

LOGBOOK

Year: 1992

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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14/04/92 S. VEGA 033, 851, 054.

Nick, Jane, Toby

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No 33.

As described. Aven to left at bottom of stal slope was climbed for 8m. Very slippery slope not pushed but did not look promising. Large blackness behind the climb needs 12-15m of botting. Probably just an aven chamber but you never know.

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8m shaft to sweet F.A. Person who saw a large, unexplored passage needs eyes/head examining.

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As described.

15/04/92

Nick, Jane, Toby.

Walk above Ogarnio. Lots of shakeholes but no good sites found. Shaft No M42 seen but not located on map.

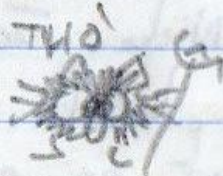
Nick descended a 6m shaft 200m E

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of highest "good graying" field on
ridge above Cray Ugano. Chomel
and draughtless. Nick then fell off
the ground & hurt his back.
(Some people will do anything to get into the
'flying club'. But because this was surface he
doesn't qualify for even tenderfoot wings!)

13/4/92 SANTANDER HOLE

P. STACEY, J. DOBINSON, S. HALL, P. EAGEN

OBVIOUS ENTRANCE WITH LARGE AMOUNT
OF WATER PRESENT EVERYWHERE. THE TRIP
TOOK 12 HOURS LONGER THAN EXPECTED.
WHEN ON EXIT A STEEL MAWSEY &
LARGE NUMBERS OF FISHING BOATS
CHOKED THE ENTRANCE SERIES DIGGING
WITH A GUNBOAT A LEGAL INTUCTION
SOON GOT US THROUGH THO'



P.S. HOLE HAS GOOD DRAUGHT ALTHO'
THERE IS A NASTY SMELL OF ANCHOVY'S

14/4/92 ABOVE MATHENZO, ENASO & SZADA

367 P. SAGE, J. ROBINSON, P. EAGEN.

ON MARK UP TRACE TO ENASO ENT. WAS FOUND.
JOHN CLIMBED FIRST FEW FEET, OTHERWISE CAVE
AS DESCRIBED IN ORANGE BOOK APPEARS TO BE
CURRENT.

? || NEAR 587 → 584 A SHAFT WITH A DECAYING FENCE
WAS FOUND, A FEW FEET (~10 m?) - IS THIS A NUMBERED
SITE?

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Dug entrance found previous
summer. Tight slope down to short
section of passage, well decorated to the
left entered slanted black limestone clothed
to the right become low and clothed soft.

79 SIMA WENDY - AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK, NOT OBSERVED
GENERAL POKE ABOUT AROUND 79 MANY SMALL
ENT., ROW SHELTERS, CHOKED (?) SHAFTS &
TADPOLES FOUND. I'VE TRIED TO MATCH THESE IN
THE BOOK BUT THE DESCRIPTIONS ARE TOO AMBIGUOUS

538 AS DESCRIBED PWS FOLLOWING BUT - THERE IS
A NARROW SLOT WHICH CAN BE CLIMBED DOWN INTO.
THIS LEADS TO A CHAMBER & A GRAVE WITH NO WAY
ON OR DRAUGHT.



Q:- Is the ageing superstar
 @ Caving Finally going Grey?

17/4/92 Cuevas Vedura - or something
 like that. Boxhead, Nick, Joe, Joe
 Toby, Phil looking for Celleron via the
 scenic route - the scenery being bushes &
 branches - crap. Cave up looking for
 Celleron & looked for something new - no hole
 went unsearched - then it did a crevice
 (Pringle a mist to the Mexico initiated!)
 Wandered back to car & found a hole -
 big & black - led to well decorated chamber.
 Ladder (1) pitch on left down to pretty
 chamber - further ladder (1) pitch down to
 main 30m drop to dead end - damn.

A week ago decided to go to Matienzo -
 here for 4 days - ~~not to~~ ~~no~~ no-one
 has caught any tropical diseases &
 COVID A CAVE. Fuck all this 2 years
 planning 6 weeks to Vietnam.

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EMBOSCADOS

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16/04/92

Toby, Jane, Jane, Nick, Alan.

Had a look at the end choke. The dig is making entry to the top of the choke extremely slippery! Toby & Alan both agree that part way along the choke you can see up into a space. Plugs & feathers are not suitable for moving the boulder that has to go as it would crush the user!

18/04/92

Toby & Jane. Walked along the side of Llunau Valley high up. Located a 20m diameter chamber which is known and as described. Further along hillside is an area of shotholes & short shafts which we intend to revisit in the summer. A dig has a drought & walking passage can be seen (= think!)

At the top of the "wrong track" for cellaron is a field with a barn. Several large ~~sheds~~ choked depressions were looked

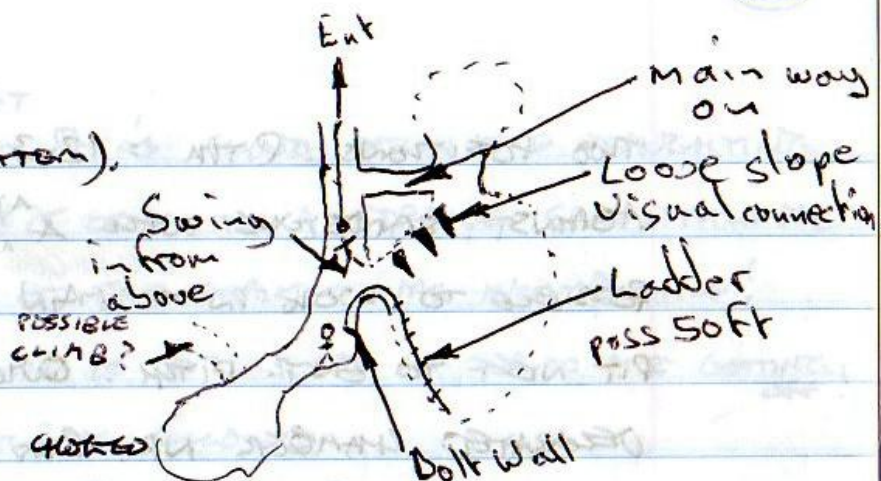
at and a shaft of about 20m was found above them (in small shade hole with a tree). Strong drought and good echo. The top of the shaft has been covered with some large boulders. We hope to drop it in the summer.

99 15/4/92 ARLINE CROUCH.

P. STREET, T. ROBINSON, P.T. EAGAN.

RIGGED ENT. PITCH TO BOTTOM USING THE 4 NEW BOLTS ON WALLS SURROUNDING SHAFT TO FORM Y-WANG JUST BELOW TOP. A LOOP OF ROPE IS ALSO USED TO GET OFF PITCH HEAD. DIFFICULT TO TIE/ADJUST AS TOP RIG REQUIRES ~100 FT OF ROPE! (~100m OF ROPE NEEDED FOR PITCH*). LAID A JOHN TO BOTTOM. PETER TRIED KENDRUM ONTO EDGE ABOUT 15 FT UP TO LOOK FOR POSSIBLE RIG INTO NEXT SHAFT/PIT - TOO CRAPPY FOR BOLTS. (POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING BOLT INTO SHAFT WALL & THEN DROPPING ~50 FT LADDER OVER EDGE

ENT. PITCH IS ~71m FREE HANG TO BOTTOM



WAY ON IS DOWN SANDY SLOPE UNDER ARCH AT BASE OF PITCH INTO SUCCESSIVE BOUNDRY CHAMBERS CONTAINING MUCH SAND & ^{BIG} BLOCKS. THERE IS A POSSIBLE CLIMB UP A CRAPPY FACE & WAY TOWARDS ^{KNOWN} END ON R.H. SIDE AS YOU GO IN, (ATTEMPTED & FAILED). ENDS IN SANDY CHAMBER WITH A TWO FLOOR WITH SMALL INLET FROM ABOVE - 3m ϕ x 8m HIGH. SURVIVED BACK TO BASE OF PITCH - (240m)

PETE CROSSED UP 15.2m (PRECISELY) & THEN AFTER SEVERAL TO BE SWUNG INTO MAIN WAY ON WAS ABLE TO SECURE BELT INSIDE SHAFT WINDOW/RAMP. (PAUL & JOHN THEN GOT INTO SHAFT BY PETER PLACING A "TOW" ROPE ON MAIN PITCH ROPE & THEN PULLING THEM INTO WINDOW). ROPE SECURED FOR FUTURE ACCESS AS BIG LOOP, & ATTACHED TO NATURAL BELTS ON RAMP. NEXT PITCH RIGGED AS FROM LARGE SAND STONE FLAKE & ROPE PROTECTORS PLACED IN

TWO POSITIONS. PITCH = 12-3m THIS IS MOSTLY
AGAINST SANDSTONE WALL & ^{AT} ONE POINT IT IS
POSSIBLE TO LOOK INTO MAIN SHAFT OVER NEIGHBORING
PIT NEXT TO ENT. PITCH. QUICK LOOK AT LOW
DECORATED CHAMBER NR. 2ND PITCH & THEN PROCEEDED
TO END OF NARROW RIFT AS VISITED LAST YEAR
BY P.T. GAGAN, S. OPPENSHAW + Andy? THIS RIFT
DRAUGHTS IN TWO PLACES, THE END IS A ~30 FT
PITCH (DESCENDED FOLLOWING DAY) WHICH DRAUGHTS,
BUT LESS STRONGLY THAN PIT ~40 FT BACK UP
PASSAGE. (EASIEST ROUTE IN RIFT IS AT HIGH LEVEL
WHERE POSSIBLE). ^{FOUND RUSTY} ~~SURVEYED~~ BELT AT TOP OF
LAST PITCH - HAVE BOTTENED BEEN HERE? SURVEYED
BACK (89m IN RIFT (WHICH STARTS IN A WELL DECORATED
GROTTO) & 37m TO BASE OF 2ND PITCH - THERE
SURVEY TAGS MARKED HCC AT STRATEGIC POINTS
ON ROUTE. EXITED CAVE.

TU = 6 1/2 HRS SURVEYED ~260m. <sup>MOSTLY KNOWN
BUT
UNSURVEYED</sup>
PICKED UP BY PHIL BY WHITE HORSE AFTER WALKING
DOWN FROM COL.

PS: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PAUL MANAGED TO
LOSE ~~LOOSE~~ BOTH HIS CARBIDE GASE DOWN THE LAST

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ALMOST

PITCH ~~FOR~~ ALSO PHIL'S CLIMB DOWN THE DRAUGHTING PIT. I PUT IT DOWN TO A STRANGE GRAVITATIONAL PSEUDOMA, THE OTHERS CLAIM IT WAS INCOMPETANCE!

P.S. ENT PITCH WOULD DO WITH SLING AT TOP TO AIDE GETTING OFF!

16/4/92 ALPINE CROUCH

P. STACEY, J. O'BRIEN, P.T. EAGAN

RETURN TO START OF RIFT & THEN WENT TO LOOK AT AN UNDESCENDED PIT ~ 50 FT ?? ON THE WAY APART FROM THE OCCASIONAL INDIVIDUAL BAT WE FOUND A COLONY OF ~40, SUPPOSEDLY GREATER HORSHOE. AS ONE OF THEM SEEMED TO BE WAKING WE MOVED ON.

AV. TO END OF RIFT - PAUL STARTED TO PUT BOLT IN AT TOP OF ^{LAST} PITCH WHILST JOHN & PETER TRIED TO FREE CLIMB DRAUGHTING PIT. THE PORTIONED BOLT WAS NOT USEABLE SO TWO HAD TO BE PLACED USING A STAY AS A SAFETY LINE. JOHN & PETER CLIMBED TO TIGHT BAT IN DRAUGHTING HOLE TO WHERE WATER COULD BE SEEN IN A LARGE PASSAGE/CHAMBER. END PITCH DESCENDED (13.9m). AT THE BOTTOM THE PASSAGE HEADS WEST TO A 7m PIT TO SMALL GROTTO WITH NO WAY ON OR DRAUGHT.

BOLT PLACED IN WALL ABOVE DRAUGHTING PIT,

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(HEREAFTER KNOWN AS 3RD PITCH) TO INITIALLY
GIVE A SAFETY LINE TO RIG ONE THRU
SQUEEZE. (THIS WAS ^{ENLARGED} ~~THE~~ SUBSEQUENTLY BUT IS
STILL TIGHT), PITCH IS 15.9m & LANDS ON SOFT
CALCITE FLOOR IN PASSAGE/CHAMBER. GENERALLY
LOOKED ABOUT IN CHAMBER THAT IS LARGE & WELL
OCCUPIED 10m HIGH X 10m WIDE X 50m LONG.
EXPLORED UP DIP THROUGH BRIGHT RED OOLITE ROOFED
PASSAGE (THROUGH SQUEEZE DOWN) TO A CLIMB ^{DOWN} ~~DOWN~~ ^{TO}
A TWO SLOPED PASSAGE. THIS TERMINATES AT A
CALCITE CLIMB ABOUT 25ft (?) UP AN INLET.
NOT ATTEMPTED, BUT CLIMBED 2 DAYS LATER. THIS
PASSAGE HAS A V. HIGH RIFT ABOVE IT, SURVIVED
BACK TO BASE OF PITCH (SSN). LOOKED DOWN DIP,
MUD SCORE ON L.H. LEADS SUCCESSION OF SMALL
CHAMBERS (SOME OCCUPIED) & SMALL PHREATIC
TUBES. MAIN CHAMBER ENDS IN LARGE BOSS WITH
INLET FLOWING DOWN SIDES. INLET SEEMS TO
DISAPPEAR AT BASE OF BOSS - OFF TO ONE SIDE
IS CHAMBER CONTAINING IMPRESSIVE STALL DOWN
& GROTTO - POSSIBLE DIGS BEHIND BOSS &
THROUGH CALCITE FLOW SQUEEZE LEADS

DIAGNOSABLE SQUEEZE INTO CONTINUATION (?) OF RED
POOLED PASSAGE SEEN UP DIP ENTERING CHAMBER.

R.H
+ DIGS IN SIDES OF CHAMBER LOOKING DOWN DIP.
EXITED CAVE BY USUAL METHOD - SWEAT! (JOHN'S
KNEE PAD BECAME ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE STRANGE
GRAVITATIONAL FORCE & PLUMMETED TO BASE OF ^{MAIN} PITCH,

WHERE IT ^{WAS} LEFT!! MET PHIL ON WAY UP TO ENT. TAKEN
BACK & WHEN PED, BUT IT MUST BE NOTED THAT PETER STOOD BACK WHILE
TU = 7 HRS SURVEYED - 85m ^{WASHING UP TOOK PLACE!}
(MANY WORK!)

18/4/92 ALPINE CHUGCH (COUGH!)

P. SARGENT, J. ROBINSON, P.T. GARGAN

RETURNED TO CHAMBER AT BASE OF 3RD PITCH.

PUSHED DIG BEYOND STAL BOSS, UNSUCCESSFUL - WHIST

JOHN & PETE GOT CAMERA KIT READY. TOOK PHOTOS

OF BEAUTIFUL ME IN VARIOUS POSITIONS AGAINST

VARIOUS PLATIC STAL. WENT TO JEAN'S CHAGRIN

EXPLORED A SURVEYED SIDE PASSAGE UP MUD

SLOPE (POSSO) INTO TESTERDAY (83m) - WENT UP

DIP & PUSHED UP OPERATED BEDDING THROUGH

STAL IN BREAKDOWN INTO ^{AREA} ^{CRAWLING} ~~STORABLE~~ SIZED BEDDING

WITH MORE STAL. AT SEVERAL EDGES OF BEDDING ONE

WENT LOOK UP INTO HIGH RIFT WITH BOULDER &

ALSO DOWN INTO A PIT/PASSAGE (~30+ FT) WITH NO

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TO PREVIOUS BUT. TO
TOTAL / LIGHT CONVENTION (THIS OUGHT ^{TO} BE
LOOKED AT BY SOMEBODY). PROCEEDED TO CLIMB
UP INLET ON CALCITE. PAUL CLIMBED UP 16 FT
TO ABANDONED CANYON & THEN LIFE LINED OTHER
UP. CANYON CONTAINS TWO TRENCH, OCCASIONAL
STAL & ONE BAT SKELETON. ENDS IN CHOKER WITH
NO DEVICES WAY THROUGH OR DRAUGHT. SURVEYED
BACK TO TOP OF CLIMB (61m). (IN CANYON ROOF
A 15 FT CUMB CHOKES WITH STAL). EXITED IN A
HURRY WITH MY ^{PITZD} ~~PLUMB~~ & JOHN'S ENTIRE GEAR
NOT WORKING. (DUE TO SPICS AT TOP OF MAIN
HANG. I HAVE NOW PLACED A BOLT 10 FT BACK
FROM EDGE FOR TAP TO ASSIST "LANDING").

TU = 8 HRS, SURVEYED = 145m
(GRAND TOTAL = ²¹ ~~21~~ HRS SURVEYED = ~ 1/2 km!)

P.S. WANTED TO TOP, AFTER LAND ROVER PISSED OFF
WITH 10 TONNES OF GEAR (EACH!) & ~~STAYED~~
STOOD IN GAP (BECAUSE SITTING IN MUCK KIT
WAS PROHIBITED) FOR A FURTHER 1 1/2 HRS. GAVE
UP WAITING & WALKED 5km DOWN HILL TO
ARRIVE IN BAR TO NO ^{REAL} FOOD & ~~EXCUSES~~ EXCUSES.



P.P.S. THERE ARE ENT'S. IN THE COL HEADINGS TOWARDS

MUELA WHICH NEED LOOKING AT.

P.P.P.S. ALPINE COUGH COULD HIT 1 km WITH A BIT OF EFFORT.

17/4/92 WALK TO ALPINE COUGH + SURROUNDING AREA

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P. STREET, J. ROBINSON

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STUMBLED UP INTO THE MIST WITH THE INTENTION OF LOCATING ANY SHAFTS NEAR TO ALPINE COUGH.

DUE TO V. LOW VISIBILITY ^{THE} WALK WAS TERMINATED EARLY. LOCATED 168 & 272 - 272 ENTERED

WHERE A BOKED ABOUT IN, ONLY BIG BULLS BONES WERE FOUND! ~~####~~ 

P.S. SHAFT FOUND NEAR 272 30 FT DEEP! WE DON'T THINK THIS IS ANY OF 271-274 ON LOCATION MAP. EITHER THIS IS A NEW SITE OR ORANGE BOOK IS WRONG.

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19/4/92.

Jane Sarah Peter Tobey

Went to explore four heads in Mostajo area. First hole was fairly promising but requiring mucho. (814) boulder shifting. Second hole was.

TORCA DEL
REGATION

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a no goer. (S13) requires a great deal of earth moving. On the way to S17 dropped off the side of the track down a steep slope and found a large drafting pitch (30ft) (unmarked). We had limited tackle but decided to descend. At bottom of first pitch cave continued sloping downward to short climb down to top of 2nd pitch. The pitch head was very loose with no obvious safe belt placement. Pedro & Tobey rigged? the pitch using various bits of tape etc. Quote "NCC would have been prob'd." From bottom cave continued down dodgy climb to what started as a small drafting hole in the floor and is now

the left hand head of the third pitch (Toby a Pedro Demolition inc). We had run out of shoelaces so we turned back here leaving an undescending 25-30ft pitch. Drift still blowing inwards.

817 Small squeeze between boulders into 2m chamber, no obvious draught or way on.

Tried to find 8. Two holes were found, first draughted but was small & very loose - descended on handline for $\approx$ 3m. Second draughtless $\approx$ 10m deep.

816 must be marked wrong. At least we looked for it and couldn't find it, perhaps this was it.

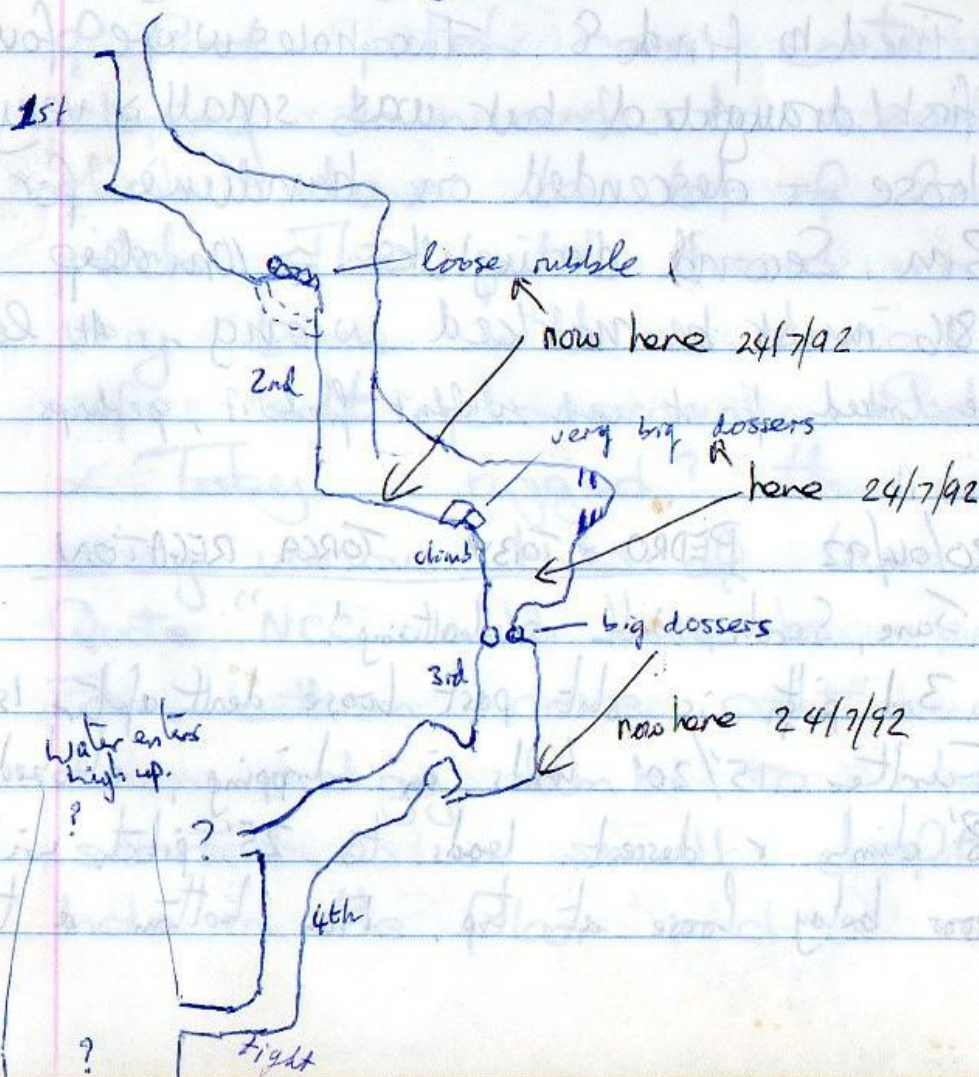
20/04/92 PEDRO & TOBY TORCA REGATON

892 Same, Sarah, Nick sunbathing!

3rd pitch is slt past loose death after 1st 10'. Further 15/20' lands in dripping, choked floor. 8' climb & descent leads to 25' pitch with poor belay. Loose at top. From bottom a tight

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outward passage leads to climb down
into blackness. A floor is 10' lower
down and a climb up probably loose
crap would both lead to large shaft
with water entering from above (very high up)
stones rattled down for some time but
noise of falling water make it hard
to judge the depth - 30m+? then
we ran away.



Session 11

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20-4-92 Tres-Ninos

PTEagan. P Stacey J Robinson

Visited bedding right hand end of cave from rope climb.

Paul penetrated about 20 ft but could see further. Area under slab was pushed further to small area with mud floor and another bedding very low.

Returned to high rifts at left end of cave, climbed tubes and attempted left rift but this will require bolting fairly easily. There was a strong draft at head of last ladder pipe nearly as strong as entrance. left cave after 7 hrs

PTEagan.

21-4-92

SIMON II

Phil, Pete, Paul, John, Pedro

Trip to have a general look round and look for leads. Paul and Pedro went to the dig at the end of the crawl below the 3rd pitch.

It needs heavier digging equipment but will go. It droughts and you can hear water, judging from the survey it would be a by-pass to the top sump.

John went up a passage on the left which joined up before the 3rd pitch. However this is not a recommended route.

Pete climbed up in the roof after Clitter Chamber and joined up with the usual by-pass to the third pitch.

In the Gours passage on the left, Paul went along a passage which came out half way up a big aven on the left at the start of Gours passage. Near here on the right we went down two squeezes which lead to two short passages.

Going back along the by-pass passage, at the end near the entrance pitch, Phil continued along a passage which came out ~~in~~ in the roof of another passage (a 15 foot drop into it) but he's not sure where it is).

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yet

17-4-92 San Miguel - Lluera

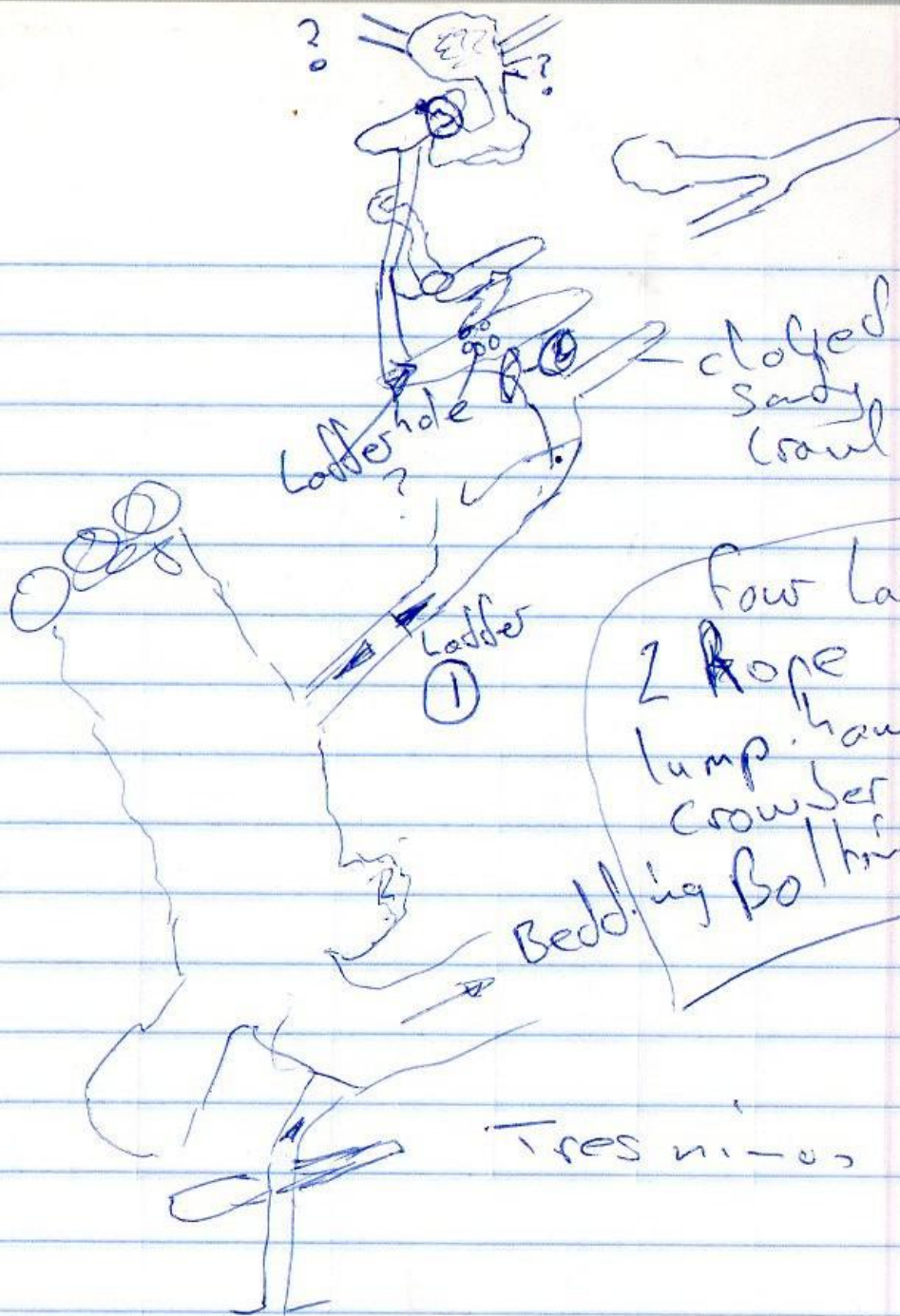
Pete, Sarah, Pedro

Walked up from San Miguel to look for Joe's Lost Cave, the one he found in summer 1990 when we weren't allowed to go caving. We couldn't find it, but did see a cave in a small gully, a smallish entrance opened out in a reasonably sized chamber but with no way on.

Not
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yet

Possibly 1591?

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MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT