

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 1993

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

4/4/93.

Phil P., Pete S. and Queen to dig in deep depression above Haya (No. 495). Removed lots of boulders against cliff face and can see down another six feet. Needs a hot day to get a ~~bit~~ draught.

Looked at cave below Haya (No. 477) with sound of stream through holes in calcite chise. Phil dug top hole on left to small alcove. Best to pursue dig started at lower part of cave.

Haya also needs pushing.

5/4/93

The Dump

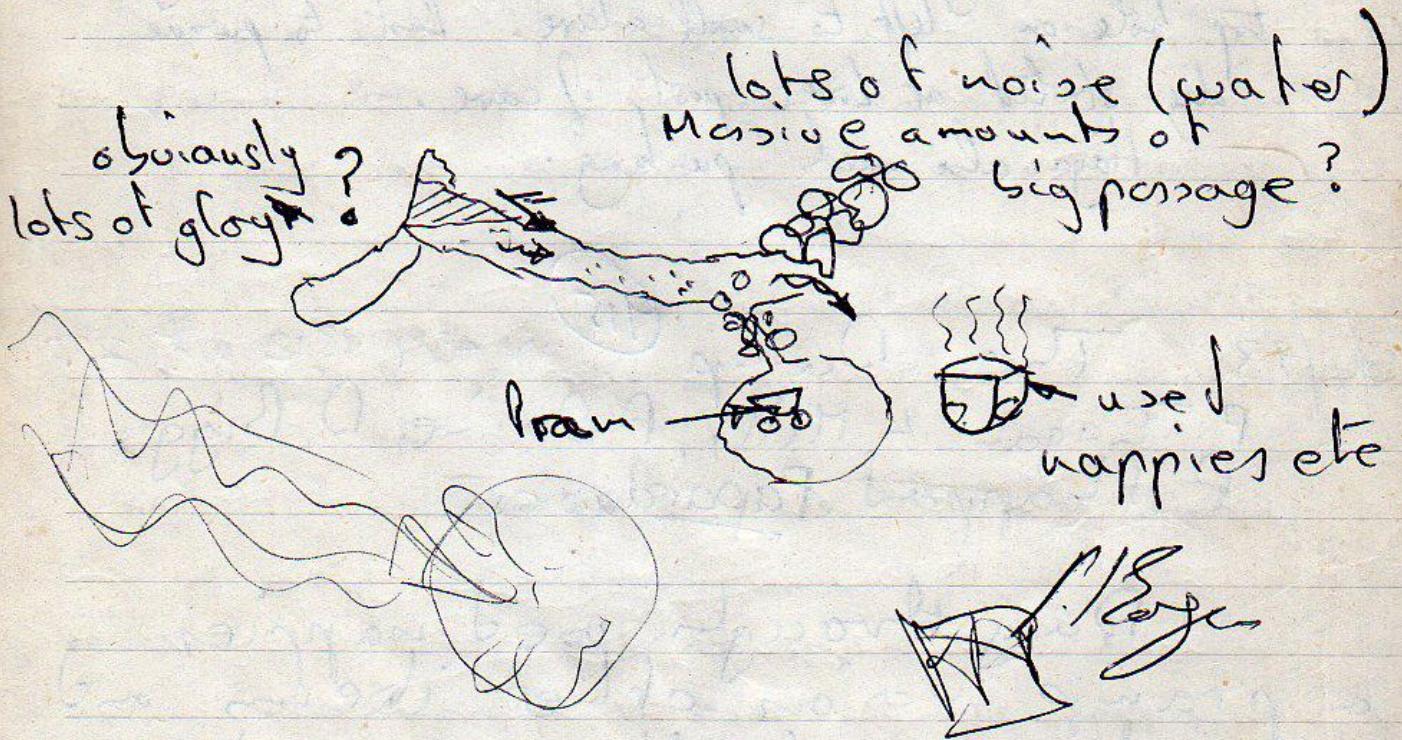
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P. Eagan, L. Mill, P. Davie, D. Biggs
P. Phappad, Papardopolos

Dug through used nappies, a pramp various other items and removed several blocks to gain a slope down into a small stream, up stream, easy going 100 ft to a low bedding with good draught. Floor needs to be lowering to stop water. A climb up enters lower

section with no way on.
On the way out, a low section
lead into a boulder choke
The original stream (very small)
disappears to the right but
through the choke a lot of water
could be heard.



5/4/93 P. Street, S. Wray, H. Howman, L. Cowen

(WALK UP VEGA VALLEY - SAME SIDE AS TARD BUT FURTHER
DOWN VALLEY).

FOUND ~ 8 SITES, MAINLY SHAFTS, TWO DRAUGHTING WHAT
ARE THESE ~~SITES~~? I CAN'T FIND THE CORRECT MAP!



6/8/93 Everyone to Cobadal, continuing the Easter Campaign.
except Penny + Jenny
Juan, Pete G., Dave Biggs walked ~~along face~~ up valley
after face with holes and outcrops. Sites labelled on
map are

- 916 A: Shallow hole with single rock on floor has a chinked
rift which may dig. Stones drop 6ft.
- 917 A: Fenced shaft near to cabana. Rocks drop
about 10m.
- 918 C: Both C + D on featureless hill side. C is a
2m wide rift which slopes down to head of
5m pitch
- 919 D: Steep to a narrow section which needs exploring
Sounds bigger below.
- 920 E: On highest part of ridge. Deep depression has
no hole but on NE edge is a hole which
is about 5m deep, ~~is~~ chinked with sandstone

921 F: Depression has a number of 9 walled entrances
One has a ~~bu~~ crawl over sand.

922 G: 2 shakeholes which may repay further
inspection. One has a dead thing in an
advanced state of decomposition.

923 H: Above cliff line at head of valley. A 10m
deep hole which also has another rift further
up hillside.

924 I: Small hole in featureless hillside where stones
drop for 2 seconds. Another hole nearby has
barbed wire on the ground around it.

925 J: Near ~~the~~ edge of bush, just before a grass slope.
Cave with old formations in roof. Closed. Bat shit.

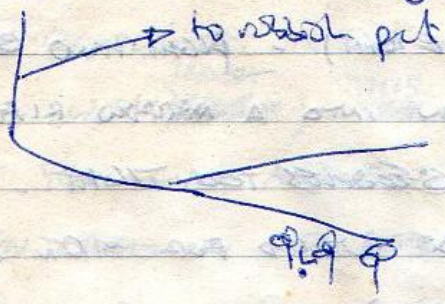
** Need looking at

926 K: Large "walk in" size entrance in large
shakehole full of trees at left hand side
at top of dry stream bed above L (opposite).
Stones rattle down passage to RHS.

6-4-93

Pat Helen & Steve

Walked from road junction - east along ^{south side of valley} & between tracks to head of valley.



927

L: Walked resurgence (beer cooler). Steve went in.

Crawl through tight muddy bank to small streamway which ends in boulder choked oven (surface collapse?)

N: Couple of small (20') shafts from N-S pylon line going east in area of rough cave between tracks on S. side of valley.

928

P: Up into gorse. 2 x 20' shafts with dead trees - look very closed.

Followed lower edge of scar - f.all. Met with Salford looking at hole in higher meadow with stick across - nothing. Then along to B. - 917 ??

917

on Sandstone bed

(613) FAT BOY GERMEL THUNDER

6-4-93 TORCIDA (AS NAMED BY LOCAL FARMER)

P. STREET, L. MINS, L. CONVEN

OBVIOUS ENT. IN CLIFF NEAR TO SIGN LEADS IMMEDIATELY TO LARGE BREATH TUBE (WALKING HEIGHT) - RIGHT HAND BRANCH GOES FOR ~30m & LUGGES DOWN INTO A NARROW RIFT WHICH CONTAINS AN INLET BUT KNOWES / BECOMES TOO TIGHT. A SMALL TUBE JUST BEFORE THE RIFT CAN BE PUSHED FOR ~10m. THIS CONTINUES BUT IS TOO TIGHT (SAND ETC).

LEFT HAND BRANCH CONTINUES TO BREAK DOWN IN ORBITICULAR BEDS. JUST BEFORE THIS ON R.H. SIDE IS BREATH RIFT / OPEN TO HEAD OF DESCENDING TUBE / SLOPE TO HEAD OF ~5m (?) DROP ONTO BLOCKS. SLOPE MAY BE TRAVERSED TO A TRANSVERSE & CLIMB ON RH SIDE LEADS TO ANOTHER PARALLEL SHAFT. WITH INLET ABOVE SHAFT MAY CONT. BUT IS ABOUT SAME DROP AS PREVIOUS ^{SHAFT} ~~OPEN~~, NEEDS DESCENDING?

CONTINUATION OF MAIN PASSAGE OVER ORBITICULAR LEADS TO CLIMB A EVENTUAL SQUEEZE DOWN 216 (?) TO SHORT FAT OUT SECTION & THEN EASIER GOING. A CROSS RIFT IS MET & RHS LEADS TO SAND CLIMB TO A HEAD OF A ANOTHER ~10m DROP. NEEDS LADDER.

FURTHER ON RAST ANOTHER (UNDESCENDED DROP (?)) ON RHS GAINS CHAMBER AFTER MUCH CALLITE (STAY UP). * THE CHAMBER IS ABOUT ~10m ACROSS & CONTAINS MANY BIG Boulders & HOLES IN THE FLOOR. ON THE OTHER SIDE (LHS) A RIFT MAY BE FOLLOWED ^(~30m) TO A CHOKER WITH AN INLET CASCAADING DOWN THRU

ROOF COLLAPSE (^{NO} ~~WIND~~ WAT ON?) - THIS DRAUGHTS TOWARDS YOU.

- NEW BITS - (UNBURSTED) 120m?

BEFORE THE CHAMBER ^{*} TAKE LOW LEVEL ROUTE, THIS ZIG-ZAGS DOWN THRO' BOUNDARY TUBES & RIFTS & ENDS (IN) CLIMB INTO BLIND PIT (WITH ^{INLET} ~~WATER~~). ^{THIS} ~~WATER~~ MAY BE GLIMPSED FROM CHAMBER ABOVE. IF YOU CLIMB ABOVE FINTE DROP INTO BLIND PIT A CONT. RIFT IS ENTERED & ARRIVES AT A SMALL SANDY CHAMBER, DOWN THRO' A LOW SANDY SLOPE ATTAINS A SMALL RIFT WHICH CONTINUES FOR ~ 60m(?) TO A RAFT (?) - LHS CONTINUES A SHORT DISTANCE TO CHOVE (OVER DROPS TOO TIGHT) - RHS IMMEDIATELY GAINS ANWARD, ^(TIGHT) CLIMB INTO AIRHEAT CHAMBER. A ~10m DROP CAN BE SEEN THRO' BOUNDERS (DIGGABLE?) THAT LANDS IN CHAMBER(?) DRAUGHT GETS SUCKED DOWN IT!

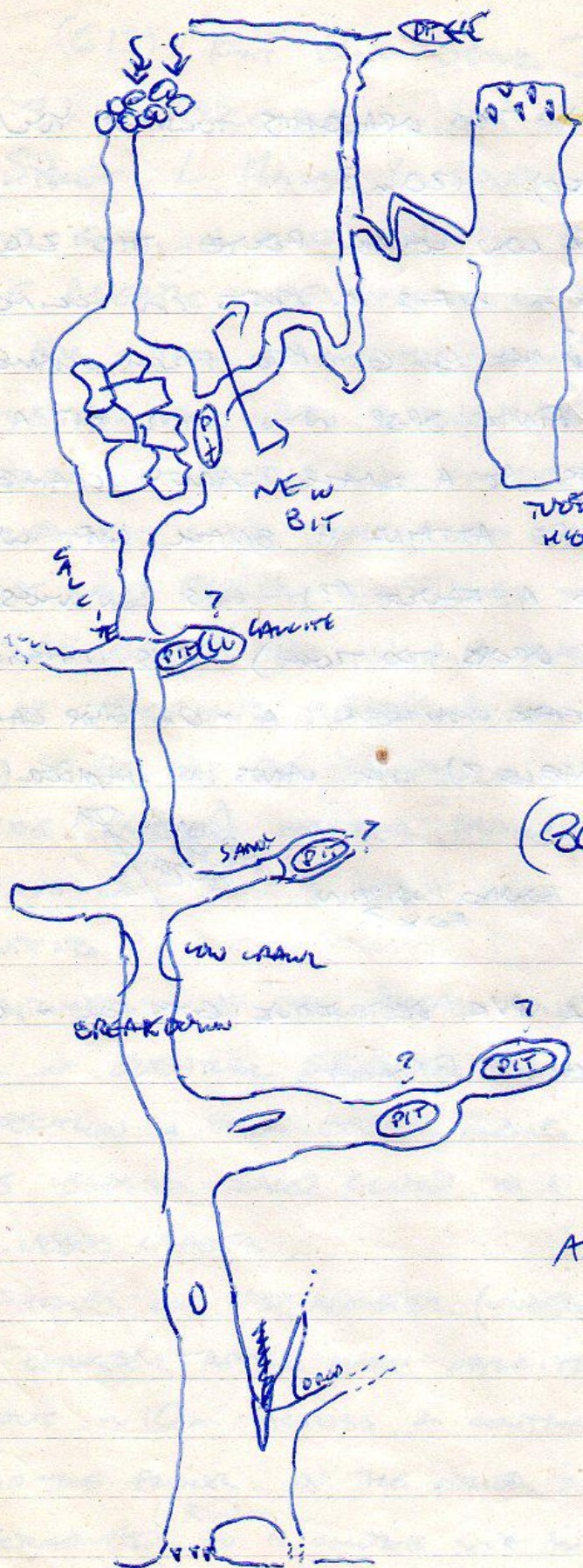


PS: MUCH FEATHERS & BIRDS REMAINS FOUND WITHIN FOX?

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RIFT ~~BEING~~ VERY NARROW A PVC DESTRUCTION GOES FOR ~10m TO TOO TIGHT, ABOUT 10m HIGH. P. SPACE.

TORCISA



NEW BIT

USE AT HIGH LEVEL?

SAND ? SAND

SAND ? SAND

(S.M. GRADE I)

LOW SAND

BREAK DOWN

PIT ? PIT ?

ALL PITS 5m → 15m ?



6-4-93 PTEago., P Stacey

Return to the Slik Pih. The boulder choke was pulled, but there was no real progress made.

Upstream the duck was dug to lower the water from the previous day as the water was draining. We began the survey of the cave. (all side legs)

On returning to the dug the water level had dropped a little, so a post at the left hand side of the duck was made which looked only six feet to enter a larger section of passage (5m wide 2m high) to a further duck and a possible climb over.

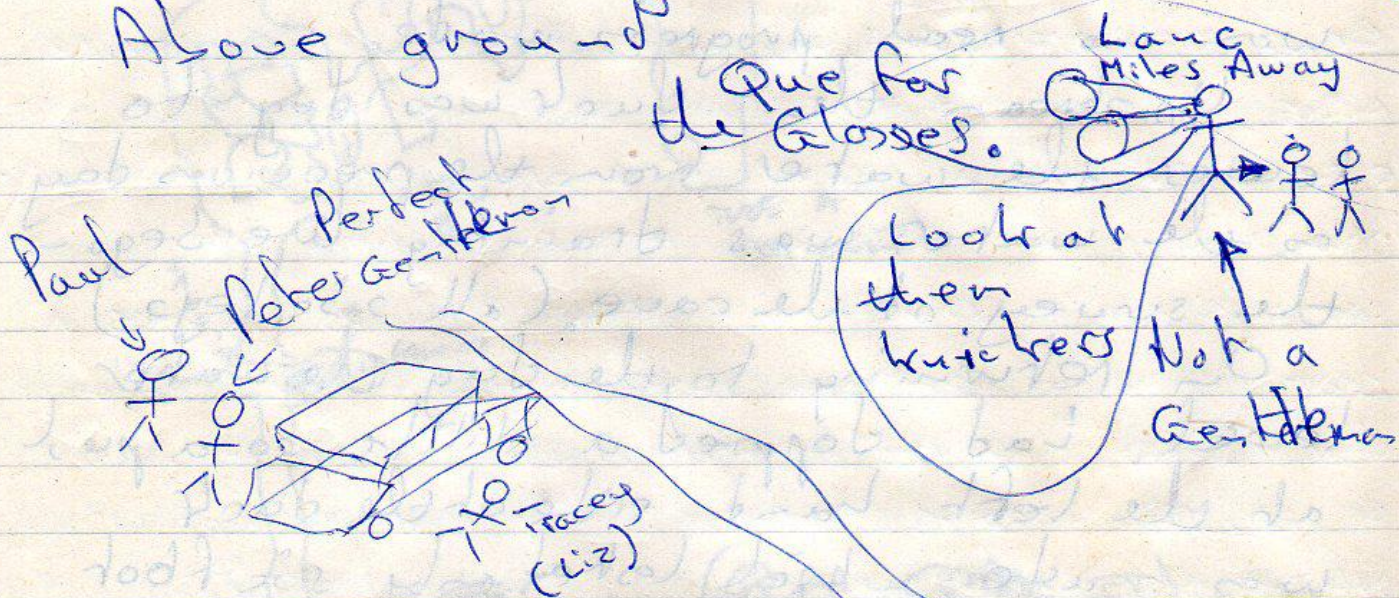
A hasty retreat was made due to the cold and a return visit was planned.

Approx 50m surveyed;

[Signature]

7-4-93 The Shik Pih Final
Visit P Stacey P Eagan T Rowell
(Liz)

Below ground to be described.
Above ground



Cave description - behind the Duck

The ~~last~~ passage continues straight for about 30ms on the right hand side it was a low ceiling filled with water on the left-hand side the passage sloped up and contained flow and stairs. No passages off to left but one low graveling crawl led off to ~~left~~ right not far from end of duck continued for ~10 metres then closed up. At the end of the straight bit of passage the passage

turned right at another duck which continued for ~~18~~ metres. It had a muddy - SMOOBY floor, about 1 foot of air space and went through mainly stooping. Beyond this duck a T-junction to right tree roots etc... ie near surface to left into narrow rift to daylight + stream coming out from ~~the~~ Right hand wall. At this juncture a retreat was made.

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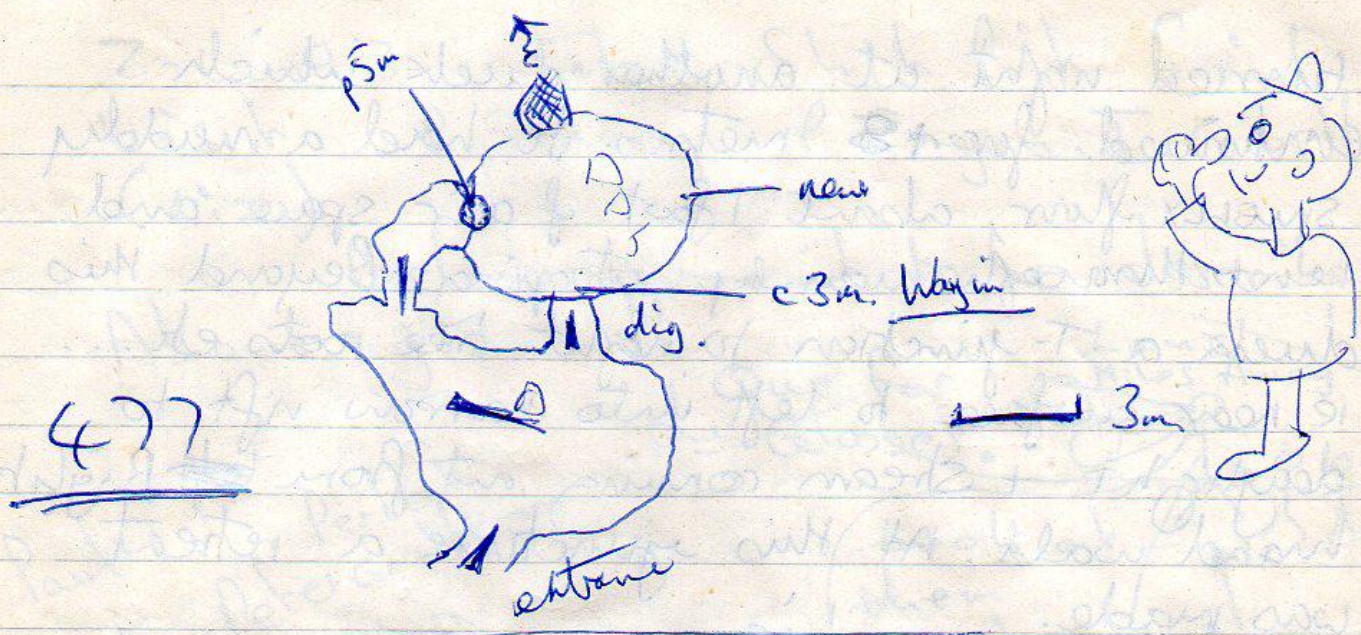
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Cave (?). Juan to 3" square hole with stream head beyond. Two hours digging enlarged hole to almost enterable size - a slope down to a 7ft high and 10ft wide passage. May need a rope or ladders to enter - and about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr more digging.

8/4/93

Returned to above with Andy Pringle. Dug out bottom hole to allow AP to drop down into streamway. Downstream surfs immediately. Upstream is low crawl which can only link with downstream Haya some 20m away.

Survey over: —



8/4/93

P Eagan D Bigg T. Cowell Lank P Devine
 Phil Papard

Reano

Visited undesended pitch on right of main passage
 some way from angstroms dimly P Eagan
 and Phil descended the pitch short length of
 passage in both directions but no way on.
 At the top of the ladder pitch a passage was
 traversed to a two blind pitches. He then went
 towards Uzuoka found a passage off to the
 right that is big and going and has been

visited by other people (worth going back to)
went off and did some photos but other
refused to carry on. We then went out via
cut print passages untroubled exit.



"Picture drawn by
Leslie 5"
ie. Tracy Hig.

[Handwritten signature]

926 K

VN 4784 9754
alt 325. (ish)

P. Stacey S. Wray H. Hougham
Returned to site K (see 9 pages back). Site visited
again yesterday to find ~50 feet pitch to boulder
slope to ledge above ~100 feet pitch. Returned with
rope + bells. 2nd pitch leads in large chamber
with severe slope to LHS over in choke. Climb
down through ~~hazardous~~ ledges to another ledge
+ ~50 feet pitch. Bolted top + saw edge out.
Will return again. Sketch attached. TU 9 hrs
(PASSAGE AT TOP OF 35m PITCH NEEDS REFINING AT) 100m SURVIVAL.

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shrubland



trees

Entrance

50' pitch

site K

8/4/93

loose

100' pitch

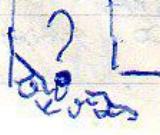
DRAGGERS
DOWN

SEAL
SLOPE

SAND
SIZE ?

• holes

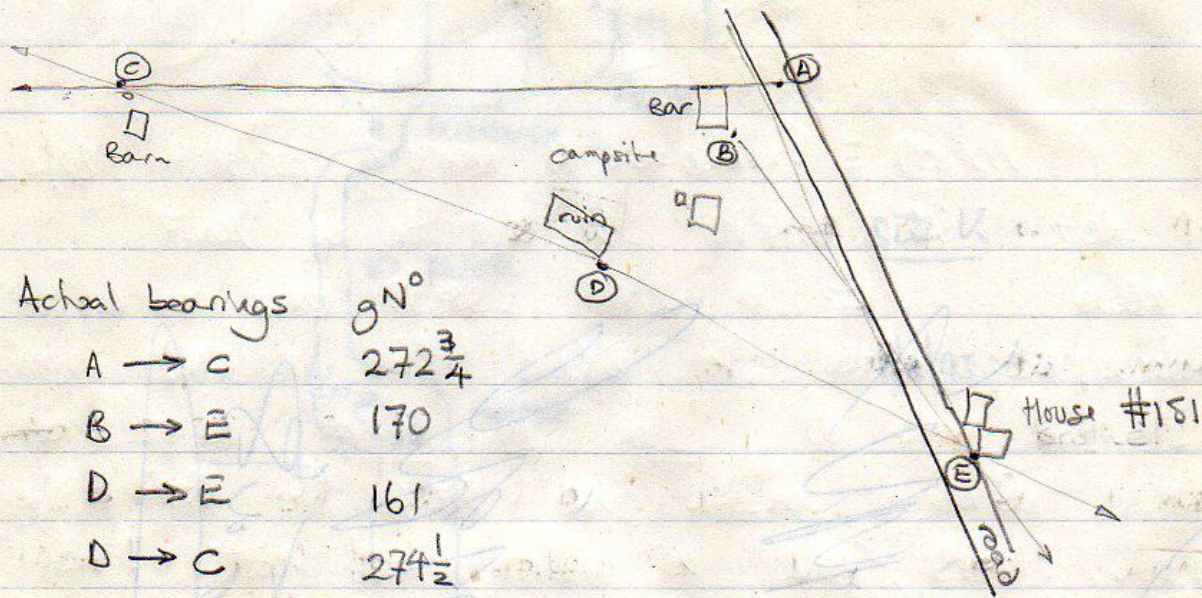
50' pitch



P. W. Key

HELL O
2 MART W/S
2 1 P mg
only for 1 w/ta

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 Saturday 10/4/93. Pat & Dave calibrating
 compasses.



Actual bearings	gN°
A \rightarrow C	$272\frac{3}{4}$
B \rightarrow E	170
D \rightarrow E	161
D \rightarrow C	$274\frac{1}{2}$

Croyden compass Sinto #931692

clino #
1°

	reading	Δ actual
A \rightarrow C	276	$3\frac{1}{4}$
B \rightarrow E	$170\frac{1}{4}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$
D \rightarrow E	$164\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
D \rightarrow C	$277\frac{1}{2}$	3

mean $4\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ weak.

Peter's compass Sinto #635798

clino #642122
 $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

	reading	Δ actuals
A \rightarrow C	276	$3\frac{1}{4}$
B \rightarrow E	175	5

mean $4\frac{1}{8}^\circ$ weak.

Back sitings using Crayda compass

E → B 5° mag ^{actual} Δ 5°

E → D 346° mag Δ 5°

E → C 295° mag

Gring new man 4 1/2° west.

Rain stopped play.

Friday 9/4/93 Pat to 880 digging
continued to dig trench along the wall - still
nothing.

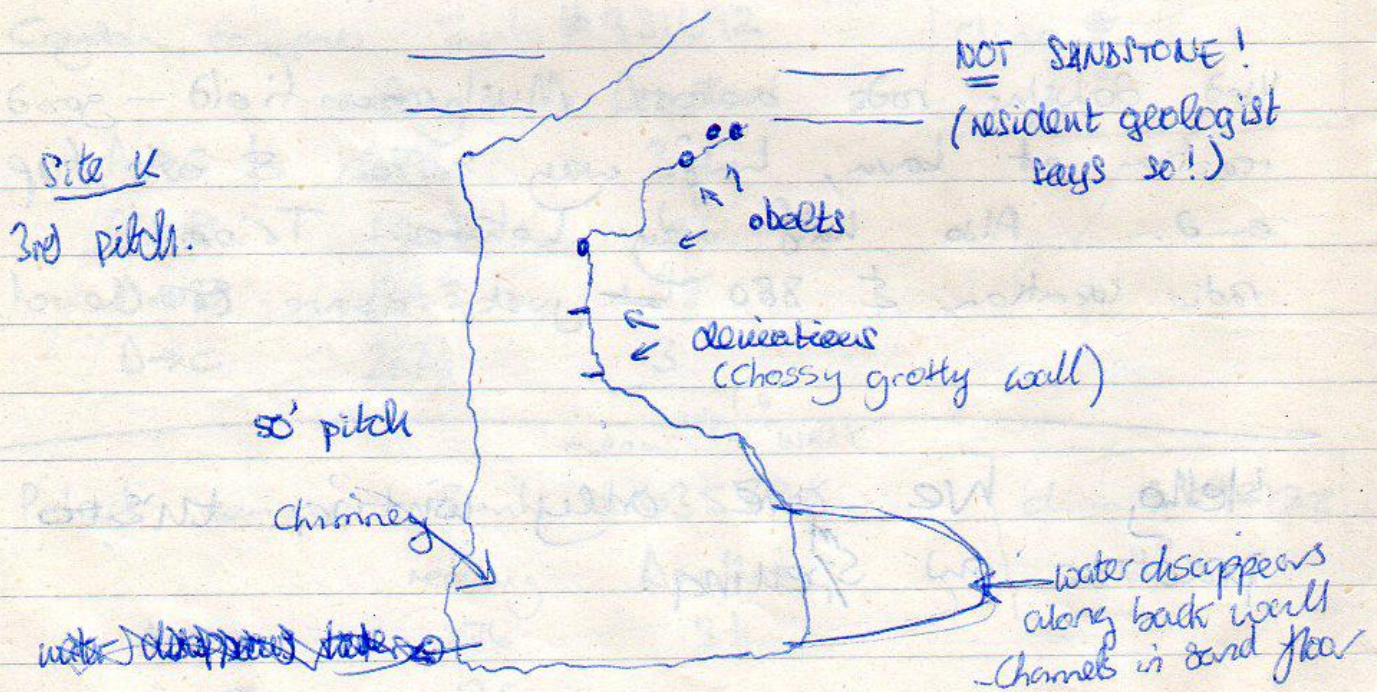
Used dowsing rods across Mushroom field - good
reaction at barn, half way across & at top
end. Also half way between Trident
radio location & 880 ~~at~~ just above 880 level.

Hello, we are only writing this to
practise on spelling.

11/4/93 Andy Pangle + Big Steve
Revisited shaft found in summer '92. Tagged 914
Blind 25' shaft dropped root.

9/4/93 P. Stacey S. Wray A. Hargham. E. Cowell.

Final go at site K. Dropped 3rd pitch. Awkward
rigging + very loose. Pitch v 50 feet ends in
large chamber with tangle of water disappearing
under back wall - blocked by sand.
~~into~~ ~~small~~ ~~chamber~~ ~~at~~ ~~pitch~~ No way on. Large
rock fell off wall on ~~return~~ ^{return} narrowly missing
Helen! This case really is very loose! Sounded
out. TV v 8 hours.



11/4/93 shafts

12/4/93 Trees in no

13/4/93 Fat boy getting thinner

14/4/93

11/4/93 P.T Eagan, P Papard, P Devine
Pedro.

Drove up to head of valley to
walk across to CoSadal.

Easy walk! Why have we not
gone this way before?

Returned to Shaft (H) (923)
closed shaft with large frog
in the bottom.

Small rift above opened
out easily to a 70/80 ft pit into
closed rift. No draught

Further round hill side (I) (924)
is green field belayed from fence
post. 70ft closed rift no draught

Down hillside a series of draught
-ing digs were looked at two with
very good draughts.

Small rabbit size hole was
enlarged to a 50ft drop in decorated

? wheel

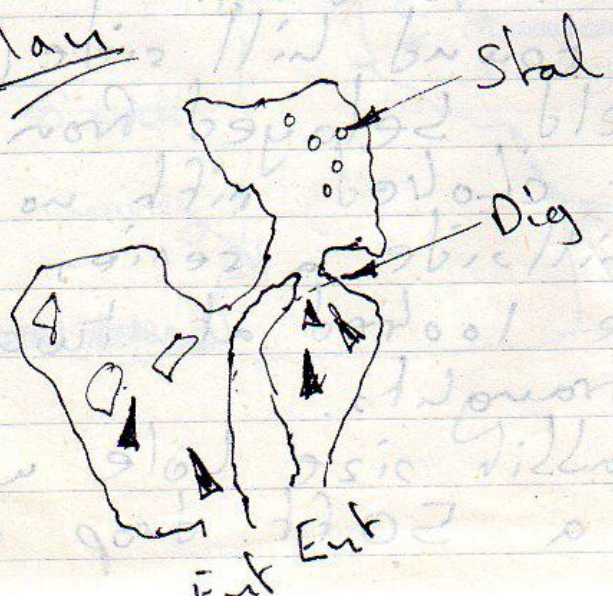
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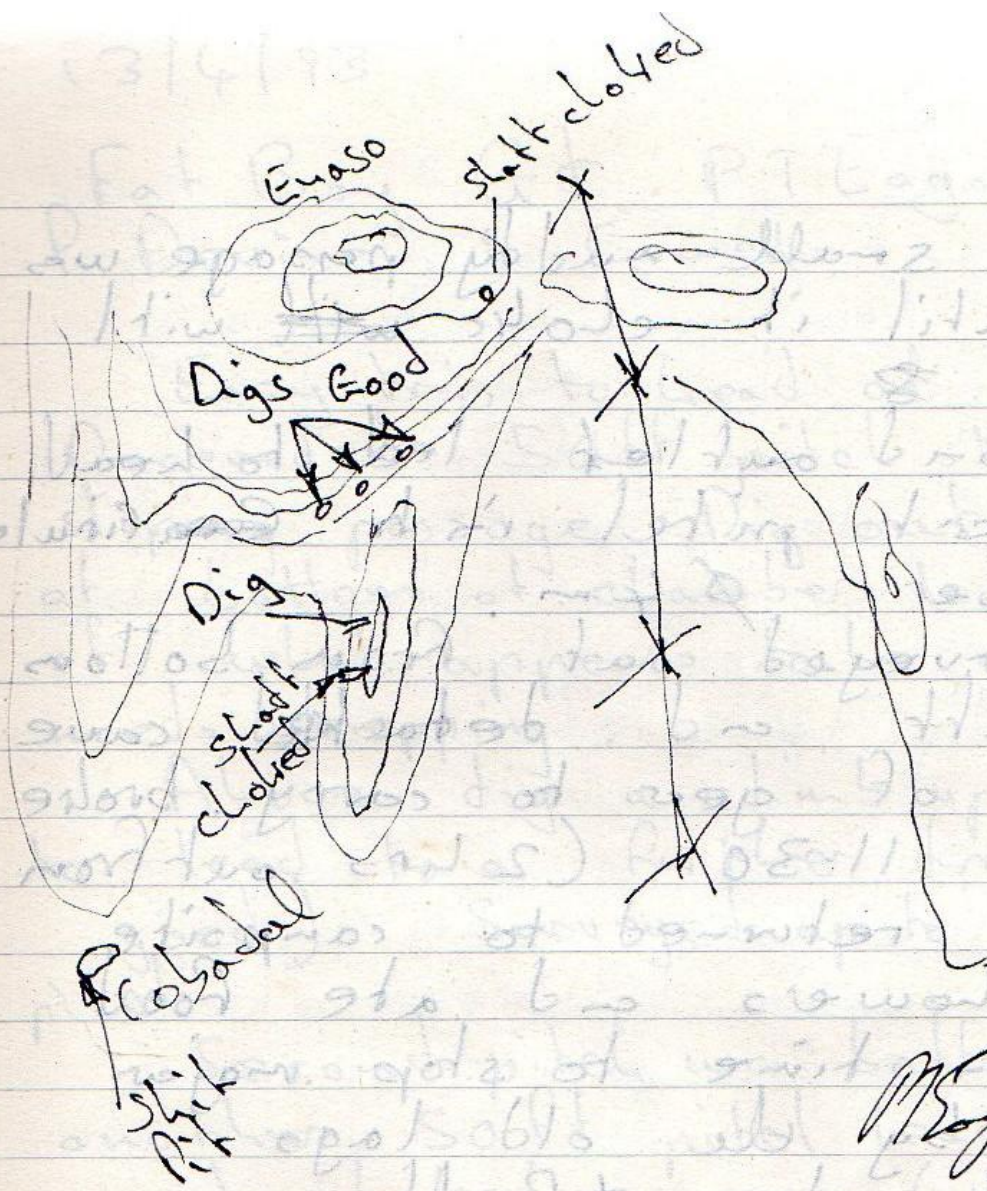
(918) (c) two metre wide entrance sloping down to a pitel. Pitel choked at bottom no draught.

Intercepted by farmer who took us to various holes most of which ~~we~~ we had already seen.

(930) One Torca de Geryon easy entrance led to chamber with easy dig through to well decorated larger chamber, no draught, a tube from the second chamber led down to a third chamber with second entrance.

Plan





Mega.

Tres Niños P Stacey, P T Edge, L Cowell

Returned to head of undersanded pit 100ft to choked bottom, very narrow way on needs pushing

Then from bottom a pendulum in shaft led to short climb and small chamber with Arrow head shaped rock in bottom.

One small muddy passage was
pushed until it clogged ~~with~~ with
mud.

Second outlet led to head
of short pitel into ~~Circular~~
Chamber ϕ 4m.

Surveyed out from bottom
of shaft and detached cave.

Lots of gear to carry. broke
surface 11:30 (2 hrs out from
bottom) returned to campsite
had showers and ate food
just in time to stop major
rescue by the old lags

Patrick, Juan + Bobby.

Surveyed about 100m skilbush
at the deepest point of cave.

P. Egan

13/4/93

(23)

Fat Boy Gt - P T Eagan, L Mills
P Devine L Cowell.

Easy trip to head of sloping pitel.
Decended 50ft pitel to large
sloping passage. Dig out at base
of bottom of chamber led to head
of what appears to be a blind pitel
needs dropping.

Above dig a climb up appears
to lead to a further drop (looks
good) Surveyed up to head of
pitel.

Second pitel was bolted and
another 50ft pitel lead into large
sand choked passage. (probably
entered before)

Third pitel (as previously seen
by P Stakey) took a lot of digging
out. A narrow slot led down
to a Chamber 5m x 4m (approx)
with a further pitch down in rolled
black limestone - needs descending
but looked choked.

Surveyed out to claim the

13/1/13

Fat Boy at PT Edgar Mills

glory, and noticed a hole above
in tube leading back to main
chamber. (looks good)
left cave after waiting
for rain to stop

Lawrence Mills returned to
cave to collect ladder he left
No body laughed.

A. Egan.

P.S. Noticed a small muddy
tube down in hill side above
entrance.

one of the 20ft
saw a 6ft
tube
to
with a further
place
put
it

14-4-92 415 P T Eagan, P Stacey, L Mills
Bobby D Biggs, 190072. lots

The most disorganised trip ever led
by ~~E~~ L Mills.
'Quote' We only need one ladder
and no rope.

Entered cave reasonably quickly
rigging behind L Mills. After returning
to second ladder pitch to collect
survey equipment (left by Mills)
the tight ~~sect~~ section of the cave was
met here. Dave + Bobby left cave
"was this because Mills had a shib'in
the main passage?"

Paul Stacey pushed narrow section to
large passage with excellent formations
which Mills had forgotten to mention.

Stacey pushed up through boulder
cave but no way on was found.

A draughting tube up was pushed
by self and on returning was
abandoned in main passage for lows.

Eventually left cave and checked
a small passage with bats hanging from

14-4-95 413 P. T. Eason. P. 2. Forest. L. Hill

stal. Stacey made his way through superb formations until a small chamber was met with similar size passage leading off. This was left for summer.

Tackle in cave was rushed through. Ran out of equipment even though we had 3 ladders and 50m of rope.

GUESS SAID WHO "BOTH TO BRING YOUR PHOTO EQUIPMENT". THE REACTION WITH THE CAT MANGENZ OFF IT WOULD BE SEEN A PEAK WINNER

of riding woman below passage? ... A good thing that was ... a passage for ...

Misc. Quotes

IN THE SUPERMARKET ...

PAUL
EURE: HOW MANY DO WE NEED?

LIZ: A PACKET OF THREE

ALL BAITS IN SHOP: LAUGHTER

PENNY: HELEN TAUGHT JENNY HOW TO BLOW GRASS

PAUL: THE SAFEST PLACE I COULD FIND WAS TO STICK MY
HEAD UP HELEN'S BACKSIDE. (WHILE ASCENDING LAST
PITCH IN COBAGOAL - W)

Coste, Saturday

Sewers of Santander;
Caliente & Frio.

Cofre meda surveyed - PS + Bob.
See card 065.

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