, a new small stream was encountered — from the right up-stream a very strong draught emerged. This narrow stream was followed for two+three hundred feet to a low, tight crawl, which following a climb up, arrives in a fairly large chamber about 70' high, 40' long & 30' wide. A small hole on the left leads to a 'bouldery' aven from which the draught emerges thro' too tight holes. (5-star dig)

Just before the tight crawl, it is possible to enter the big chamber via a different route, over the top of a narrow 50' pitch which needs descending.

In the main streamway, a small inlet series enters from the right — total length about 17 metres — before it becomes too tight to follow. This may be from the "Hair-Dryer" & "Suction" shafts known to be above the cave.

Downstream of the main pitch, a rift about 12 metres deep could be seen (& requires descending), and a possible high level traverse to this needs pushing but requires a rope,

1/8/87 Jane/Toby — Alisas area.

Looked at 2 shafts in woodland S.E. of Puerto de Alisas. 636 — An unmarked shaft below a cattle track in woodland. This was descended for ≃ 20' into a rift

which closed down after about 30'. To the left a sloping passage led to large breakdown area — massive blocks & hanging death which moved. The chamber was approx 15' wide & 35' high. Toby pushed under a large slab into an extension of the choke about the same size with no obvious safe way on. There is an intermittent strong draught. ~~Shaft near barn~~

Toby disagrees with this report so he can write as follows :- if this was on England Dig although it's not really nice, it cud go.

6237 Shaft near barn on ridge S. of Alisas. This has been marked by the Spaniards. It was descended for 130' to a floor with a a slot (undescended by us) to a ≈20' pitch. No draught.

6238 Marked as VT50 by Spaniards. Appeared to be approx 30' shaft. undescended by us.

8/2nd

Franks Passage - Cotefrow. 2/8/87

Frank & Big Nose.

Back down pitch before the climb up to tampax chamber. Shored the dig at the bottom with twigs, prayed hard, went for a crap then thro' the hole. Found ≈ 150m of passage - mainly crawls. One crawl connects with Bootlace passage in Renada in the opposite direction a crawl ends at a very strongly outward draughting dig - well worth pushing. Also found - 15' climb into chamber with possible way on that needs a rope. 20' climb down what appears

to be the side of a large rifty passage and a 50' pitch which draughts. All the descents need tackle.

3 August.
Team of 8 to survey the spanish cave at Yleesaz.
- It wasn't rigged -

Pillocks!!

3 AUGUST CARCAVEUSO Jim Davis, Jane, Tony, Toby.

See Spares

Looked at the large breakdown chamber near the entrance and ratio located it as a test. No real possibilities of extension from the chamber.

While Jim tried for more location fixes T./J & T went down to the shingly crawl and pushed a rift after the first squeeze. Up the rift after about +40' a boulder filled passage took us straight to the cairn at the start of Afternoon Stroll. This was marginally better than the lower way in. Toby & Tony looked at all the passages off and the choke at the end of Southbound Passage. Toby pushing a muddy squeeze in a draughting passage off the end across fissure to a stal blockage needing a limp hammer. Jim Jane looked at the end of the railway sidings. continuation along same joint to where main Carcaveuso water could be heard but not reached. Also found previously entered chamber to north-East in a parallel joint to Railway sidings. This is probably the cause of the breakdown at the end of the fourth Fanny. Then team joined forces to check geological controls in southern passage down to Argument passage and entrance series.

4/8/86 Arenal + shafts above.

3/8/87 TOAD – the glory story continues....

Chapt 1 (The Cheese Shop)

Pete & Sara, Shaz, Smiley, Phil, Keith & Colin. We poked, prodded, climbed, surveyed & decided that it was finally finished at a horrendous rift (Miffy rift – unsurveyed 100' long recently sumped, 2' wide walls coated in 2" of mud – yeuch!) Shaz descended "the 50'" – 30 foot blind pitch.

IT NEEDS FRESH KEEN HARD CAVERS!! (stupid fools)

4/8/87

Toad in Hole

Mick Ryan, Elliot, Whithead, Richard (Baby) Billinghurst, Ian Loughrey

A quick survey and detackle trip lead to ½k of new passage into chocolate and down pitch. Downstream to traverse, surveying on route. Into canyon with pits to possible lower series (un explored $ – worth pushing) Continues to boulder choke routes up to large breakdown passage and vadose canyon 30ft high 10ft wide. ~~Fork right~~ Sandy floor – Right fork doses down with possible bypass on right at high level (25ft). Left fork (draughting) sandy passage 8ft high 4ft wide meanders (avens need looking at) Narrows and mud floor to pits (same low level potential $) – looked at by Ian – potential!!) stooping passage to crawling sandy floor to 4 way junction (via a flat out crawl dug by Baby). Left to dead end chamber. right to "Cheese" with no great potential. forward to rift chamber climbed by Elliot aven up no easy way on. Through boulder choke (un surveyed) to

Boulder choke draughting away (Mick)
Derigged on way out (desparate!!)
Nav stuff ½ kilometre called Cocoa Series.

MR.

4/8/87 Cotevon - Franks passage - Piers, Colin
Brian - Frank
Dave & Dennis
Taylor, Big Nose

We went,
We surveyed.
We dug
We found
We came out.

Rascavieja 4/8/87
Richard N, Andy, Coz

Followed draught up into bedding plane. Very shakey! Crawled through passage in shattered rock which was very crumbly! This tightened up to impassable so we got out quickly and carefully. While we were down a rock just inside the entrance of the choke split which could be hazardous until it falls. Not going back.

Riaño 1 4/8/87 Grovel, Dave H, Jimmy, Pete the Feet, Phil → See on

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5th August 1987
Richard Greenslade (Jane's Apprentice) Chris Flood. (648)
"The Lair of the killer spiders"
About 75m above road (25m above Hut) on first bend on way to Fuente Las Voras. First descent of v. tight entrance. Bells out to 8-10 inchs. 10ft climb to mud & Rock choke, climb down Rocks to mud floor max depth 15ft. (Too tight for

PROUD TO BE PORKY (fatties!!)



LATE AT NIGHT ALL IS WELL IN THE SLUGGO/SLUGGETTE HOUSEHOLD. SUDDENLY SLUGGO IS WOKEN BY A LITTLE CRY FROM SLUGGETTE.

"¡PIERS! IS THAT YOU DARLING!"

~~MY CASE~~ I REST MY CASE YOUR HONOR.

5TH AUGUST 87. PRETTY STEVE, SHARON, SLUGGO TOYE CREAT.

CARCUASCO

a quick trip in to push up the rivers spotted by Andy Hall & Carl at the end of the Sewers of Doom. The chamber at the end of the Sewers is the Candy Shop which is part of the stuff originally found through the Smack Boulder Choke. Attempted to go upstream but the streamway appears small and slumped. Downstream was quite large. ~~with~~ About 20' wide & 10' high with lots of flakes and deep pools. Followed ~~up~~ down for about 300' to a choke of boulders where water could be heard dropping down over boulders. The roof is very flat with cross joints and holes. These holes lead up to the ~~stre~~ sewers of doom which are just above the stream. One side passage on the ~~left~~ looking right

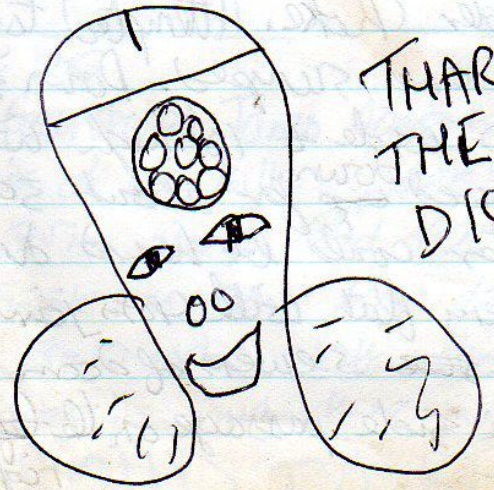
back in the streamway

downstream turned out to be J.J.'s surveyed original route into the far side of Smack Boulder Choke. On the way back we dropped down the little hole into ~~A[illegible]~~ ABBATOIR. ABBATOIR back into the streamway but lots of loose boulders and scumpy stuff prohibited pushing. Suspect the stream is the one that can heard beneath boulders on STRANGE WANKING PASSAGE??? There are now 30,000 connections between CARQUEVSO AND The far side of SMACK BOULDERS.

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Please ensure that all write ups include 1 joke and a funny picture.

SPLUNDIG VUR THRIGG.

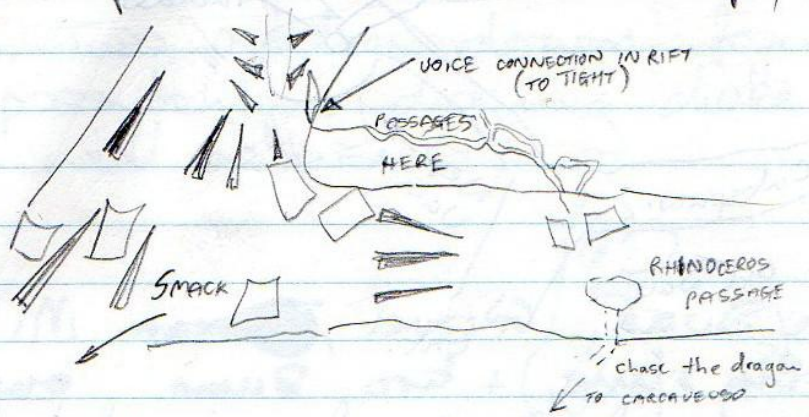


THARG THE DICK-HEAD.

BY GRUD!!

5/8/87 ANDY, CARL, TERRY. CARCAVEUSO

Short trip to investigate possible extension of 'chase the Dragon" beyond Rhinoceros Passage. This was found to be a small series of hands and knees mazy tunnels which pass around the North side of the ~~Smack~~ Smack rum out heap', towards Strangle Washing



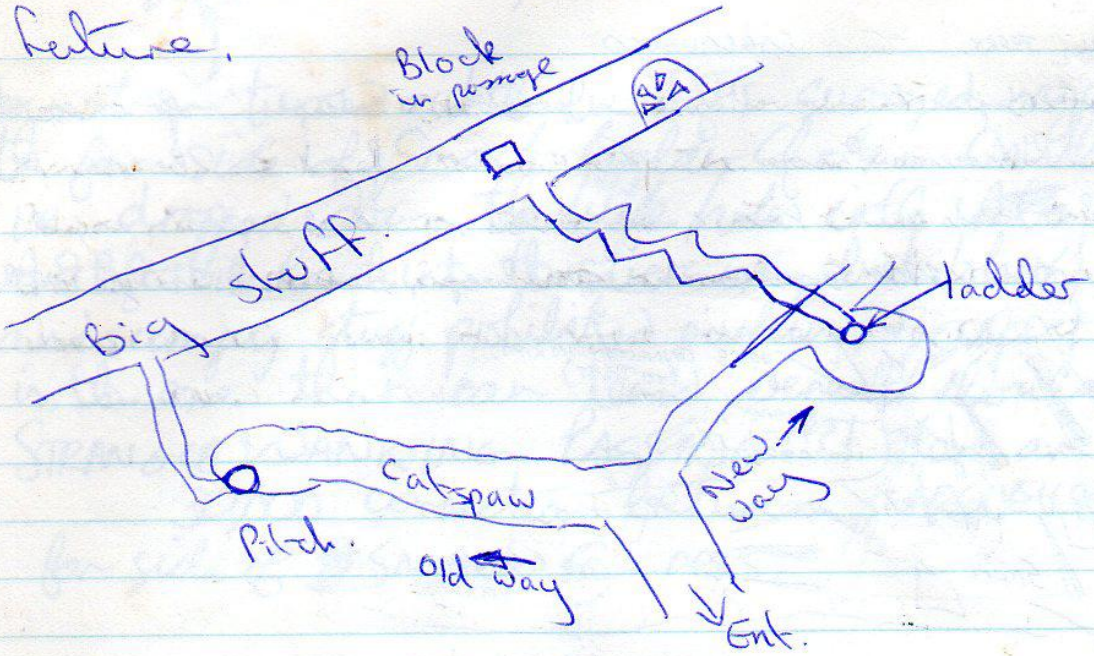
Party then went to the end of Strangle washing passage, confirming that the Carcaveuso stream runs N underneath it most of the way. It's last seen in a chamber down rifts from the end of the passage. as evil static sumps. Here part of the VZUEKA water enters from a sump. Water can be heard falling behind the shot? sump. Draughting calcited boulders by sump. Surveyed it. Chamber previously explored by Brian & Sluggo.

4/August/87 Riaño 1 Dave H, Jimmy Pete the Feet, Rick, Grovel.

The gallent trio (!) left to boldly blunder where man has not yet set foot. [we wee glory hunting!] Entrance series is still as Yorkshire like as ever. ~~Went~~ Went to new stuff in high level and decided to go down pitch noticed by Tony + Grovel two years ago. It goes back into beginning of cats print passage.

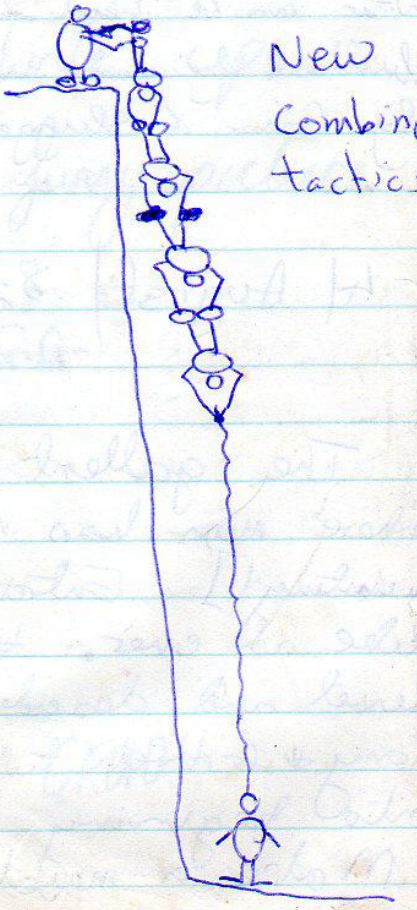
Make a much better way in, so use in

Return.



Surveyed it, and dozing bags matched exactly, luck. Then continued to end, and found a pitch down ~~which~~ which water could be heard. Like line rope was not quite long enough, so had to form a human chain!

Had wizz around end of cave but found little of interest.



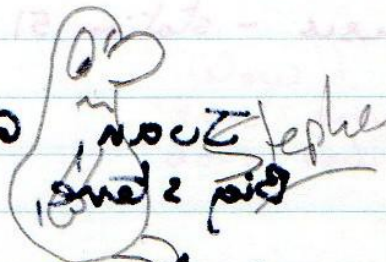
New Combined tactics

5/8/87

Stephen K, Sara & Pete. 4.15.

Brief trip to look for possible links to Mudajo. Only succeded in getting to end of cave & frightening ourselves in boldr chokes and on several muddy climbs. Two pitches down found (undescended) and possability of digging choke at end.

We will return.



Trip to Drinkstar where we found expected choke in the main corner, climbed around but no easy way on - not surprising as it is probably the back projection of the coce run. Also found static sump in cross rift - didn't smell so potably not carcavanya water. Attempted return via the sewers of doom. Took 5 minutes to get lost and 30 mins to extricate ourselves.

4/8/87. JD. PP. Slugo, AH, TW & CA

Torco Hoyon.

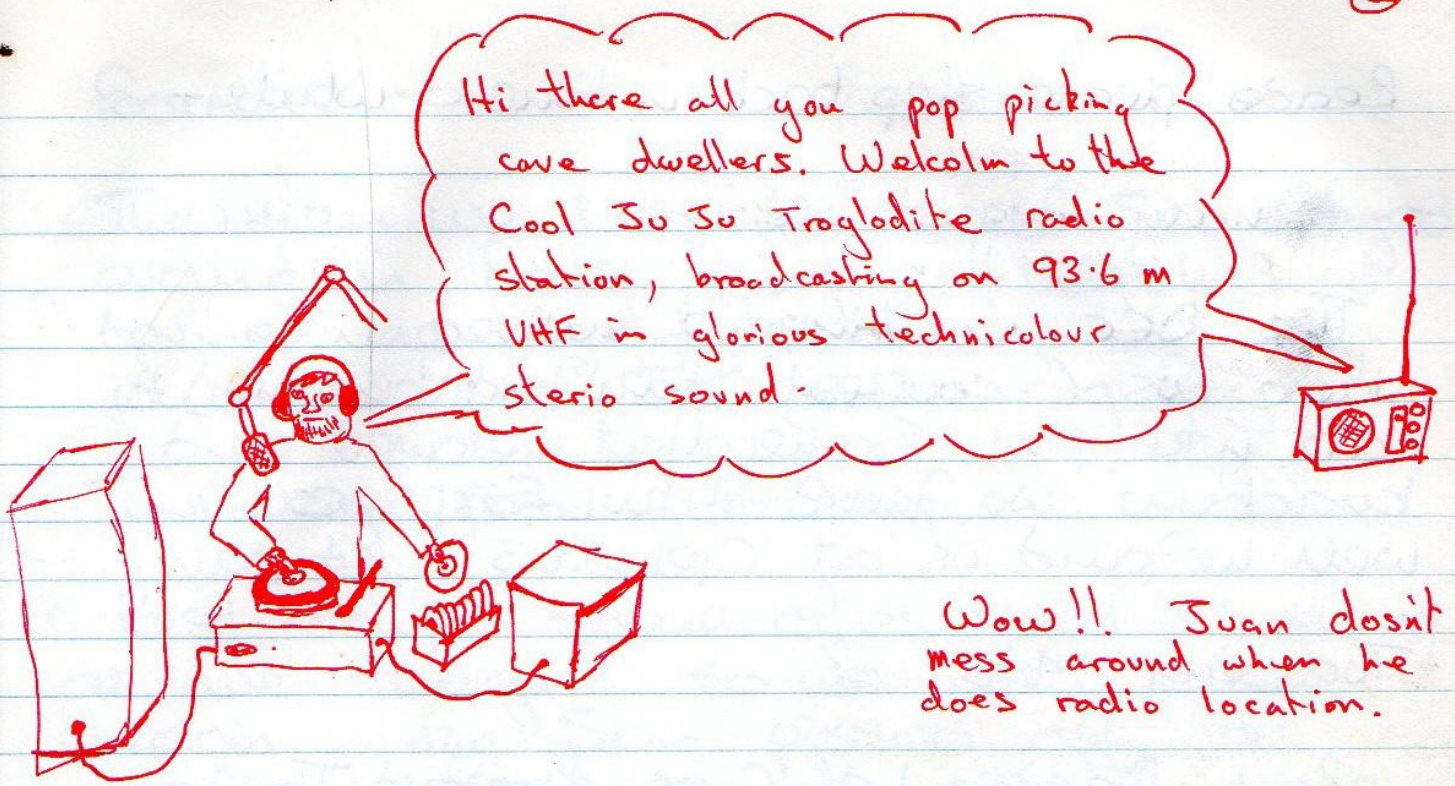
2nd attempt to enter cave. Phil rigged entrance series of pitches from memory of the spanish survey? elevation. Found that we had to go up not down at 3rd pitch and then rigged the 3rd 4th & 5th with one rope. Then followed meanders in the bottom of a rift passage to begin with and then after about 100m climbed into the roof for a further to a junction. Here continued sideways traverse for until stal barrier where 1st duck is met. continue in floor through 2nd duck to top of 6th pitch. Bolts high up in RH wall provide good

back up for traverse out with runners hung on stal!!! Two good bolts over the edge give encouraging descent to false floor of chamber. Ten 8m inclined pitch to another pitch 30m with splendid belay round Mega lump of mud. Pitch is pretty large in contrast to the 3ft sided triangular gravel with piddling stream which is way on to cross rift and series of grotty breakdown passages. —

About 350m surveyed to -100m as far as junction in the traverses - station 51.

5/Aug/87. Juan, Gravel, [redacted]. Mike. c/grad
Cateron. Big steve, + two Bums over/ground.

~~About~~ Went to try out the BURP underground. After practice infront of bar, set out to try it out for real. First station was at bottom of shaft, about 40/45m of limestone. Voice ~~comms~~ communication was good, being strongest underground to surface. Some problem with both hiss and woodpecker, but not insurmountable. Second station was base of gour flow, aprox ~~60~~ 90m of limestone. Voice connection underground was not very good, but acceptable on surface. Still strong woodpecker + hiss. Positional location good using bleep. Third and fourth positions, at head of second pitch and edge of world no contact made at all. Removed tackle from Edge of world, then derigged cave completely. Our leaders S.R.T. technique has improved over last year, Cateron shaft in under the 1/2 hour.



Wow!! Juan dosn't mess around when he does radio location.

3~~6~~/8/87. Tony, Toby, Jane & Tim ?
Radiolocating in Caravenso.
Entered large chamber and Radiolocated with Juan on the surface. Very good clear reception. Ten failed to reach the railway sidings in time for second fix so Jane & Tim explored there while Tony & Toby went to Southpassage. TeT found railway sidings and parallel passage to N/E to have audible connection with Caravenso stream passage. ToT poked about in Southpassage chokes tried to find a way over the top which may be possible but is blocked by lightly calcited rocks. We investigated the rift and unsurveyed passages to the West of the choke and Toby went into a low draughting passage which showed some promise for a return dig.

Reader please step back in time a while -

- Monday August 3rd

The DCC contingent arrived in the Magic Bus (courtesy Stamford Van Hire) late in the p.m. Somewhat delayed and knackered we found Arthur Sixpence, well he found us at Glenmaus! Last day.

- Tuesday 4th.

Davy Davies, Len Gee, Howard Taylor and me (Jerry Brooker) went digging in Arenal. Gave it up, it's yours if you want it. Pedro took Arthur and Jimmy Leslie started bashing on the hill above Arenal. Dave and Paul went down Coleron.

- Wednesday 5th

Mob handed we took an Renada and went looking for Saratoga, found it eventually and came home. Night time we went to Bar Tauro - the whole bloody campsite jumped into the Magic Bus springs moaning on shackles, tyres rubbing on wheel arches, but we got there! I wouldn't mind but only 3 people asked me for a lift, the rest just piled in!!!

FOOTNOTE:-

The men went caving while Sue lounged around in bars and on beaches baking her body to the Sun whimpering "Tan me Big Boy!"

Thursday 6th - today.

Last day, some of us aren't as young as we thought so we went to the beach, the Sun pissed off, the temp. pissed us off and then we put Paul on the train and came home. See you all tomorrow.

THE EVER PRESENT BIG RED JAN AND OUR ANTICS HAVE LED THE LOCAL KIDS AROUND THE VEGA BAR NAMING US THE 'A TEAM' OR 'EQUIPPE 'A'' IN THE LOCAL DIALECT. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED- - DONT MESS WITH THE D.C.C. - - WITH THEIR D.U.C.' GOS!

Thursday 6th August: Drove to Nojа Beach via San Miguel etc. Going along causeway to Santoña experienced the most wonderful smell in the world. Definitely recommended as a spot for a picnic. Even Slug couldn't stand the smell! (Nojа was Nojaless) (too cold)

Thursday 6th August.

HOYON (SPANISH CAVE)

Richard (Jane's apprentice) Greenblade. Chris Hood. Phil Steve (S.R.T.) Colin.

SAGA 1 Rich + Chris

Surveyed from AH 53 to 2nd Duck Head of 2nd Set of Pitches traverse left to Small Stream into Rocky Chamber - Da Da Da Da, De De Da Da Da, Da Da Da (Rocky Horror tune) Other side of chamber (long) → Duck out crawl (40m) tight (not for fatties - return of the Skinned) into really massive astra Dome x 2 factor chamber boundless height with railway Chamber coming of after 20m (unclimbable - needs bolts)

Phil Also surveyed 650 M of Crap.

5/8/87 Everyone.

Went for Meal Bar TOMAS. - Had really nice meal. - Sorry Not to good write.

Liz! - Still waiting for reasonable apology - years of BSE but never been afraid before. like all women NOW on Camp. Any man who strikes a women is less than an WORM (OR A MALE)

B.S.C

Thursday 6 AUG 87 Rianio

JIMMY KATBAG, SMILEY RILEY, DAVE, SHARON, SARA, PETE, PHIL.

Using Cats Whisker Bypass the new route up into the big stuff. We proceeded to look at holes in the floor. The first shaft to be looked at is on the lefthand side of the main passage up on an alcove. The top of the pitch needed extensive gardening. It consisted of 10m to a legde then another 10m to the floor where there was an eyehole through to another shaft going back up to the alcove through a squeeze over mud. The floor of the second shaft consisted of pool fed from above. The way on is tight and in water.

The area around the prison was extensively looked at but produced little at all. After the crawl under the stal wall the next hole in the floor is the rift which has to be stepped over. Pete free climbed down this and we found a voice connection with the nesct hole along at station 10. The pete, to our supriese appeared in the pool of the main passage. We soon came to the large rift in the roof which weaves across the passage to an aven on the left. This was climbed for approximately 15 m by pete an sharon but came to a move which was to risky without protection. We went to join the rest of the party in the large breakdown chamber at the pineapple dump.

7/8/87 AZPILEQUETA

Terry & Elliot, went to investigate pitches ? into Benada. Failed to find the main passage with pits so that's still to do. Investigated the othe two tunnels and found odds and ends. The larger chamber (furthest North East) was found to connect to a series of shattered phreatic rifts. Elliot climbed up a vertical phreatic tube which went at least +20m and is still going up free climbable.

7/8/87 ~~AZPILEQUETA~~ / ~~BENADA~~ 2/2½

Jimi, Big Nose, Brain, [redacted], ? ?

Early start and parade outside Bar and shuttle service to Vega carpark saw us down the hole by 11.15 and arrival at Giga Hall by [redacted] 1.00pm. Here rigging delayed descent because we couldn't find the old bolts. Put new bolt in below boulder slope and shute, around to right so rope would be protected by large boulder. Arrived Rutabaga-duts at 2.45pm to find all except one traverse line intact. Then on to Benada 2½. Big Nose & Brain swam lake after changing into wet suits and descended 50ft pitch previously found. This ~~was~~ entered a phreatic maze and encountered an active stream inlet about 4x Azpilicueta stream. Jimi & Brain explored boulders in the chamber at the end of the dry passage and listened for sounds of the stream, but couldn't get through. Jimi entered ~~[redacted]~~ the Sink in main passage which soon went through choke in the roof to the real sump which was at least nine bars deep. Then went to look at upper passages and climbed into beautifully decorated chamber 20m diameter sloping up to roof at one side. Then exited for thrash up Giga Hall and Azpilicueta. 10.15pm.

7/8/87 Azpilequeta – Andy, Carl, Cosmic. – Went down Portienzo Passage to drop holes Terry found. Discovered the draught at the end goes into the boulders up the slope to the right at the end of the passage. Dropped down several holes on the left wall on the way back, they seem to link, but are either tight or blocked. Also went to mines of Kos and look down the R.H. end at tubes below boulders. Didn't do anything though.

7 AUG 87 Jimmy RATBAG, DAVE, STEVE, LIZ.
Went looking for holes that might connect into Riancio.

643, 10 mtr tight on SW side of donkey trunk tight no draught

644 Small cave ending in too tight, choked rift. no draught

642 dig. beside large boulder good inward draught.

641 Obvious cave entrance flat roof closing to a T section passage not pushed to conclusion.

640 Same shaped passage as 641 pushed 5m to eazyly digable squeese.

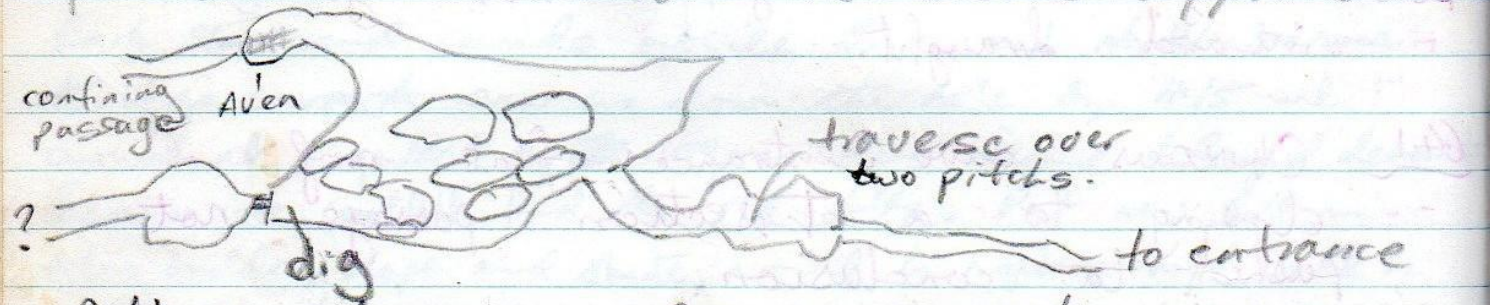
639 Inward draughting hole at same level as 641 + 640. steep slope to 10m pitch.

641 + 640 + 639 are all above the area of the big breakdown chamber in Riancio see map + overlay for Riancio.

7/8/87, FRIDAY,
BUMS trip to secadina, tried most draughting holes we could find. Didn't go far down longest 80 m surveyed due to intimidating drop. Uphill directly above resurgence found 3 shakeholes thru cliff. middle shakehole opened up a hole, no draught. All other entrances tried near water level end in very loose small boulder & block chokes.

7th Aug.

D.C.C. consiting of Barry Davies, Howard taylor, Len Gee, Arthur ? (sixpence), James Leslie visited 415 intending to find the source of the main draft of the cave; we reached the second chamber and set about finding drafts. James Leslie found a draft at the far left of the chamber amongst lots of stalacites and helictites (approx 8"



After digging for some time I was able to see through into a chamber and a passage leading off somewhere? At the moment the squeeze is not passable. hopefully tomorrow. The rest ascended the ladder into the passage at the aven in the far right and searched for drafts these were few; and arrived at the conclusion that a draft was descending from the aven itself and intend to search tomorrow.

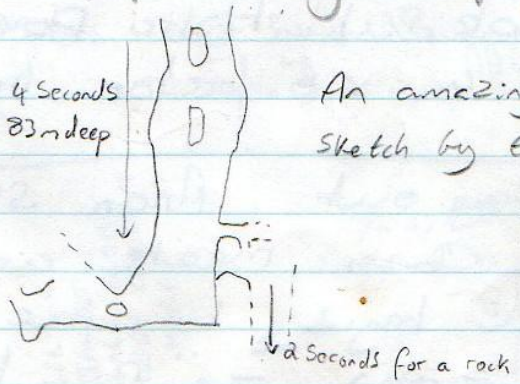
1st — 6th August



WHO NEEDS TO GO CAVING WHEN SO MUCH FUN CAN BE HAD ON THE SURFACE ??

8/8/87 - (99) Alpine Chough. Milly & Ed.

Unknown to us Alpine had be discovered 10yrs ago. Drop down 80m entrance shaft, to flat floor, climbed over wall into small chamber and followed small squeeze into sandy chambered floor. 50ft up from floor in entrance shaft is a hole which leads to a 2second shaft ← UNEXPLORED. Bastard carbide pipe caught on fire again.



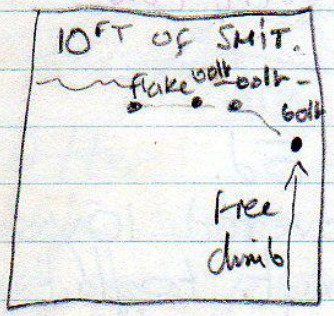
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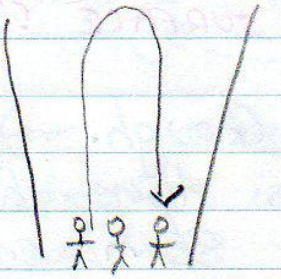
8th August 1987

Return to Hoyon-Tony, Phil, Richard Chris + 2 BUMS
Richard + 1 bum Survey from End of little
Streamway to top of 2nd Set of Pitches. Richard
Quote — "So I do Some hoyon, I can
handle it - ive just got a
cold that's all"

Hoyon Screws you up!

Tony, chris return to Astra Dome ?! Bolt up
wall but couldn't get over 10ft of Shit
(last bolt is in calcite + next move is on
a flake) Richard Suggest sending Sluggo
because he's expendable. Passage does exist.
PASSAGE
Set off flare -





Great fun though
(it was Red
chris age 2 ½)

Phil + Bum Surveys down Streamway to
boulder choke - unclear to explore due to
technical problems.

Phil + Rich look at Astra Dome - Phil
Says it was a x6 factor bullshit but it's
quite impressive.

Make our way out. Anon stuck on Rope
without light. Chris meets anon later at top
of 2nd pitch trying to free climb side
of cave and says - "no this is the way
out". anon interprets this as "give
us a shout when your up" - Chris

gets out → 3/4 hour later returns + Aron is waiting at top of climb!
Hoyons a great cave - everyone should go there it's wonderful!
- needs rope on traverse to new stuff + bolt route.

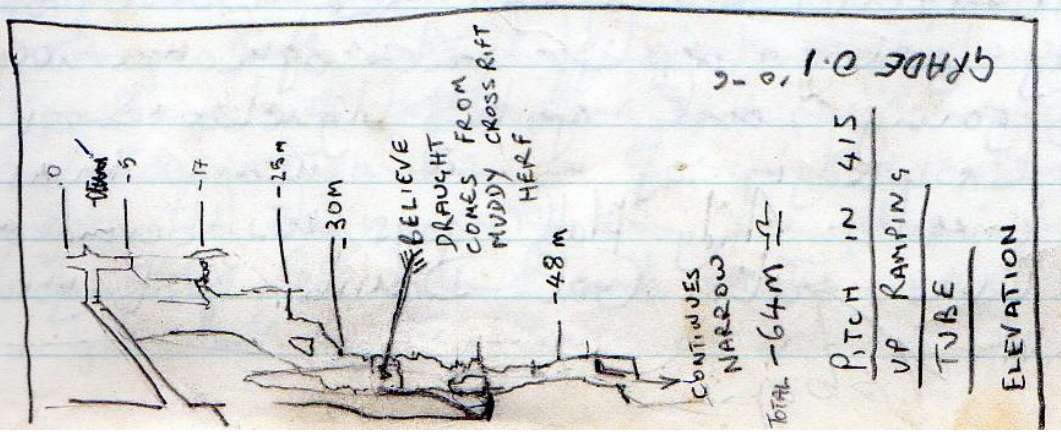
~~ALLEN~~ 93 AUG 87 415

JIMMY RATBAG, PETE, SARA, SHARON, PHIL
A quick trip into 415 to look at pitch ~~up~~ the tube turned into a fiasco.
The pitch is ~~200~~ supposed to be 175' we took 6 x 30' ladders but ~~the~~ it required another two to bottom the pitch. The whole thing is very ledgey and full of sharp and knobbly rock clean washed. This makes ~~de~~tackling very difficult. Hopefully to be surveyed tomorrow.

~~See later note~~

9th Aug

Carcavense. Photo gyphe trip - Andy Hall plus cast of thousands. Photos taken in Afternoon stroll Sewer of Doom, Ed and Biggo - Coke Run area. Round trip via Smoke and out - 9hrs.



10/8/87 Mike + Tony (BUMS)
Explored wooded slope visible from bar to right of Carcavueso. No obvious holes at all. very little exposed rock just jungle + flies.

A Big Boy put that there & ran away

9/8/87
Big Nose, Toby, Slug, Richard.
Went in Carcavueso into Ungueka via Biggo SP. The team leader(s) located several (2) pitches which were NOT the way on to Rocky Horror before the route was finally found. I got worried 'cos I didn't know the way out. Rocky Horror was pushed (again) by Richard & Big Noise. Slug + Toby listened to the rumbles. Not nice. Got lost 20' from Ungueka. R. found way on. (wish he hadn't). Slug had problems getting beer gut through tight slot but then decided to try a bigger bit & got through. On to camp 1 but we didn't quite find it. Nobody fancied going back through the choke but the walls back from Ungueka was the casting vote. Sat & listened to R. dislodge a couple of small rocks. Sat & listened to Slug dislodge a bigger quantity. Sat & listened to Big Nose bring the world down. Contemplated who had the worst problem R & Slug getting a stiff exit of Carcavueso or me going out of Ungueka B with only the knowledge of where Camp 1 wasn't. Big Nose lived. Andy Hall says it's beyond our capabilities. Came out. Got Drunk. Not going there again.

Toby.

got drunk again

~~Although~~ Although this route cuts 1-2 hrs off the trip in the chance of a serious injury far outweighs any advantage. It just isn't worth it.

P.S. Suffered the final indignity of being chased by a dog on the way back to Germans.

P.S.S. My Dad tells a good story about being chased by Germans on his way back to a DOG. NOT WHEN MY MUM'S THERE!

A big boy rote it and ran away.

9/8/87. Caravensa shouting team

Jun, Brain, Terry, Carl, Milly, Nigel, Ed & Jane Steve attempted to make vocal connection between streamway and railway sidings but somebody BALLSED IT UP by getting LOST!! Then laid dying line through Terry's ~~Fast~~ Base Fast Lane route in the Boys Entrance. Then went to Draintaker liberally losing hangers-on who gave up, joined Andy's photo party and annoyed Jun by steaming up his lenses! Arrived Draintaker at 4.07pm and stayed till 6.45 when most exited. Terry & Jun found route through boulders next to sandy crawls but this takes a lot longer and suggests there is a big blocked passage continuing back from the Lake run to the main comes in Draintaker passage. Nigel Terry & Carl entered disgusting crawls in ~~[illegible]~~ R/H passage with cobble floor and evidence of fault in bedding. Took 1¾ hrs to explore & extricate bodies from estimated 300m extension as yet unsurveyed. Terry & Jun got left behind and for the second time ~~[illegible]~~ Jun got lost in the Sewers of Doom. after ½ hour we

had to resort to using the compass which we ditched after another ½ hr. After a further ½ hr we managed to find our way. ~~Sewers~~

THE SEWERS of DOOM ARE LIKE HEINEKEN. THERE ARE PARTS WHICH IT CAN REACH THAT you DON'T RNOW YOU'VE GOT.

7/8/87
Carl, Andy, Ros, - ASPICIQUATA.
To Portcrozero Passage - AIM - Look at possible links with Reniado 2½/3 - looked at all possibles from end (Portcrozo P) to Mines at end of world - dug etc - no luck. All major chokes. No deep in Mines at end to stal chamber - no further - solid.

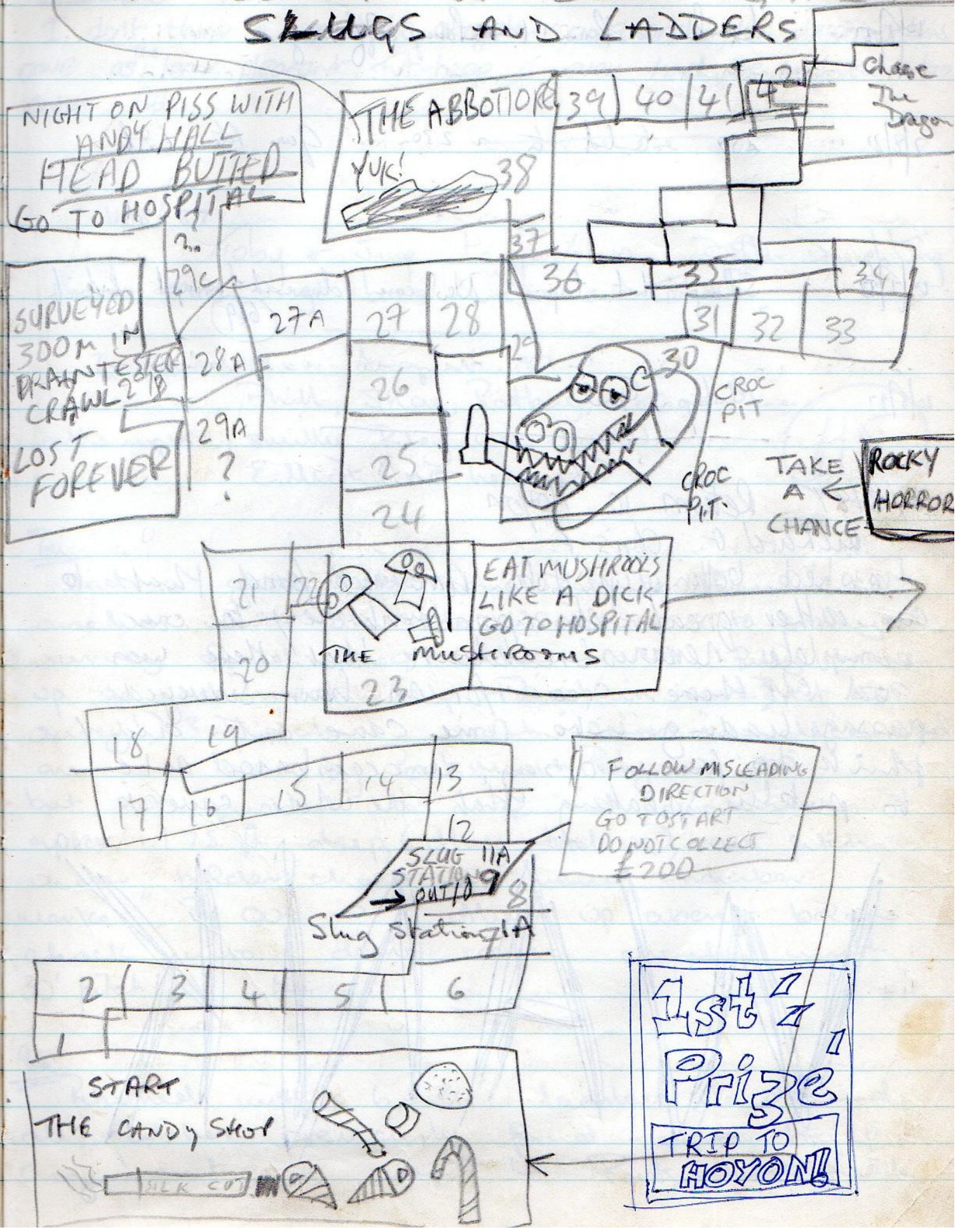
8/8/87 HOW TO GET LOST IN THE SEWERS OF DOOM. by Brain + Jim at least once

Leave the Coke' mm via the 'punker' choke and turn right just before the Candy shop and enter stream passage chinning around mi rifts. Turn round three times and play the following game.

P.S. Smack is still the same and Trident is not there in the roof.

Donate blood to Stuffed Monk!

THE SEWERS OF DOOM GAME
SLUGS AND LADDERS



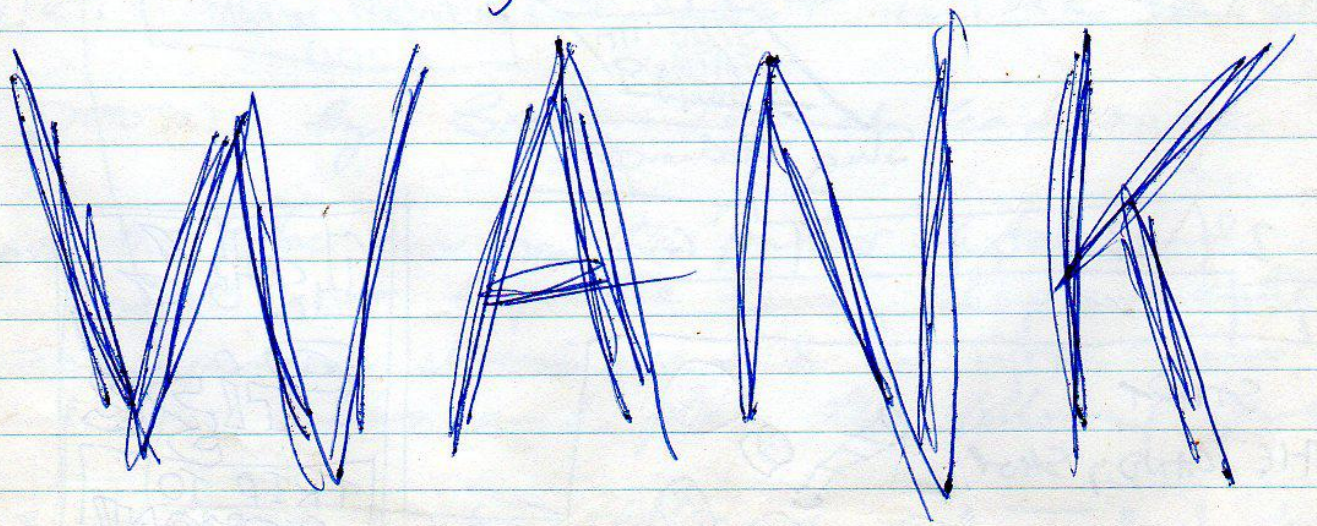
10/8/87 Camp Plain 1. Passage off map

7/8/87 237 extended to ~ 230m Join Pete Camp

10/8/87 Soligo short trip; New cave discovered + surveyed about it (649)

10/8/87 Motejo. Travel

11/8/87 Return to Hoyon
Richard G. Chris F.
Finished bolting up Ashu Dome and found that to our rather great disappointment new to our complete nervous breakdown that there was rod all there. cried for an hour Surveyed passage leading into Dome Cave out and I think its fair to say, unaccustomed as I am to public speaking that the whole cave is



EPILOGUE - HORON

I don't think it would be altogether unreasonable to describe this cave as the least pleasant shit-heap I ever had the misfortune to enter. RG.

11/8/87

Toby & Jane to Volvo. Drenching Draughting hard. Must go back with a trowel.

7th - 10th and 9th August 87

Steve, Phill, Shag, Ratbag, Pete & Jane

attempts:- Swilly Riley (no boots)
Elliot (no helmet)

415

7th

Had a good look around to familiarise ourselves with the hole & returned to study survey found that it was not fully drawn up so not much help. Found (in cave not on survey!) 3 pitches which looked undescended one had been by Portsmouth Poly in '85 but not pushed to a final conclusion aprox 175 ft deep (they told us); one pitch under boulder chock in round chamber marked "P/ out →" other up above boulder chock into dome roofed chamber with 30' pitch at top.

9th.

Returned with 6 30' ladders to descend all pitches previously found - after brief argument we went to Portsmouths pitch

situated off a right off phreatic railway tunnel tube in end chamber. Ratbag was volunteered to decend pitch this proved v. difficult as it is made up of a large N° of ledges with a couple of squeezed aft 3½ hours Jumpy Ratbag returned having used all 6 30' ladders & still remained 60' (estimated) from the bottom of the pitch. This pitch is a right sod - it would be better to underwally bolder seperate sections & have people belaying on ledges as from a ledge 40' from to all contact was lost with Jimmy other than v. v. v. faint whistle signals. Descended pitch under bolders and found it had previously been descended, ends in 2 rifts which close up.

10th

Looked at dome topped chamber pitch found to have been previously decended & closed down immediatly.

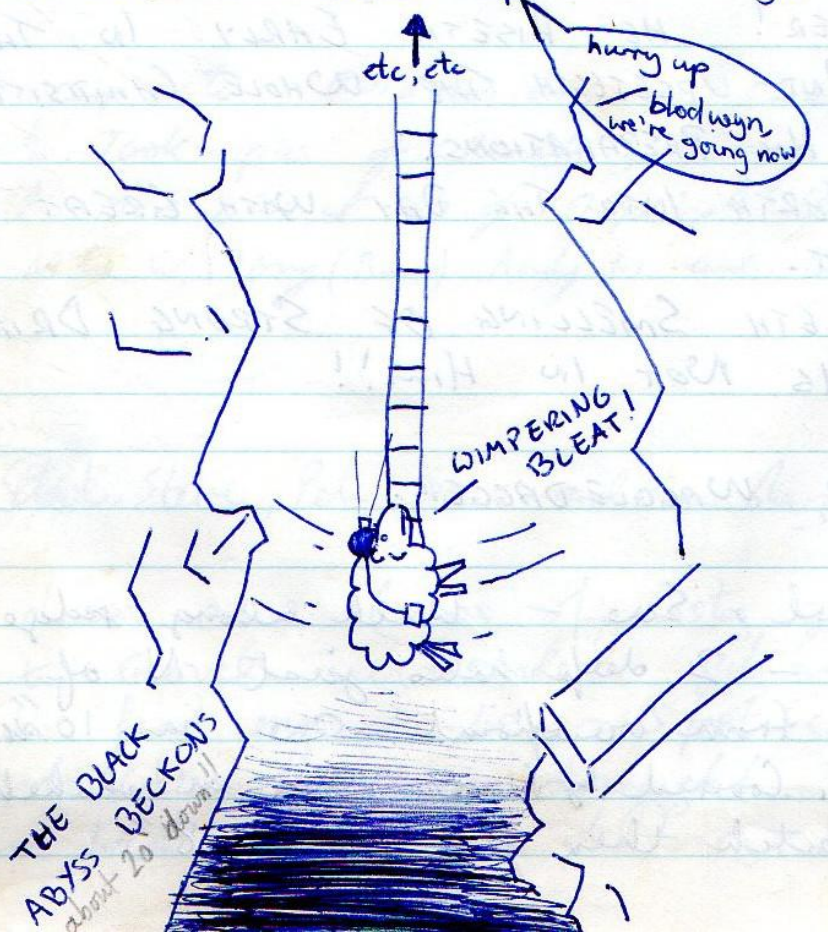
Due to lack of Numbers the panmouth pitch was not looked at again nor surveyed.

11/8/87. Bobby + Julie went for a walk in Cobriales near St Miguel. Came out suitably impressed by caverns measureless to / cell + 1 standard premier!

Pixie (Andy) DICK SPASH

11/8/87 Toad-in-the-hole. Elliot, Cosmic, ~~Richard~~ Richard III, Blodwyn.

Went down with intention of bottoming the pitch just after the chocolate Series window. Arrived with 60' of ladder and realised we'd left the lifeline on the surface, and belayed around the window. Blodwyn leapt down oozing discovery fever ~~etc~~ only to get to the bottom of the ladder with about 30' to the bottom. So we rebelayed the ladder ~~etc~~ around a flake about 15' down and sent Blod off again. The ladder still didn't reach so Blod waited in an alcove whilst our climbing expert descended and then free climbed the last 15' foot to a platform with a 60° bedding plane heading off one way and another approx 25' pitch going on. Tackle was ~~to~~ left rigged. ~~etc~~ On the way in Richard III climbing expert ascended the calcite slope above the first pitch up and found a dead end, though it may be possible for a real suicide merchant to climb up to the right where there was a hole.



Minny Mouse

11th August 87
Phil, Steves, Shog, Pete & Sue.
Mostaigo

went to look at undecended pitch estimated 40 ft deep found to ~~be~~ due to navigating error by our leader (Steve - Micky Mouse the Safety one) we went to the wrong pitch found to be twice as deep even after I (Sue - the stupid) was lowered on manky spanish hemp lifeline rope then the ladder ran at the pitch continues. (I was not too keen to without a ladder - sensa). Wimp

12th August.

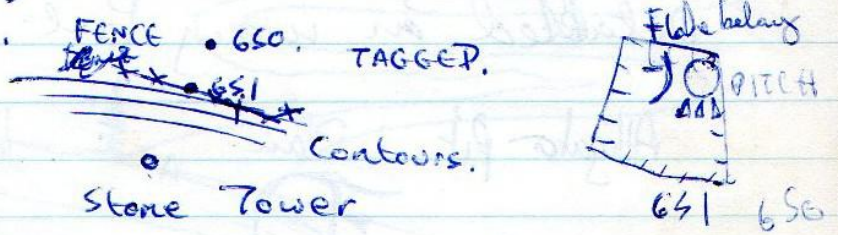
LO THE CAVER! HE RISETH EARLY IN THE MORNING AND UPSETESTH THE WHOLE CAMPSITE.
MIGHTY ARE HIS PREPARATIONS.
HE GOETH FORTH INTO THE DAY WITH GREAT HOPE IN HIS HEART.
HE RETURNETH SMELLING OF STRONG DRINK AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM!!

WORDS BY BILLY WAGGLEDAGGER.

11th August - Carl + Sue - Walk along sedge from Viento Olivias - 2 deep holes just N of stone tower - 50 m from our point. One has 10" stone rumble - 150-200' deep. Covered by farmer. Other in shakehole 20 m lower - 10 m pitch then rumble for 8".

12th Aug – Andy + Carl – to 2 holes at Puerto Colisias – temp 160°F in the shade. Go to lower hole. Square section shakehole 8m deep to ~~pitch~~ broken ladder pitch of 15m. Carl descends ~~shaftwards~~ 15ft with further hole to estimated 100' pitch. Calcited rock + no ring hangars for roof bolt prevented further descent. (That our excuse). Needs gardening – much hanging death.

Upper hole probably about 200' deep – covered with slabs (set on tiny bedges at top of shaft). Too hot to drill bolts in crappy weathered limestone. Temp now 200°F in the shade.



Holes aligned along joint heading towards Vega valley ~1500' below – potential!

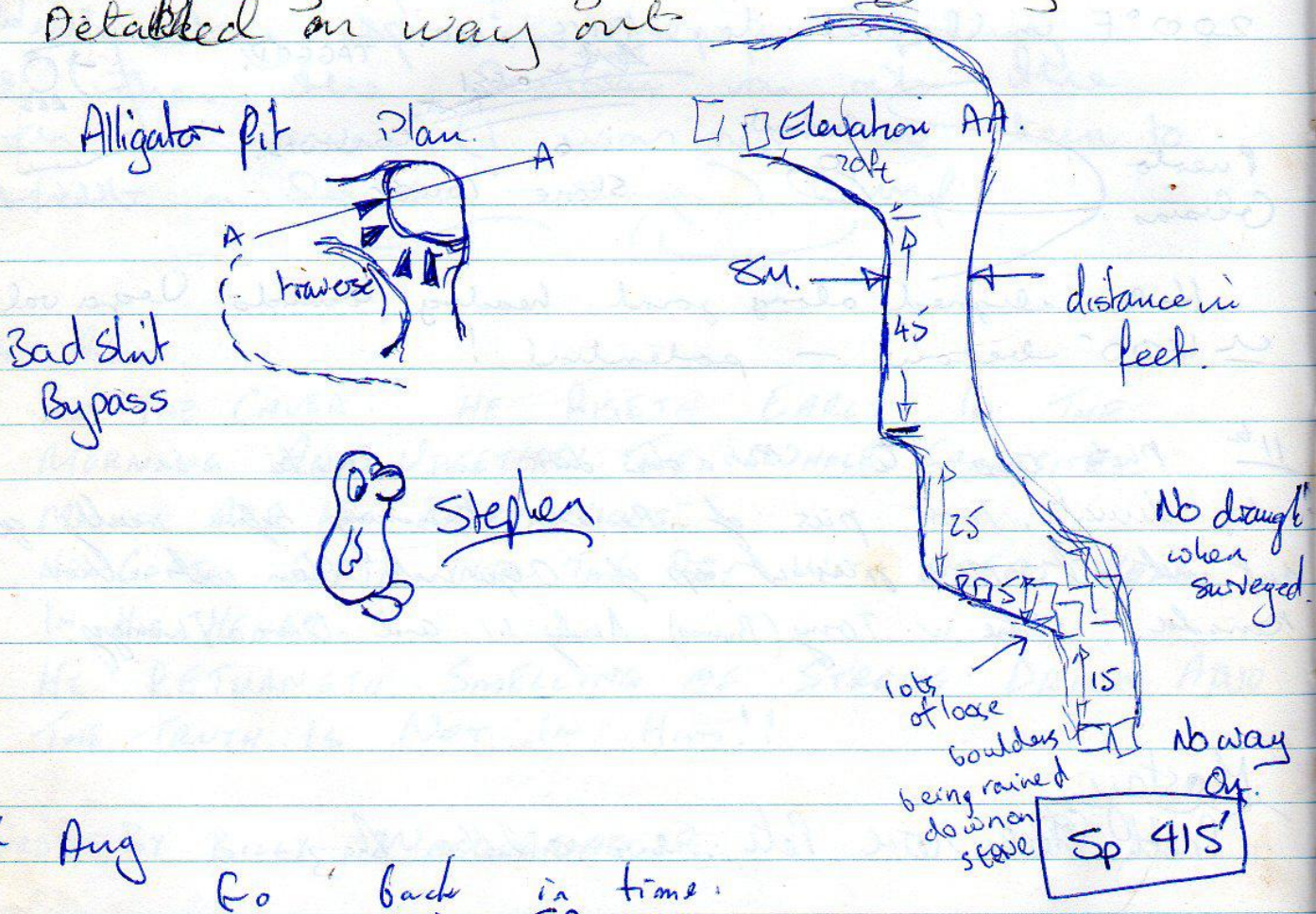
11th Pieta trip to Rubadubdub in Renada via Arpenteata. Took pics of Renada stalactmay before really good but not bit. More pics at top of Aigue Ball then out thro Renada. Mike W Tony (Burns) Andy H and Dave Thingy.

Mastayo

Pretty Stick, Steve, Pete, Sara and Me Shag

Went down cave (–cos of nasty golden ort in sky) got to Grovels undescended pitches (again) Found first one to be ~115 feet (size 6ps) into boulder floor – no draught. Alligators Pit Came back up (for steve did) and descended

next shaft. Sara went down 13.5 metres Pete followed and found the way on via a shitty crawl with 'fun bits'. Came out into a chamber to the right of chamber is pitch (undescended) ~ 18 metres to left of chamber is a 18 metre climb to a second chamber with another undescended shaft and a black void going upwards. (~~looks~~ climb is apparently v. muddy and exposed) Due to lack of time and no expendable present ~~surveyed~~ surveyed to chamber below climb. Still draughting. Can't go back going home! Detackled on way out.

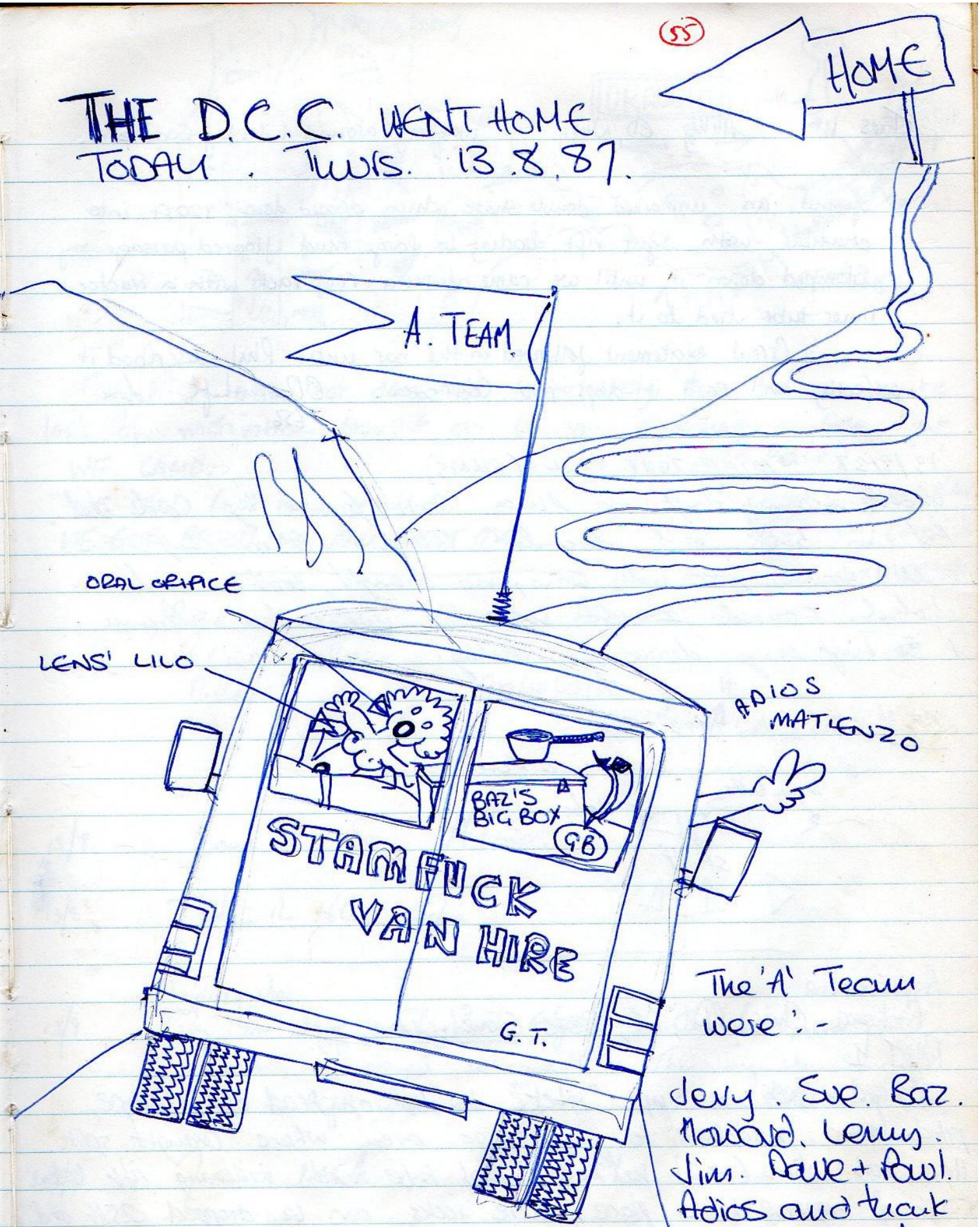


8th Aug

Go back in time.

The dig in ~~5/4~~ Sp! arrived at dig J. Leslie D. Howard (dormouse) 15 minutes to get through dig. 5 foot high chamber; 15 ~~foot~~ passage tight squeeze big fuck off chamber; Elephant size footprints fucking everywhere in 3rd chamber; well pissed off.

THE D.C.C. WENT HOME TODAY. THURS. 13.8.87.



The 'A' Team were:-

Jevy. Sue. Baz. Howard. Lenny. Jim. Dave + Paul. Adios and tuck you. Especially you floppy.

Love Howard!

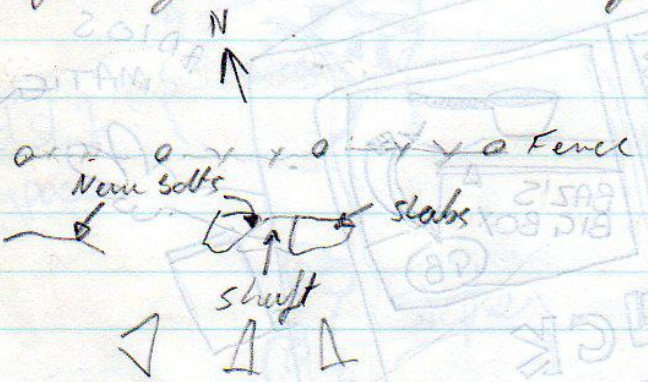
Tues 11th. Milly, ED, Nicky walking around hills by Codisara.

found an unmarked double shaft which dropped down 120 ft into chamber with tight rift leading to large mud floored passageway. Stomped down it until we came accross a roof rack with a tractor inner tube tied to it.

Great excitement followed in the bar until Phil described it perfectly and said it drops into Codisara. Other shafts done 656,

13/8/87 MIKE TONY PHIL (BUMS)
went down shaft on Alisas (631) found by Carl etal. Put in 3 bolts and descended to find 63m shaft. Ends with boulder floor with bones, no draught, looks well choked. Found 2 old bolts 1 just below entrance 1 ½ half way down for rebelay.

631

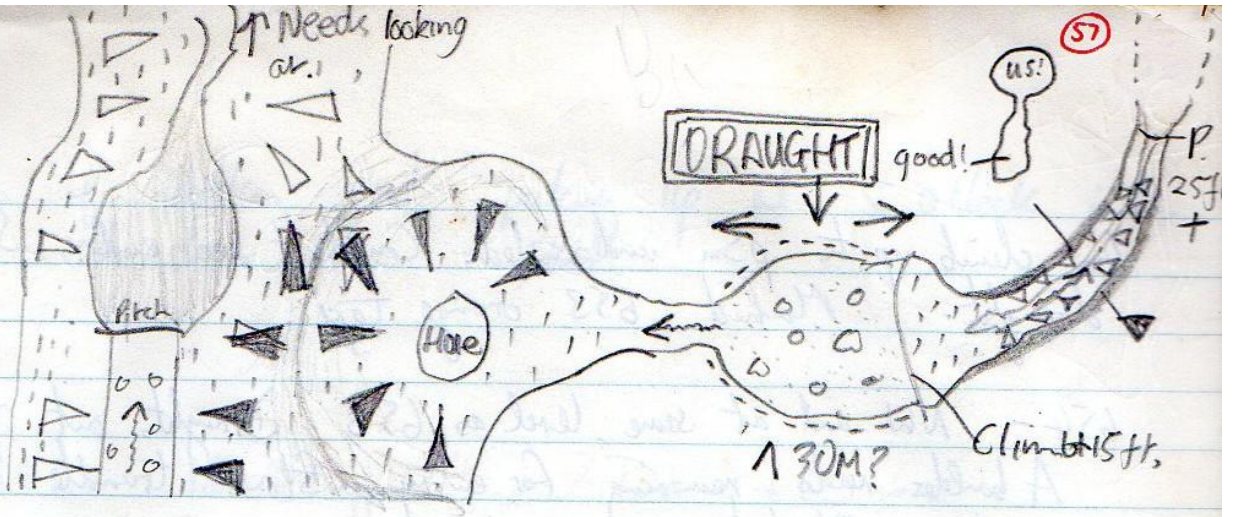


Azpilicueta
Richard, Chris, Phil, T.T., Steve, Grovel, Dave.

PART 1

Richard & Chris go up "inlet" to left of head of 3rd Rope pitch over mud-bank to gain large aven where draught splits. Up short climb (15ft) to very muddy Roof tube with widening rift below. 50ft of traverse to a place where rocks can be dropped 25ft and heard to rumble for a bit more (50ft) looks good! Possible connection to Rēnada?

Also let Phil de-rig the rest of the cave, gave him a bit of a hand at the entrance.



This pitch was not descended immidiately due to an acute lack of motivation brought on by an exploding carbide light.
WE CAME,
WE SAW, (not much though)
WE GOT PISSED OFF AND WENT OUT.

(In face)

← me after my carbide exploded

Beer Beer Beer Beer
Beer Beer Beer
Beer Beer Antelope

Chris (age 2½)

13/8 Lank - San Antonio.

13/8 Toad in the Hole - Cave

13/8 Azpilequeta
Tony Graham Dave - Big Brick ~~Edge of Hole~~ Chamber resurvey.
RE
We went, we surveyed, we came out. The original survey notes came to light in the evening, Connie got a Bollocking!

13/8 Cave - Mendip

652 - 2 depression, both draughting out strongly. Both need digging out. Not marked
653 - Half way up back wall of large depression with rubble -

4m climb up to p5m undescended. Couldn't see end. Strong outwards draught. Marked 653 orange tape.

654 - NW and at same level as 653. Draughts out strongly. A boulder needs removing for entry. Stones trundle for 10m. on slope. Marked 654 orange tape

655 - Small hole below well used goat track below trees on scar. 4m undescended pitch. Sprayed only 655.

[Steve from manchester is very very boring cos he doesn't drink enough beer. Boring Boring Boring]

DATE 13/8/87 "TOAD IN THE HOLE"
TEAM = ELLIOT, JIM DAVIS, COSMIC.

After Toad had been retackled on 11/8/87 we went in to bottom of pitch on SRT about 110 feet deep just after the chocolate slice crawl. It goes nowhere. Went down another 60 foot pitch to the right after the chocolate traverse. It went down a horrible sharp hole nowhere. Then we went down to the 'new' Cocoa Series downstream of the ladder pitch. We climbed up and Jim did a tricky traverse into new passage 3m wide 3m high (Cosmic left the survey tape behind so it is not surveyed Yet!!). Then we went to the other nice sandy walking passage and found a medium size domed chamber now called St. Saint Pauls, and on into more walking passages. It needs to be surveyed + drawn up and there is a lot of new passage awaiting their first keen cavers! Cosmic deserves a medal for getting down a cave after drinking

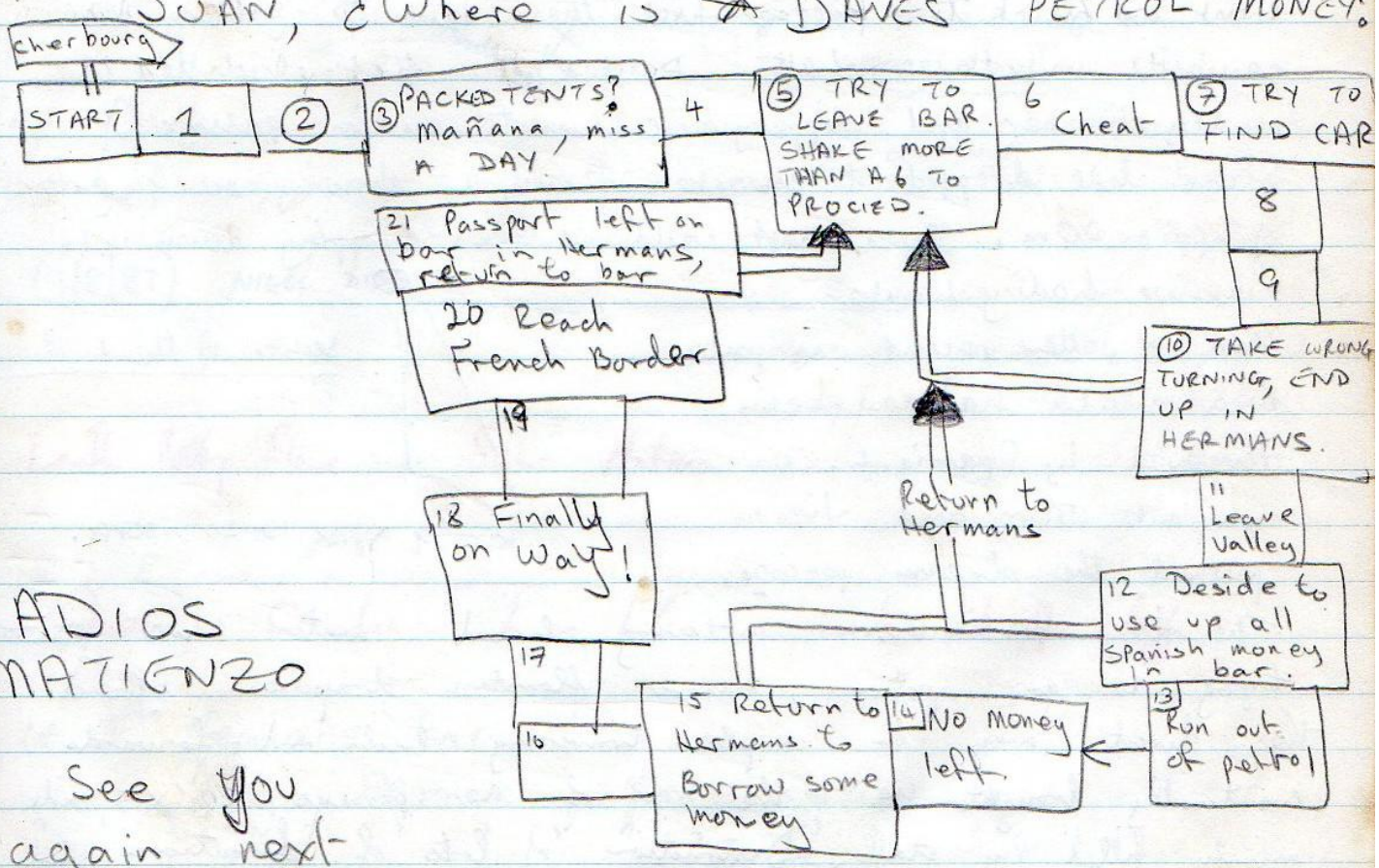
½ bottle of Vodka and puking up at 5 o'clock in the morning - well done coo. - Elliot

1H | Aug | 87. 18-30 approx. Dave + Dave.

Going to do the ultimate trip. Back to reality. We are heading off now (or very soon!).

Now starts the hardest part of the hols, playing FROGS HATE BRITS, or GET THROUGH FRANCE ALIVE.

JUAN, ¿Where is * DAVES PETROL MONEY?



ADIOS MATIENZO.

See you again next Year. - HOPE NOT.!!

12th / 8 / 87.

Toby & Chris to Vulva Hole (Volvo). About 15' dug in tight passage. Looking good. Called it "The Somme."

14th. Vulva.

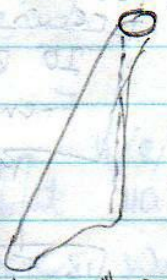
Toby, Chris, Richard, Jane. More of the same - about 12' more tight passage to rock constriction. Side rift inveshgated by Richard. It didn't go - but he did. - it is now known as "Dunkirk." - (Its evacuation was a desperate affair too).

14TH Sa Vieio.

Nigel, Terry, Jim, Kate for quick 8hour look around. Went up Quick Trip Passage first then down to gallery above campsite with three shafts. Dropped down first which led to muddy chamber and slippery slope down to main passage. Second hole dropped to chamber off campsite showing survey error of approx 20m. Third shaft could be seen dropping down into massive hading chamber.

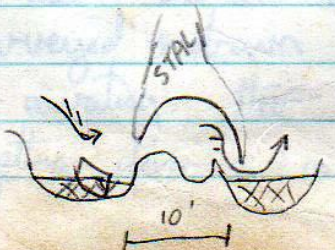
Had a potter round campsite area which has now been removed by Spaniards. On way out Terry and Jim pushed the stream passage.

Section of third shaft.



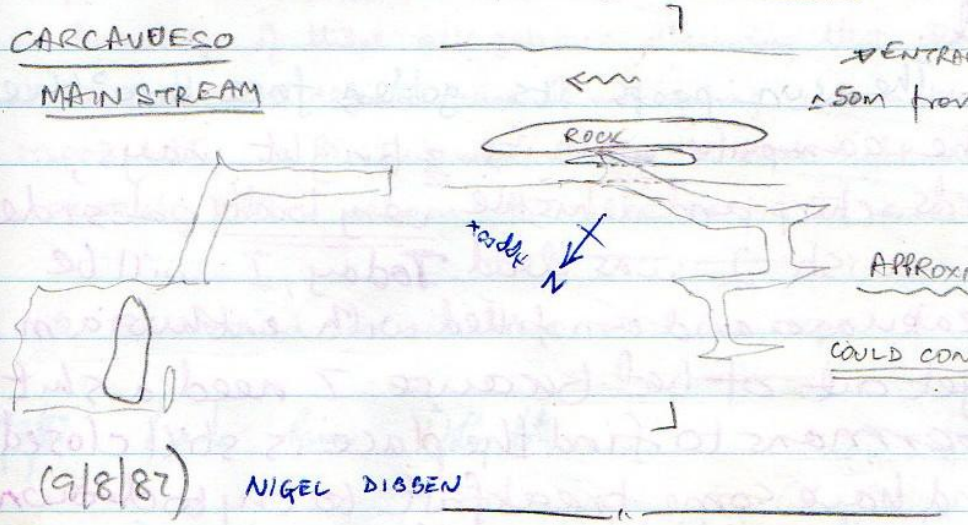
approx 15-20 metres.

The story continues.... Having heard water we started trying to go upstream; massive flowstone draperies blocked the direct way so complex traversing back and forwards eventually brought us to the roof of a passage 20' high x 5' wide mainly filled by stall. Destruction of lots of formations led down to the stream to a strange way through under an eroded stal boss



an 5m climb led to a bedding and this was

followed lead butting stals to a complete column blockage. Hammering with stones produced a squeeze though but the way on got steadily wetter in a bedding upto 6' wide but only 16' high. After a total of about 100m from the start a large aven enters; 15-18' diameter, covered by stal and draughts down. The stream enters from a bedding and continues unexplored 6' wide 16" high — more stals to smash! Guess the aven is at least 100' high but the echo suggests much logic There are Ascellids present in large quantities in the streambed.



(9/8/87) NIGEL DIBBEN

Look Bobby Steve - San Antonio.

Juan - Secadora - & no holes on western side of cliffs

W/14-15th Germans bar.
mega session in bar

CONGRATULATIONS

KATE & LIZ. - First two wobblers of matienzo 84. Well done girlies!
(A big boy wrote this, then ran away)

Well done Lank - 1st person to propose to Richard - I mean fancy asking him for "a quick Shufty" (a lag boy wrote this + ran away!)

Who says Juan couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery - Well he can!

14th August - Sat.

The morning after. The sun peeps its golden face thro' the mist, splashing the campsite with its bright rays, The cheerful birds chirp and whistle very loudly outside my tent and I wish I was dead. Today, I will be laying down kakuaso and am filled with enthusiasm. I eventually get out of bed because I need a shit. I arrive at Germans to find the place is still closed so I go back and have some breakfast to try to drown the foul taste in my mouth induced by the previous night's overendulgance. (we eventually entered the cave at about 1.30pm and had a v. sordid trip which achieved exactly nothing to the end of Brainstorm. I can now find my way around this grotty hole and I demand recognition) Steve (Spikey). Others on trip - Phil the ~~Greek~~ Salford. Terry "Trading Rift", Jim.

The innolefore did not work, because Phil ran out of lops and he was disconnected. There are plenty of leads in this cave, unfortunately enough.



Im now at the bar, I'm waiting for

Things to warm up.

Comment of the day:

"A big one dropped out of my trousers the other day"
(Salford Phil.).

→ The truth was revealed the next night but in view of the risk of libel etc etc the detail had better not be put on paper. But actually, Lank was being taken home by Richard at the time and was reluctant to part with the appropriate fee (most of a bottle of tinto). Lank claims no knowledge of these allegations claiming that he was unconscious at the time — a definite case of mitigating circumstances while of diminished responsibility. (PS This was written the next night at 0010 ~~after~~ during a relatively sober session to make up for the previous night).

PPS: Garda civil do not have steel toe-caps.

15/8/87 Lank Rivas Bobby Pete.

" Drain testers mobphoning - phones don't work. See later also.

" Agricultural - new series

SPANISH VIDEO NEEDED FOR JCFC

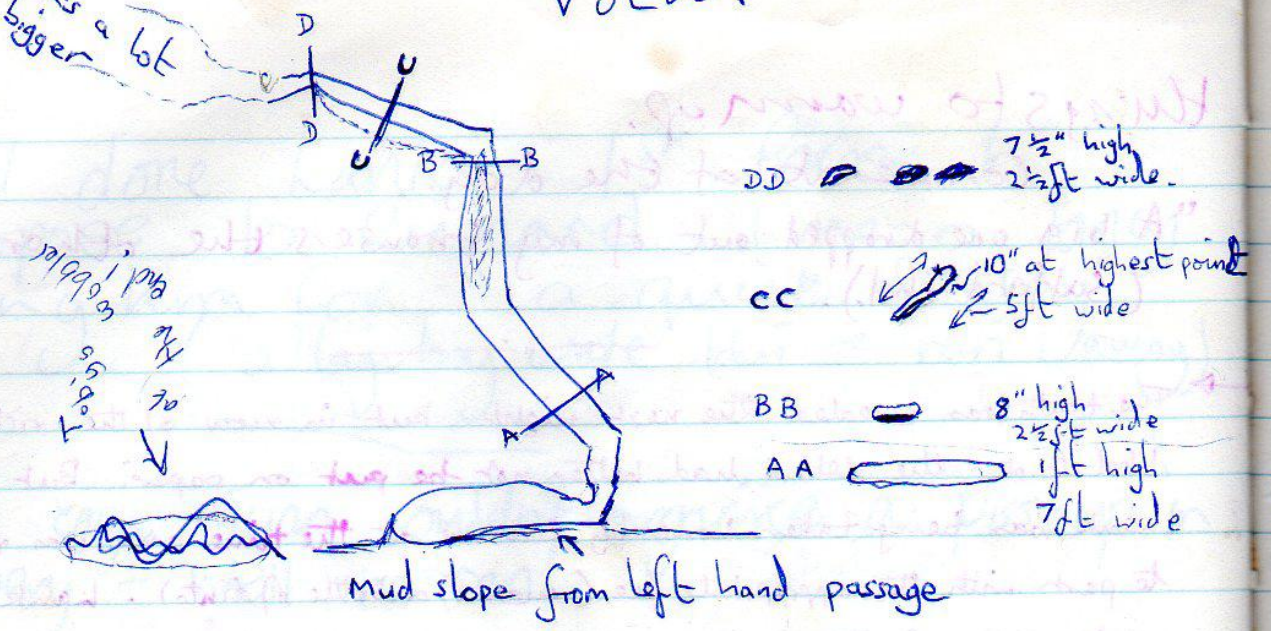
16/8/87. Chris, Jane, Toby, Volvo.

Welcome to the longest squeeze in Spain.

A War of Attrition was fought on the Somme today. Chris & Toby in the heat of the Battle. Jane in support. Retreated with pride and dignity — totally knackered. The very small piece of rock blocking the way on is just a smidgeon smaller.

Quote Toby "I'd give my left arm for a piece of bang this size" →

Volvo.



MEGA-GLORY

ALMOST

← jealous

16/8/88

me, Jim, Elliot, Phil Steve, Richard (Jane's Apprentice)

Well, here goes.

We arrived at "Toad" at about 1.30pm and entered the cave through the delightful entrance crawls - I had to carry a rope all the way through so I was very bored as a result. When we got to the new bit, we turned ~~r~~ left, and followed a passage about 3m tall and 1m wide until we got to a boulder choke that ~~blew~~ draughted and was pushed to a sordid conclusion by Richard + Jim. I found a muddy hole to crawl into. Then we were lead by Elliot down the ~~right~~ right hand way on and after a while we crawled up a climb into the new stuff that had been found by Jim. It went on and draughted ~~like fuck~~ a lot, and we entered an aven with a way on the other side. This led after a short crawl into a stomping passage about 2m

by 4m with lots of unexplored cavern. ✓
We eventually got to a squalid boulder choke and some muddy passage where we lost the draught

A Quick Shufty



An everyday sight in Matienzo!
A bum fucking a horse.

CAVERS ARE BORING!
THEY DON'T DRINK ENUFF!

Arrrr!

(I'm a piss-head).

XXX

16·8·87 Comediante Sanford Phil + support team of Juan Lank Pete Terry.

Early start at 5pm. Greeted at entrance to cave by Wanker's children, farmer and his wife. This diving site is a lot better than the one in the cave as there is more room to kit up, with no mud and the audience can get a better view (more posing potential!) A new pump has been installed on a concrete tower but due to leaks it sprays a fine mist of water over the support team. Dived down slope in a big phreatic passage upto about 10m wide, visibility of up to 20m, passage descended to 20m with a floor of sand showing ripple marks, passage then rises to about 15m where the old route dived a few years ago appears to enter. Passage then drops steadily down to 26m at a point 150m from the entrance. Line tied off on left hand wall. Return made after dive of 26 minutes using 50 cubic foot of air. The passage continues, large clear vis, requires larger cylinders suitable for two divers at a time.

Erratta reference Steve from manchester - He is no longer very boring coz he took his trousers off in Romans bar.

17/8/87 Jean + Elliot. Llama - Secador ridge to check out 610 (filled in) and 244 (loves horses).
Found 673, marked "17/8/87 A". At base of depression. Walk down into entrance to soil + boulder choke + small chamber up to left No draught. No other holes seen. A possible hole in climb has been filled-in.

Thursday 7pm. - to Ramble from Bar Raphael

17/8/87. Toad in the hole. Steve R & Phil C.

~~Dread~~ (Good start!) went down through 'chocolate' to bottom of 30' ladder. resurveyed from bottom of ladder, down stream, as far as boulder chamber after rift passages. Surveyed new chambers, found yesterday, after getting lost. ~~Five~~ four large Aven found all going up at least 20m or more. One pitch climb descended for 10m. Got miffed cos couldn't find any way on, so came out.
Future parties hoping to go down should note that bolt on 20' pitch up, just inside main entrance is ½ out of wall with a steel crab that's rusted closed.
- YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!



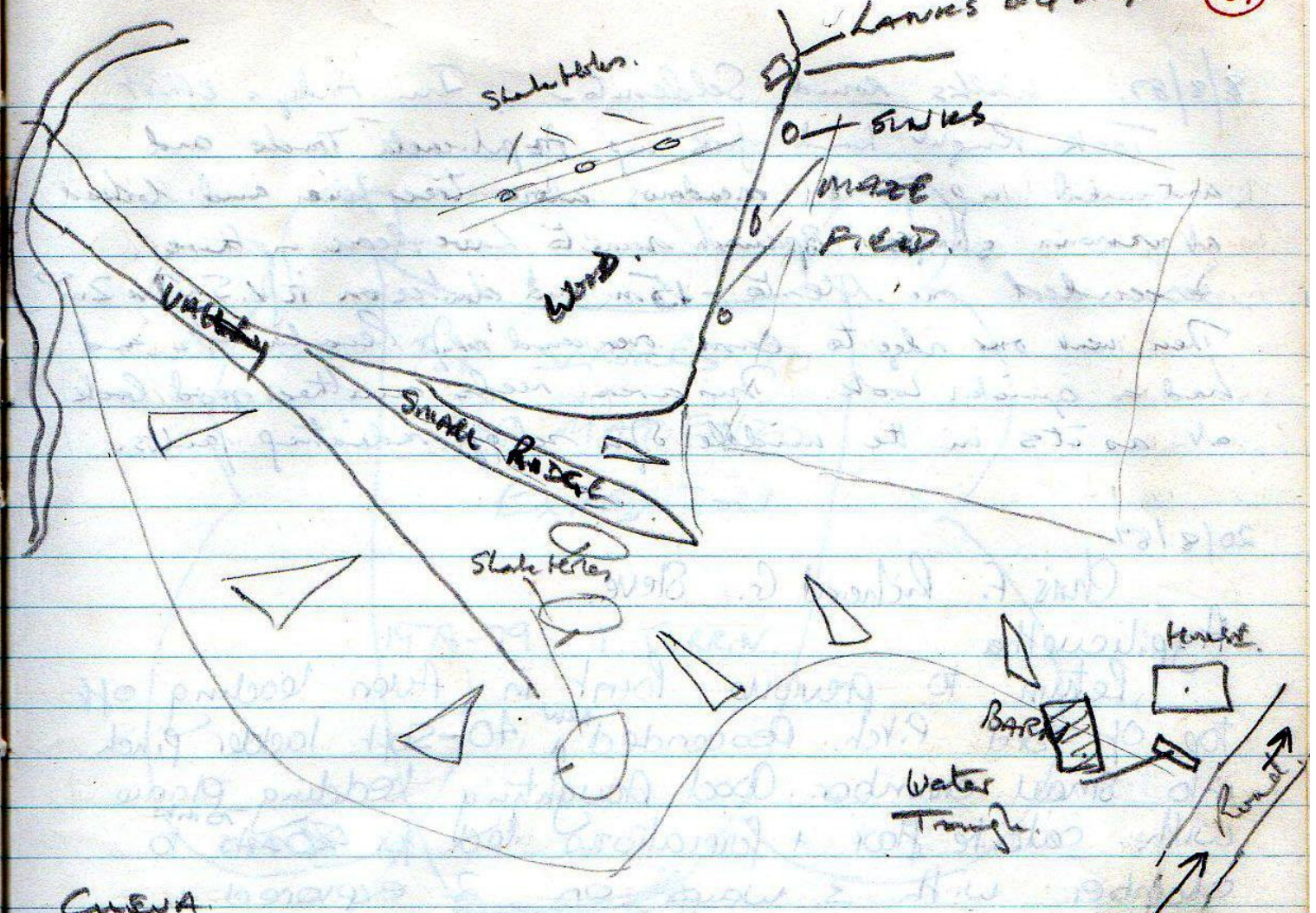
17/8/87 Around Cobadal Lamb, Jim, Terry? Mild.
Followed Lamb into various interesting bedding planes and has a bit of a dig, but it didn't go. Then asked local about a cave and were given good directions to a Cardenosa (681) and a Torca (682). Cardenosa was old remnant into several low phreatic inlets from Avens, but no way. Torca consisted of side pitch 5m dropping into a further pitch 8m in NW to a sloping rocky floor of dead animals. Continues unexplored down pitch.
Jim, Phil, Terry, Steve.

15/8/87 - Molephoning & Bumping in Carcavensa/Llavera. Quick Tarja in to choke at canal in Drain Water and survey round chamber back to known point. Bump didn't work so we went out via Sewers of Dom and 'Coke' run (Terry & Phil).

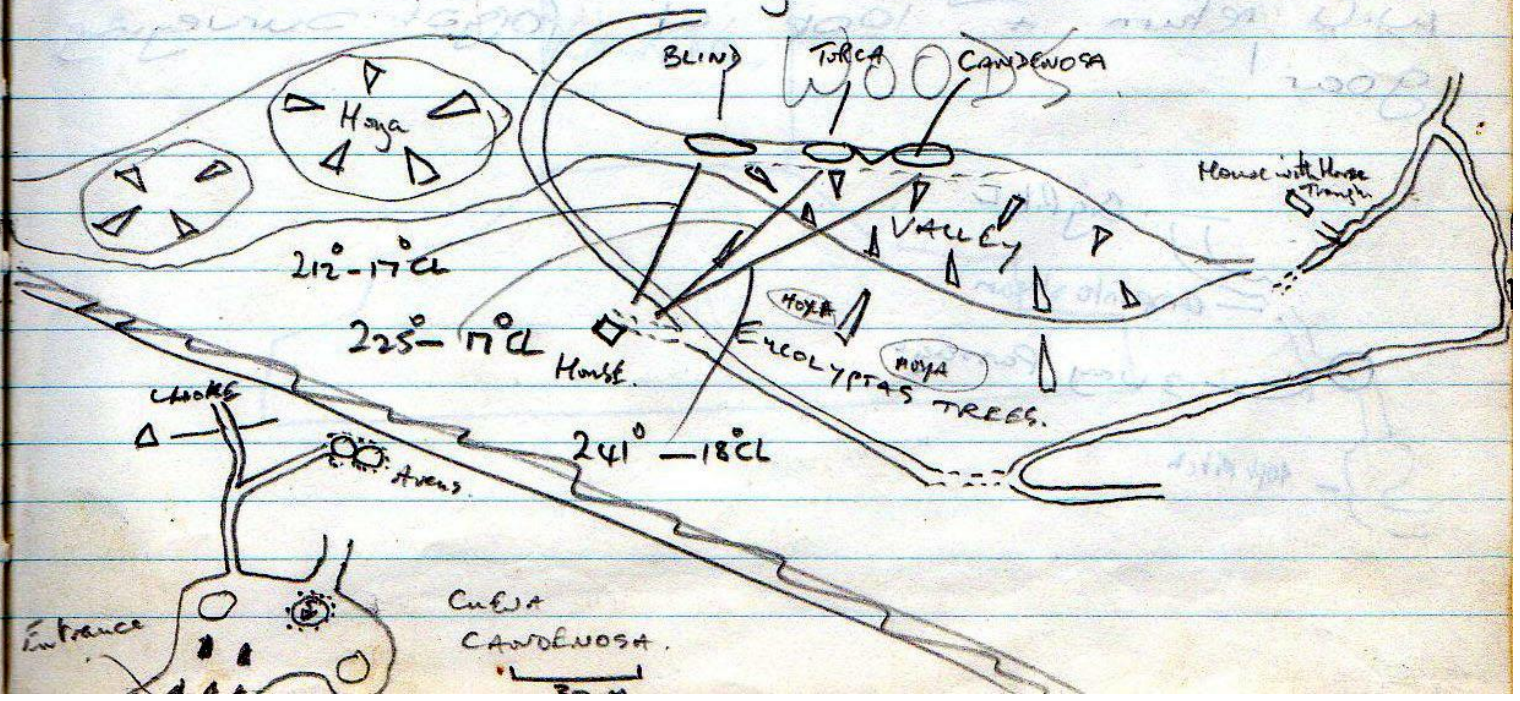
TOAD - IN - THE - HOLE.

16/8/87 - Jim, Elliot, Steve, Richard.
Went to end of left hand series and poked at choke but could find way on. Surveyed a bit of choke, then more passages on way back to junction. Then went down Right hand series to climbs of day before and poked on through NW chamber into good walking passage for 300m to further aven and choke. Left way in and surveyed out.

17/8/87 - Campos de Lante Alias Cobadal
18/8/87 - Rocabado - Jim Terry, Elliot Juan (Guide)
Juan found Rocabado in wrong place - now corrected. Short ladder pitch gives access to eyehole into main pitch. Put new bolts in with wrong anchors - Cones were too big - so anchors stick out ¼"!!! Really Crappy bolts. Free Hang to Sandy floor with no way on. Looked at windows into side pitches, but these are also choked.

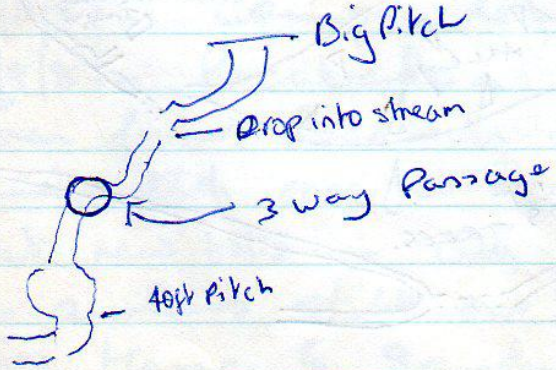


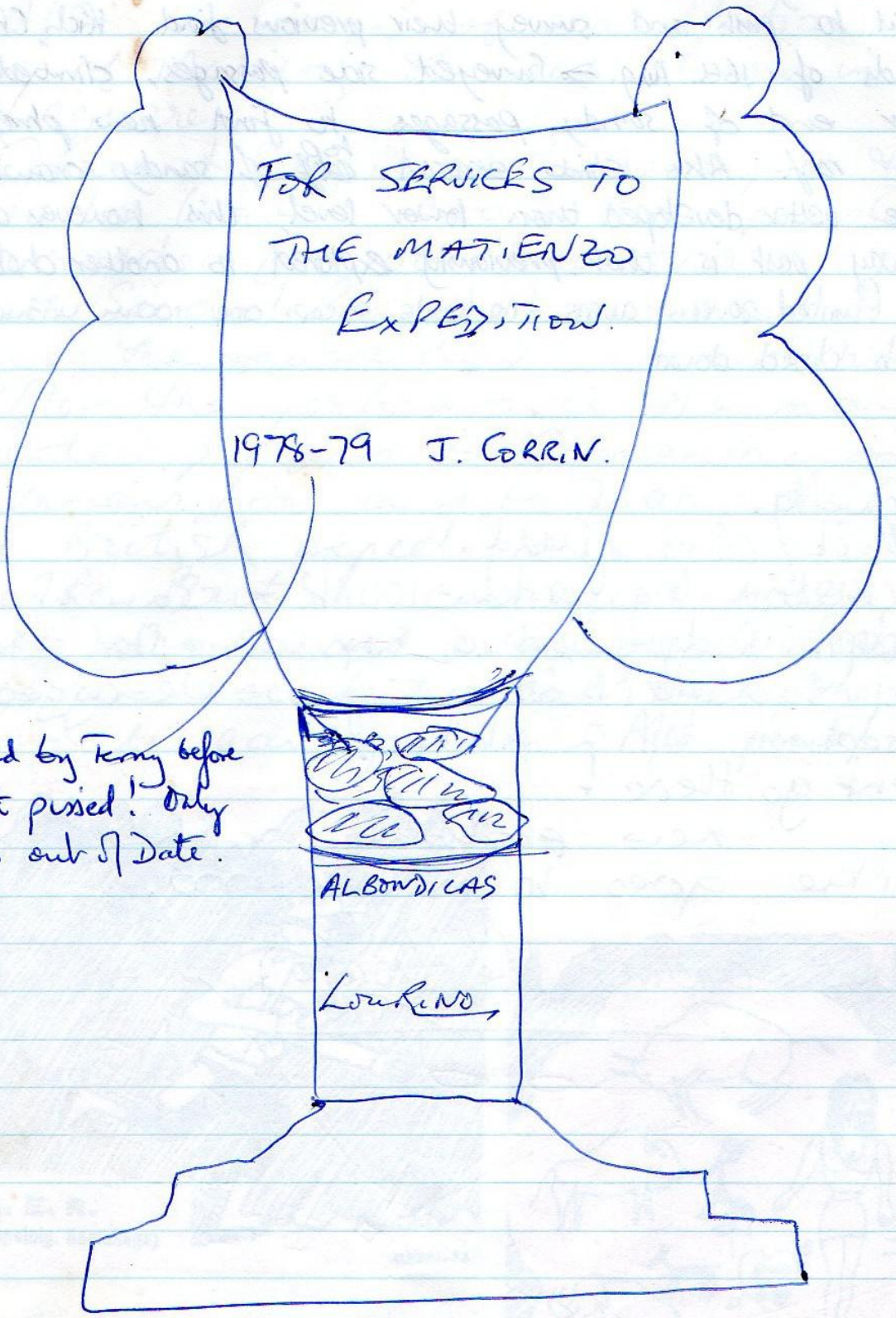
CUENA.
CANDONOSA & TORCA. – Take first right on way back from Rose Trough to . Follow road round to hairpin and go o/t straight ahead down good track towards House. Park here and walk down to where track crosses valley on ridge. Turn down to right on left side of valley. All three holes are within 200 m.



8/8/87. Walks Round Seldemto - Tim Andy & Elliot.
Took Right hand fork up Azpilicueta Track and continued up past meadows above tree line and looked at various shafts. Spanish seem to have been up there. Descended one hole to -15m and choke on 12/V 5m↑ x 2m↔ Then went over ridge to 6am over end of Renada 2½ and had a quick look. This area needs another good look at as it's in the middle of a set of radiating faults.

20/8/87
Chris F. Richard G. Steve.
Azpilicueta
Return to previous Point in Aven leading off top of 3rd Pitch. Descended new ↑ 40-50ft ladder pitch into small chamber. Good Draughting bedding plane with calcite floor + formations led for ~~40 mts~~ 70 mts to chamber with 3 ways on. 2 explored + both join. Other could be an oxbow out unexplored. followed Draught Via Sandy Crawl + dropped down into stream Via a Squeeze A further 50 mts passage led to top of big Pitch - Probably 120 - 150 feet which we will return + look at. forgot surveying gear!





engraved by Terry before he got pissed! Only 8 years out of Date.

Toad in the hole - 18-8-87
Richard, Chris, Toby, Steve & Phil.
Steve & Phil to push and survey their previous find. Rich, Chris & Toby to finds of 16th Aug. → Surveyed side passages, climbed into roof at near end of sandy passages to find new phreatic tunnels in roof. Also climb exposed top of sandy crawls, which proved to be better developed than lower level, this however chokes, and only way past is that previously explored to another choke from lower level. Climbed several avens - no leads except one 100m unsurveyed crawl which closed down.

21/8/87
Aspiliaella.
Rich / Chris / Juan.
Descended big pitch - 100ft - Saw another 100ft depth. Dodgy abseil of crap bolt + Stal - got scared so left it for next year - de-rigged all except for top 2 pitches.
Don't go there!
- new passage called Frankie goes to muddywood.

Vegies against the bomb

Ramales August 22nd.

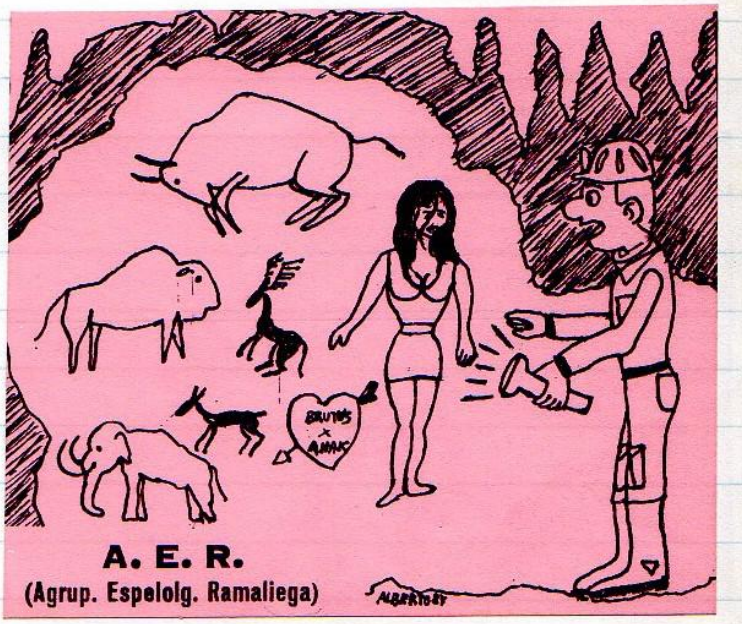
After 2 days of consultation the video of Matienzo 86 was shown in the town square.

Three television sets relayed the video to between 200 + 300 people. Seats were provided for 100, while others stood around 2 sets. Several hundred more sat in bars around the square and watched intermittently.

After the performance the mayor presented plaques to Hermanne, on behalf of German bar, and to Juan, on behalf of the British expedition.

The British contingent were treated to free drinks all evening and were later given an excellent meal, with the mayor + Ramales caving club. Also presented with 10 000pts





Spade crowbar wellies to Pete.

23rd August

Aspiliceta detackled. No grease in first two pitches bolt holes. Pete tows up

Then J32 10m pitch ~~to~~ down side of bridge to earth and boulder floor.

675 2 entrances at opposite sides of collapse. Short climber down to head of 50ft undescended pitch. Impressive spot.

676. 10m pitch to stony floor with short descending squeeze to choked chamber

677. Near top of wall. Covered with slabs. An 8m undescended shaft.

22nd August

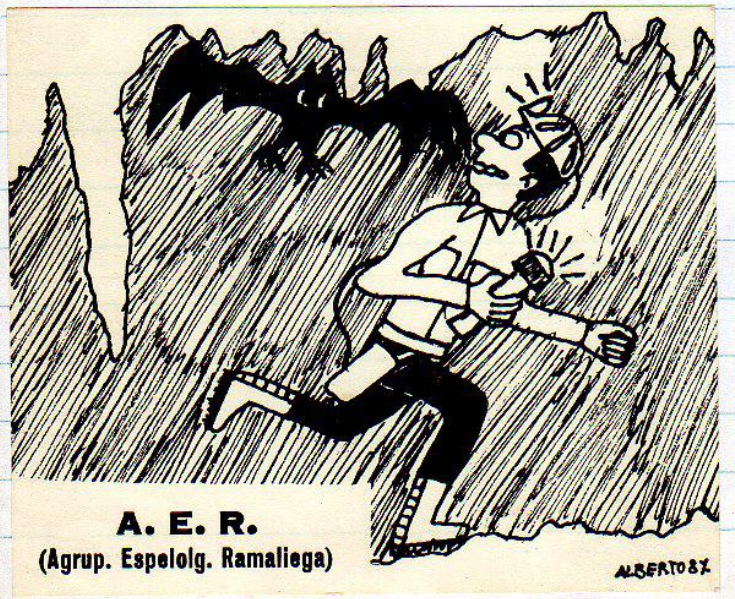
Grano.

Pete + Quan up to 614 Not found! Marked on map wrongly. Instead found

678 Sloping entrance with wet pitch of 10m to choked floor

679 Sandy limestone at head of 10m pitch. Another hole, 10m deep but choked at top is 10m to SE.

680. Undescended tight rift about 8m deep. At top of small valley



Survey Summary
L-1

635.1	+	290m ✓	31/7/87.
081.8	-	161m. ✓	1/8/87.
258.	-	216m ✓	1/8/87.
081.9	-	189m ✓	1/8/87.
081-10	-	280m ✓	2/8/87.
258	-	~~100m~~ 323 ✓	3/8/87
105.9	-	117m. ✓	4/8/87
258	-	486m ✓	4/8/87.
264	-	258m ✓	~~4~~ 5/8/87.
635.1	-	110m ✓	
~~081.~~		~~Seen of down~~	
~~258~~ 114.8		42m Chamber at end of SWL passage	
~~258~~.			
237.1		225m	7/8/87.
114		300m not surveyed.	
258		- 100m not surveyed yet. 13/8/87	

~~081. All surveyed seen Chamber 9/8/87~~

105.10	176m ✓	10/8/87.
071.11	94m ✓	10/8/87.
649.1	26m	10/8/87

2993 surveyed @ 10/10/87

071-11	126m.	13/8/87
105.11	202m	15/8/87
333	53m.	15/8/87
114 ~~081~~ Tony	70m	15/8/87

(76)

Steve Knights.

Colin	B 258·4	97·5 m	16/5/87.
Brian Doe	258·4 +5 ¾	417·9 in	16/5/87
Carol			3959
Nicky			
John Part.			end 16/5/87.

258·5 87·1 4046

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT