

LOGBOOK

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Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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Wed 24th July the expedition kicked off to a fine start. The first visit to Laredo hospital - Lloyd Cawthorne - Clavicular - rota / broken collar bone due to a fall on the Posabula pitch!

Robby

Thursday 25th July

Jane Chilton, Toby Chilton, ~~San Lawton~~, Graham Hart

A nice start to Matienzo '96 - tourist trip to Co Fresneda.

Wed 24th July - P. Smeets, Azi

DROVE CAR UP TV MAST TRACK TO ASCERTAIN EASE OF WALK TO AZPILICUETA CAGANA ETC. WALKED TO ENT TOOK ~30 MINS INC. SEVERAL STOPS TO LOOK AT HILLS. THIS WAY TO ^{HIGHER} ENTRANCES OF S. UEGA SYSTEM IS LONGER IN DISTANCE BUT LOADS EASIER - LOGISTICS OF TRANSPORT MAY DICTATE WHICH ROUTE IS CHOSEN HOWEVER.

~~San Lawton~~

Friday 26th July

Jane Chilton, Toby Chilton, San Lawton, Graham Hart

A trip to La Llatuna Area - surface search various sites noted ?? already plotted Future potential ++ a good afternoons walk.

Saturday 27th July

Juan, Penny, Jenny to beyond Campos delante and up hill towards Entrambasaguas. Turned right at the round house and parked between two

large depressions at VN465995. Walked down into larger
rather depression to find stream sinking in slat. Th
Above the sink, on the eastern wall a small resurgence
cave goes in 10m sloping and continues, still going, as a
creek. Number 1163. Possible dips (bowl) rubbish on this
side.

Depression to south of road has stream bed full
of plastic bags.

Drove down for lunch at Hornago and then back
up to depression at VP473008. Pashed at ~~VP~~ 467004 and
walked east before dropping down to a blind valley
and ancient stream sink. Needs decent jungle bashing
gear to investigate sink properly. Walked back up
through jungle to complete the circle.

FRI - 26/7/96 - TEAM P. Smeets, A. + Pedro

RIGGED CAME AS FAR AS 300(?) - 400m PITCH WITH INTENTION OF
CONTINUING RE-EXAMINATION OF ROAD. FIRST TARGET WAS SINKING
WATER JUST BEYOND PITCH - PEDRO DESCENDED STEEP CLIMB (15m?)
TO TOO TIGHT RIFT. ABOVE THIS A 10m CLIMB REACHED A RIFT
WHICH REFUSED TO STAY UNDOGS! GOOD OUTWARD DRAUGHT & STEEP
PASSAGE FOLLOWED FOR ~170m TO COLLAPSE WHICH IS DIGGABLE. (THIS
APPEARS TO HEAD TOWARDS BAZ'S CHORE & SO IS DEFINITELY WORTH
MORE EFFORT).



28.7.96 Phil P. P. Gacey A. Steel
made lastilla

Rogged case for SRT. looked at by ^{Aven} chamber.
A.C.

Saturday 27th. P Stacey, Len L + Jane C

Trip into 774 to Easter extensions to check out leads. All did not go far before becoming choked by chossy rock.

Sandy pitch bypass crawl now passable by all but the largest of caves.

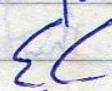
Surveyed round chamber and into most significant passage. Next job in here is to ~~make~~ drop the pitches in the floor which probably link to Regater, and to traverse round the wall of one to enter a passage viewed from the other side.



~~TO PEDRO + ANYONE CONCERNED~~ ~~FUCK OFF, CUNT~~
~~I KNOW CAVERS ARE EXPENDABLE BUT IT IS CRIMINAL~~
~~TO NOT PUT KNOTS IN ENDS OF ROPES IN TACKLE BAGS.~~

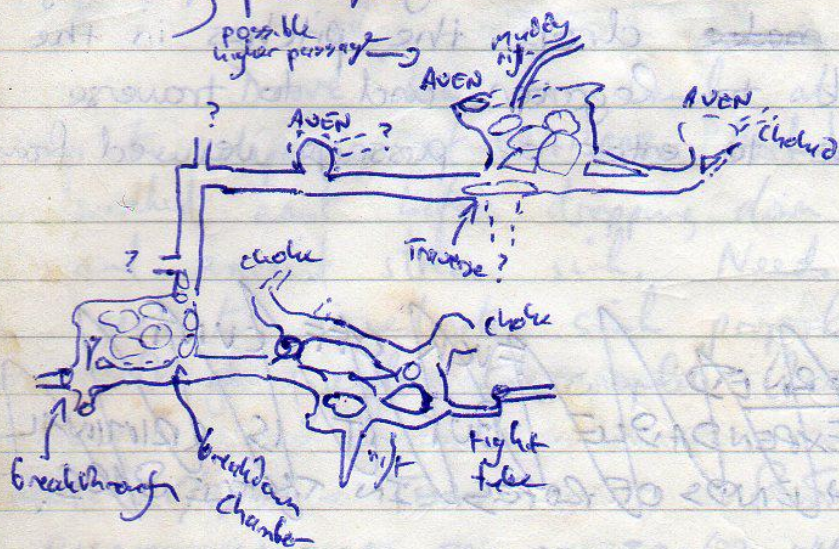
Saturday 27th. John D, Ali Graham Bobby + Ted

Valline

Templed by a tourist trip to swirl chamber we gladly promised Ali to do some petting and surveying in the maze. Having gasped at the magnificence of the chamber we voted Bobby to invent the way out. We did do some surveying, but perhaps (only 60m). At least one of us hadn't done [in maze area] a real cave for 20 yrs and found it a real pleasure. 

29.7.96 TOAD P. Stacey A. Weill Jane Chilton.

Photo'd upst Am's Passage while P.S. dug through terminal collapse. Squeeze round block into chassy passage, sec. routes into low pneumatic passage choked at both ends. U. small drafting table at end continues. Returned to breakdown area just after dig, two ways (u. loose) into breakdown chamber & larger passage. Passed sec. junction, to chamber with aven & passage connecting to second aven. To right of aven in chamber is muddy aft leading to continuing passages



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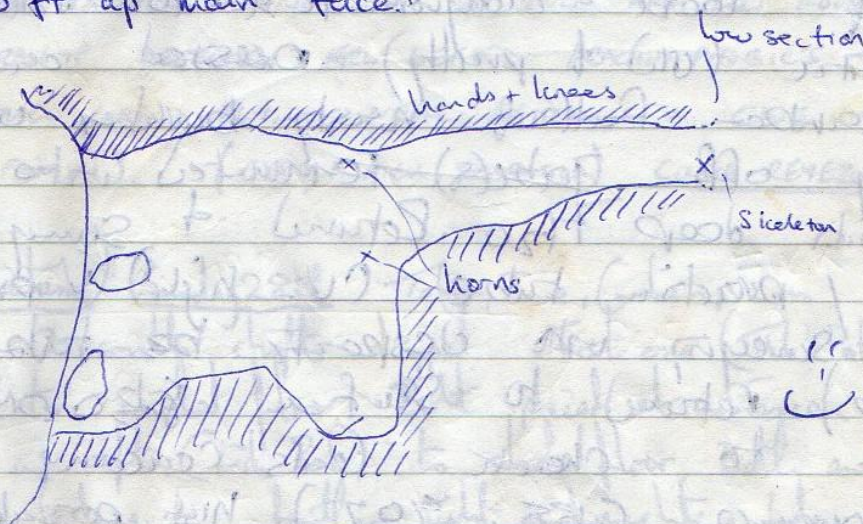
30.7.96 Renada : Bobby + Ted Cartham Ian + John D + Graham Hart. Went to Stuffed Mark + then to boulder choke above L.H side of breakdown chamber. Ian was about to start up the aven which was the limit of last year's explore when a rock fell jumped on Graham causing of 5' fall. This then led to a full rescue ending at 0040 AM. Two Juan didn't ambulance run to Laredo. Fib/Tib. fractured both in two places.

No glory this time!

Bobby

31/7/96 IonL

Walked to crag opposite bar with a view to climbing - not good, rock v. loose. Continued on to the obvious large crags further up, some stunning lines to have a go at, ~~probably not~~ ~~found~~. Found a large rock shelter below it all 6-10m wide, 2-3m high, going back 10m to hands + knees, could not enter due to lack of enthusiasm for crawling through goat poo. I could see 10-15m to a skeleton, continues beyond. Was goat (or sheep?) horns obviously placed ~~high~~ by hand up on ledges towards back. Cannot be seen from road, also a hole 30 ft up main face.



Also had a look at the waterfall, overhanging at the start, would need to bolt all the way, not a promising free-climb.

31/7/96 Toad. A. Wail, M. Wadell, A. (f.n.).

St. Ann's.

Surveyed route straight on past Breakdown chamber, apart from continuing fight tube. Second passage on left after breakdown chamber passed 12m, fight continuing no diff.

→ A TYPICAL mountain day off *!!?*

30/7/96 Cueva TTA (S.H. No 154)

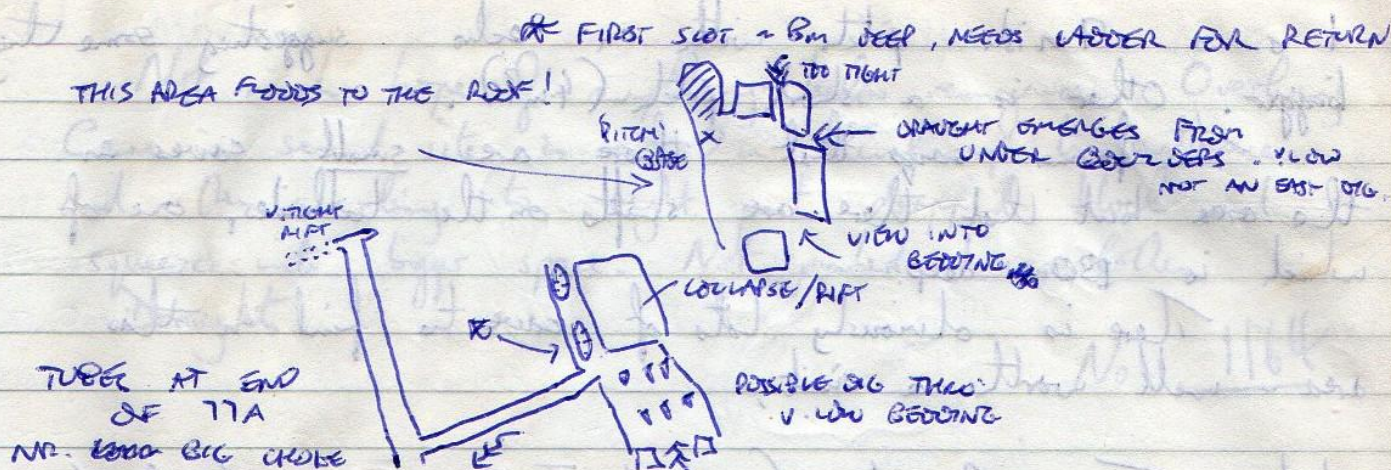
M. Ufford P. Sacey V. Stratton (Fry eyeball eyeball, & Sacey etc. TTA a small climb into bush just above the water table of pond by a pumping station, obvious entrance. Scratched around in water & above in fossil

passage. Returned & descended hole by drift
entrance. Broke through into interesting pneumatic
passage. Just abv. H₂O table. Returned to
entrance & surveyed into hole, followed by
concerned climb into pneumatic shaft. expand
pneumatic shaft. CF finds way on abv. - d
H₂O heading into hill. plan to return.

3/17/96 MU, PS, VS, CF. Return to expand
& complete survey activity. path broke into
nasty area of loose conglomerate & fclg. followed
by nice pneumatic (old & pretty) dressed on
into Big Chamber full of nasty boulders with
pneumatic leading off. Tube(s) rammed into
down rifts with deep H₂O. Returned & survey (or
nice Chamber / pneumatic tube (V. high) (V pretty)
some more surveying into desperate box tubes
(nasty climb) returned to Surface 8:30 PM.
plan to return to check leads concerning
2 boxes & boxings (155, 907) high possibility
of connections / further distance into hill, weeds
resulting.

01/8/96 Cueva ATT again C. Fry, P. Stacey, M. V. Ford
V. Struttan + ALL 7

PS, VS, CF SURVEYED REMAINING SIDE PASSAGES OFF OF 1ST 'BREAKTHROUGH'
CHAMBER. ONE SANDY TUBE - DRINKING WELL - REQUIRES DIGGING THROUGH A
FEW BOULDERS. ALSO SURVEYED FURTHER HIGH LEVEL PASSAGE ABOVE
WELL DECORATED CHAMBER (REFER TO SURVEY) ENDING IN DRINKING CHAIR
VERY CLOSE TO 2 BOYS CAVE (909).
LOW LEVEL RIFT FROM BOULDER CHAMBER SURVEYED TO WATER LEVEL
(CURRENT). DEEP WATER SECTION NOT FOLLOWED THOUGH PROBABLY SIMILAR
FEW LEADS REMAIN - CURRENT LENGTH 384 M C.F.R.



1105 DUG OUT SAND FROM ENTRANCE ALLOWING ENTRY INTO APPROX 8m PASSAGE ENDING IN 3m AVEN AND LOW ROUND SECTION. VERT MINOR DRAGONTH DETECTED FROM LEFT. ARACHNAPHOBICS - DON'T BOTHER! SMALL WREN FLYING NEAR ENTRANCE = CAVE OF THE WREN? (IN SPANISH). (C.FRY, A. NICH, V. STRATTON) CUEVA REYEZUBLO C.FRY

La Gatuna Sunday 28th Tobey, Jane, Graham, Ian. 1213 + 1214
2 small shafts dropped. First one (Fib Pot) was 7m pit to chisel floor. Bolt placed at entrance. 2nd was 13m pit in rift (Fib Pot) to chisel floor. Both ends of rift had climbs looking to further tight, undroughting holes. These were not descended but looked hopeless. An obvious entrance was spotted higher up the track - this will be visited shortly.

Entrambasaguas Area Monday 29th

Cochran, Ian, Tobey. Walking on hillside above the area that Jason & Penny & Senry had looked at.

There are several features that look like entrances that have been totally filled with boulders. We looked down onto an area that has recently been cleared of trees. There are several depressions but these appeared to be full of branches from the felled trees.

2 holes found on hillside above a huge depression. These are to be dropped shortly & will be placed on the map then.

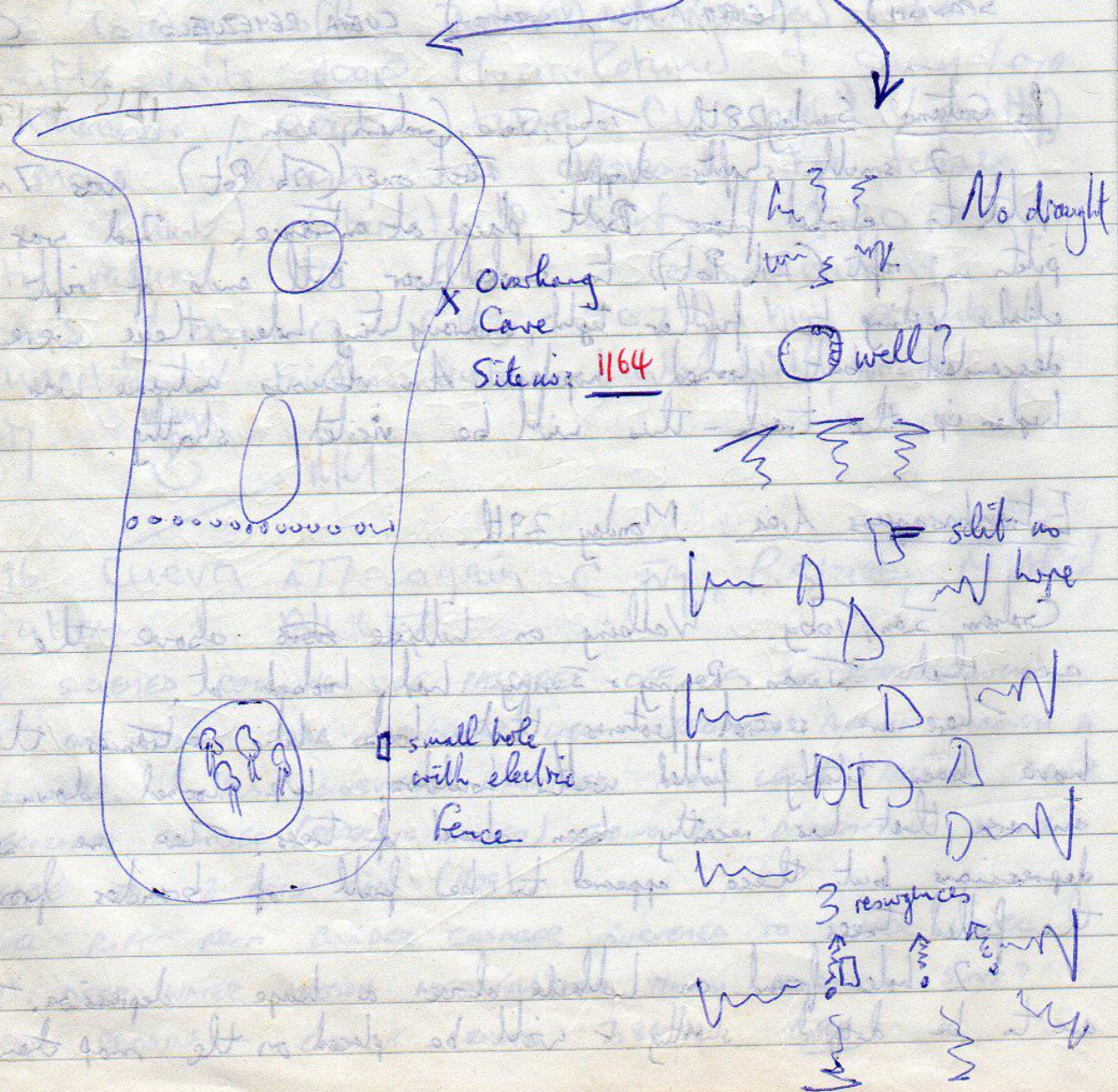
1 is a 9mish pitch with an echo suggesting something bigger. Other is a short pitch (4m?).

The farmer says that there are small caves in the area but that there are shafts on the hillsides, one of which is 130m deep.

There is obviously lots of cave to find in this area - well worth a visit.

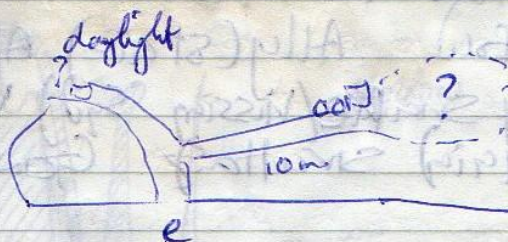
1/8/96 Juan & Penny to Fuente la Tabla area, west of La Grotta. Parked at T junction and walked back down road and along track to right to rocky streambed at VP485007.

Then to main depression to the west



Not much hope of anything below remiges. Overhang
Cave in second site is a 2m climb up to entrance
and then crawling to right past dropped block and
squeeze into bigger space. Not packed - no clothes.
Draughts.

No: 1164



1/8/96 Candy, Ian, Jane. Renada.

Returned to the boulder choke in the breakdown passage. We tried various climbs but couldn't (or daredn't) get into the higher part of the choke. Well worth revisiting with more expertise. Looked at some rifts on the way out near the bouldery crawl that bypasses the 2nd pitch - these really need surveying. They get very high & we must have gone about 10m further than anyone else.

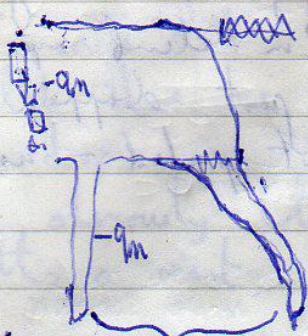
Retrieved the shelter bed & a tackle bag of gear from the rescue.

2/8/96 Roy & Pam, Candy, Ian, Steve O, Jane - Campos delante

Walked up the hillside behind the farm at the top of the right track after the round building. Found very little



except the shaft they found on 29m. This was descended but choked.



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both choice

Paul S has more Y2 bag?

02/08/21 → mantel upfold Ally (stair) Ally (sen)
 mantel → (Racing Snake/Vision Syd) Vicky (You
 the) lied to me again) snatching Gonzalo (mantel
 Type). TO Villine.

Tourist trip to Sweet Chamber, then
 surveying of leads near (old) pitch in two groups
 about 30m & passage surveyed. Hindered
 by 2 wood camp failures (Allison & Wicky).
 most corridors bit P.S. vs. & C.F. (the
 great leader) Flat cut 175m * Cruise Emy
 Hercules } Blindingly good trip followed by
 Bar exit Cruise & Gumb in bar Tomas. & NO
 visit to Cueva ATN !! *? Best quote *
 C.F. to V.S. Villain: its all big
 walking passage nothing small !! This dates
 back to an earlier lie by M. to
 V.S. regarding the ~~the~~ pitch length &
 free nature of Nick pot (Yanks) to V.S.
 what Vest. ?

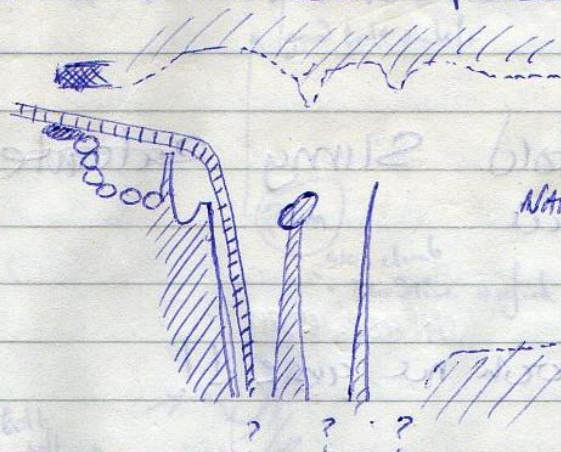
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3rd Aug. Toby, Jane, Ian. La Gatuna.

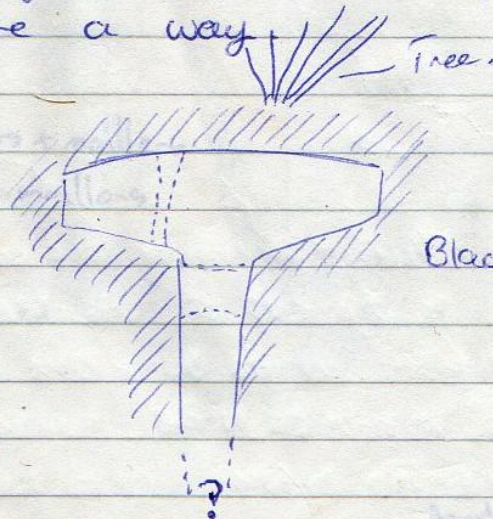
Looked into hole in small cliff spotted on last trip, went all of 15m to small tube.

Found lots of other holes in this small area, just below sandstone bend. Most notable being a rift of very fragile rock with 3 undereended pitches, 50ft (ish).



Spoke with farmer at two shakeholes (Big), told of 2 caves in heavy shale and a 'Pima' up the hill. One short and very wet piece of passage found. Other was a 7m pitch, chipping with water from previous, looked in 3in slot.

Search in area revealed numerous choked rifts and one large undereended rift that looks promising, stores go quite a way.



Blackness Beckons the Intrepid Explorer.

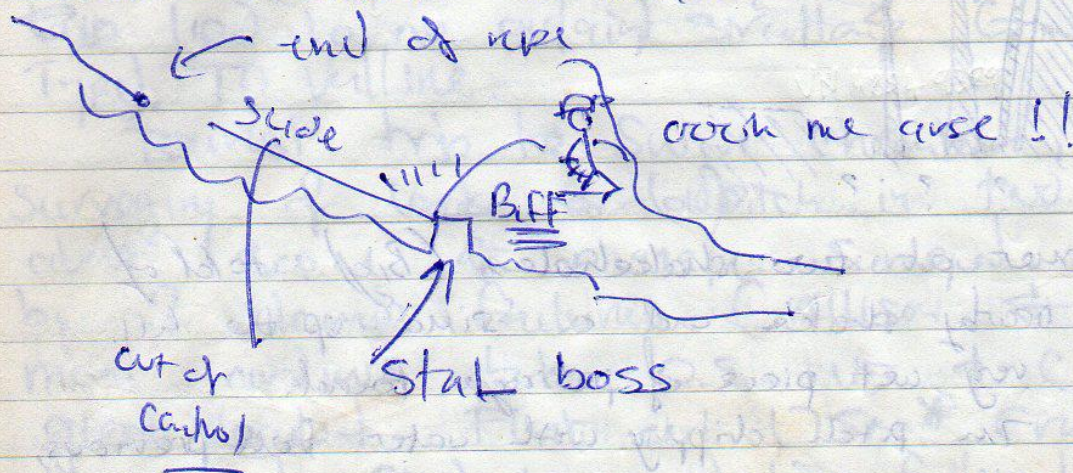
IAN

03/08/96 M. Uppard P. Stacy
 Ally (stair) & Gonzalo Azpilicueta to Rengda
 Awesome trip (left rigged for others)

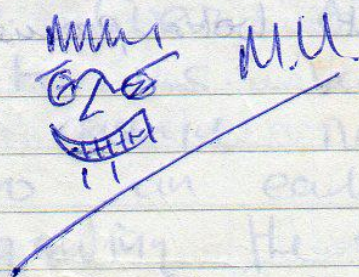
Ropes used: 50m, 20ft ladder 50m
 rope, 50m, 30m, 62m, 17m, 40m.

A Super Vertical Section! ~~Regulated~~ Trip
 through Rengda all except for the
Slime

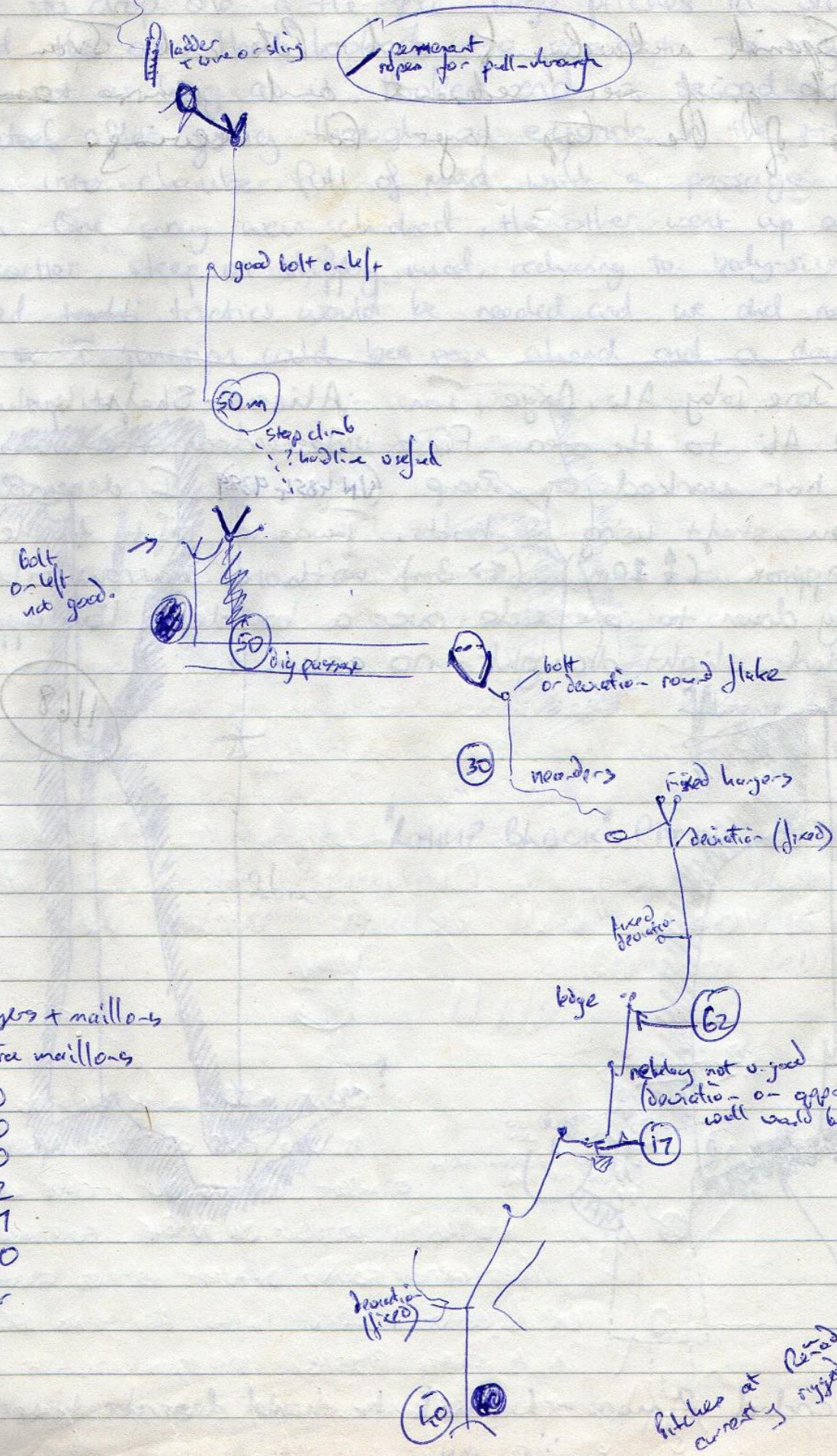
Note the main upfold Slime calcate
 slope descent technique



excellent trip. 3 truck bags left in site?



Aspiliceta rigging:



Tackle:

7 hangers + maillo-s

3 extra maillo-s

ropes 50

50

30

62

17

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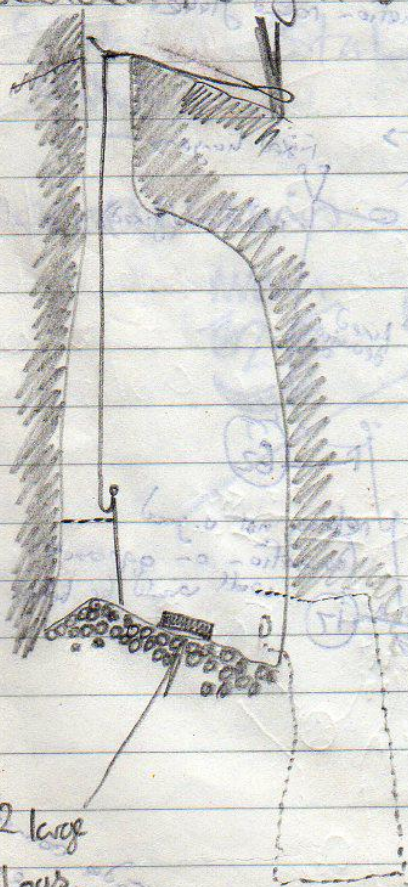
ladder

excuse me, what planet are you on?
3/8/93 793 archaeology.

Spanish archaeologist and Pete and I ran
lay out grid over sediment and remove some
some of the top layer for sieving.

4/8/96 Jone, Toby, Ali, Ange, Ian. Alisas - Shaft bashing.
Followed Ali to the area. First undescended site was
a site not marked on map (VN 4854 4389). I descended
the 30m shaft using 2 bolts. There was a rift further
down approx ($\downarrow$ 10m) ($\leftrightarrow$ 3m) with a narrow rift
continuing down to one side over a boulder. 15m approx,
undescended, slight draught - no echo. 4

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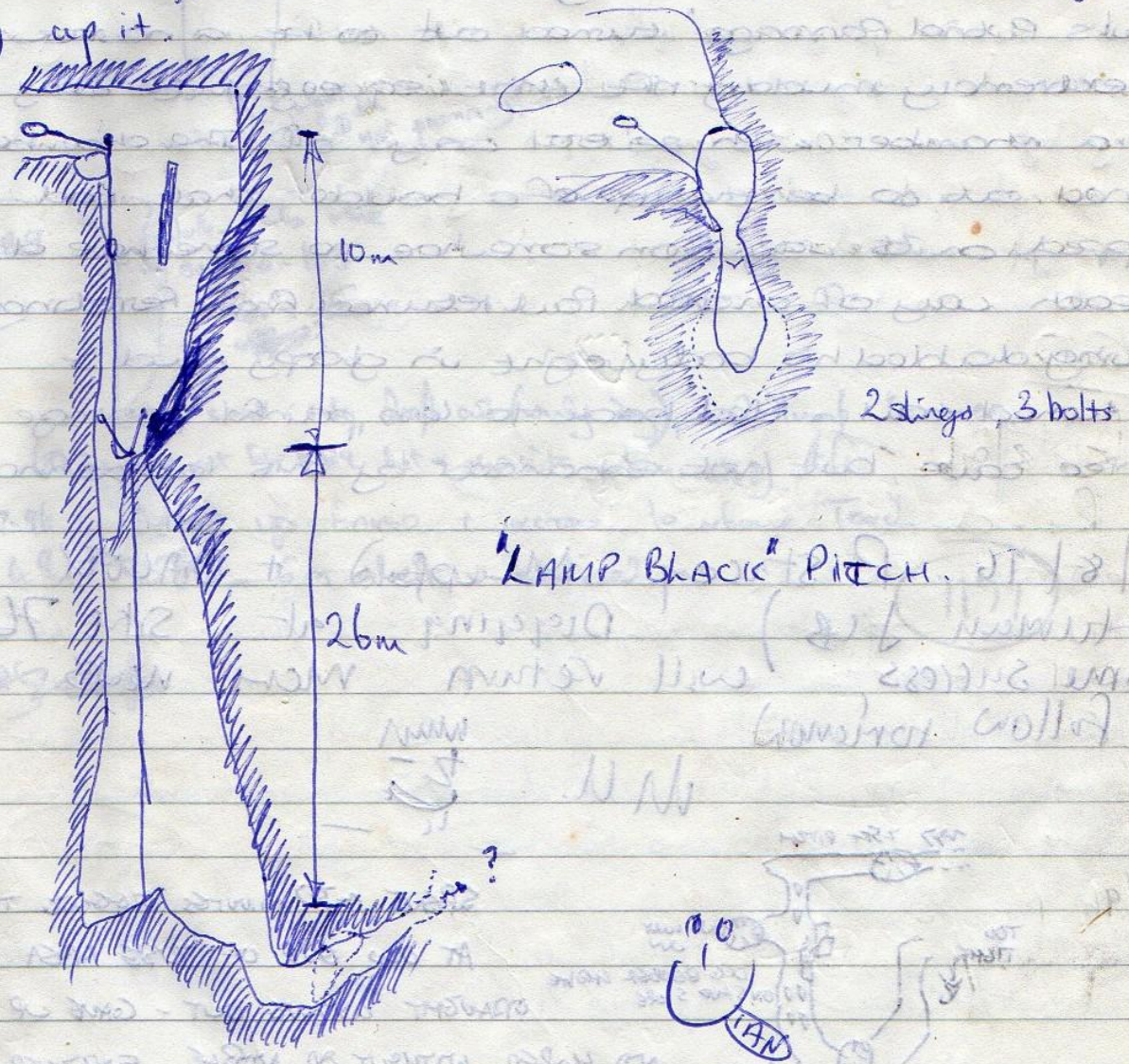


2 large
logs.

Ali descended 2 more - I think he should describe these...

IAN.

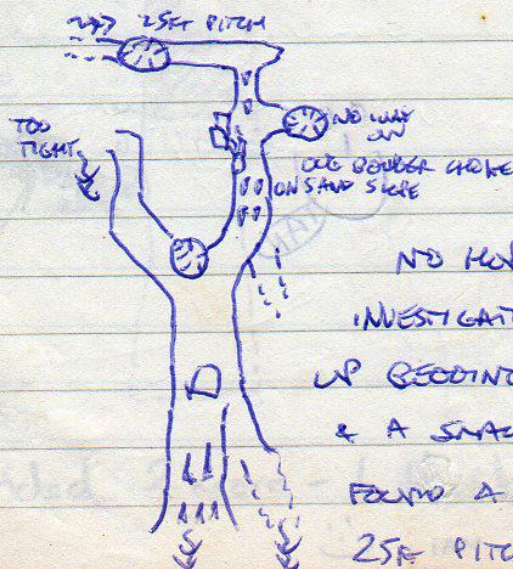
5/7/96 Ian L CANDY + MARK (Gonz) 774 - Moronaceae
Went to drop one of the four large pitches in Shangri-La.
I picked the one that looked the easiest to rig.
It was not as long as it looked and a second drop was
negotiated after going through an eyehole in the rift (chossy)
dropped into chamber full of mud with a passage in the
bottom. One way was choked, the other went up around
a corner, steep or slippery mud, reducing to body-size.
Combined ~~tacti~~ tactics would be needed and we did not have
time, a 'T' junction could be seen ahead and a draught was
going up it.



DAVIES DAMN IT!!!!

5/8/96 Paul Stacey, Chris Fry, Simon ~~James~~ & Licky Stratton
 Was taken down Tood by Mr Stacey to find
 "guaranteed virgin passage". Went down St Annes &
 got to boulder chamber where we surveyed passage
 that had already been found as far as the bottom
 of a large pitch. Locked down a passage described
 as "small but not tight" that involved Mr Stacey's
 remaining helmet, lamp, chiro & compass (what does
 he take off in tight passage?). Finally went to
 look at a rift that only Paul had been down.
 "Paul's Pribid Passage" turned out to be a narrow
 & extremely muddy rift that squeezed its way
 to a chamber with several crays off. The chamber
 turned out to be the top of a boulder that had
 stopped on its way from somewhere to somewhere else
 & each cray off choked. Paul returned from fereblyng
 having disabled his bodyweight in gloopy mud &
 we turned tail & fled back to less painful passage.
 A nice cave, but not enhanced by this latest find!

6/8/96 P Stacey M upfold + DALE
 (Human JCB) Digging at Site 763
 Some success will return MCM news
 to follow tomorrow



SPENT 20 MINUTES DIGGING TUBE
 AT OLD END OF TUBE AREA WITH

DRAUGHT COMING OUT - GAVE UP AS

NO HOPE WITHOUT DR. NOBLE. FURTHER

INVESTIGATION FOUND DRAUGHT EXITING FROM CHOKED

UP BEDDING - SPENT 1 HOUR REMOVING GLOBS

& A SMALL PASSAGE WAS ENTERED. WAS ON

FOUND A CURRENT LAKE ENDS AT CLEAN WASHED

25ft PITCH WITH DRAUGHT COMING FROM CONTINUING

4/8/96 Aligas (cont) Toby San Angie San Ali

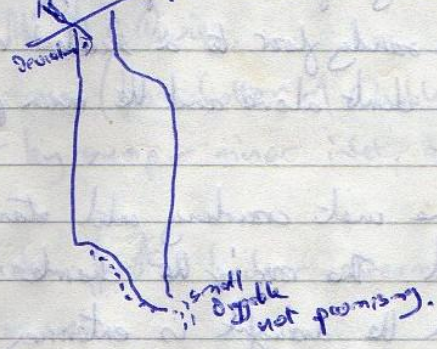
VN 4811 9396 Shaft 1.5m x 1m at top, 4 m deep

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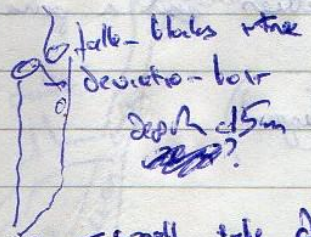
9390?
VN 4849 9490 - Undersized shaft approx 10m. by large fallen block, dropping rocks down it disturbed a bit.

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1088 - 30 m shaft



1089



(This may not be 1089 but a new site - action needed). Ali

30.7.96 Walked up Enaso + across to above Teod.

4917-9567 - 5m shaft undersized.

1171

~~Back to the~~

ATTEN ACROSS PITCH PS: ANOTHER GOOD ONE OFF.

5/8/96 Renada Aspitula

StereO, Phil, Ali, Jane

Push end of 'China Syndrome' passage found at Easter. Relatively easy going in low passage with cobbles and water. A number of intakes are found no cys which have been fully explored. About station 5 one side passage ends at a circular chamber 5m. Looking upwards a passage is seen to continue. This is an easy step along a sandy floor to a sudden rise in to floor which forces a crawl. There is a climb above and the main passage continues crawling.

Back in the main passage more of the same wet crawling and standing is possible and a large chamber is entered. The roof of the chamber is a very high arch 50m+ (guess!) and the draught is extremely good here. On the right of the chamber there are many passages and a passage which is as yet unentered continues.

Exited via Jantogen and out of Renada (again!)

StereO

4/5-8/96 Tony Mig Joe Log et AL

Re-check dig in field Below 415'.

OUT Draught's hole - TO TIGHT - CALL TOBY - FIRE TOBY

AT HOLE - DO NOT LET TOBY OUT OF HOLE - PLEASE - FUEL ALL IN HOLE - LET TOBY OUT.

Small hole behind Lower 1112 Blast off Flame Tony down 12' to Rift Bashable obstruction Perfect further progress See down approx 10' more. Slight Draught, 1172

6/8/96 Mostafa, A. Well, M. Woodhett Ali
To coast/SSE having trip to top of Golden Void

7/8/96 Valline Icn, Sonya + Martin (+ Paul, Chris, Vicky, Simon + Ali)
Uls 3 dropped a pitch in the maze with a stream audible.
Went for 30 ft to narrow streamway that someone had
done before, so is probably the one on the survey under
the maze, done by the Haymarket.



Valline. McNeil & Davies.

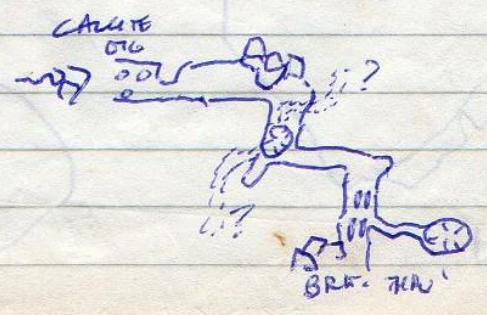
Upstream sump area (from bottom of Double Dutch) - El Rio del Oroja
Passage on right big sump - minor inlet, awkward passage (previously entered) left & U
going.
loop with choke further back - stream followed c 20 m into choke, at times
drifting, low & wet.



Hi.

7/8/96 763 - P. Sney, M. Uppeo, C. Fry, V. Sneyton

scrubbed in with MARTIN BELONG 25ft PITCH. - DROPPED PITCH TO FIND
SMALL PASSAGES LEADING OFF NEEDING SWINGING + PROPER PUSH. FINISHED ^{EXTRA} BOLT
A TRAVERSED OVER PITCH TO SMALL RIFT PARTLY BLOCKED, WITH DRAUGHT
WIZZING ACROSS - OUT & ENTERED SMALL RIFT, & WAT ON THW' ^(OCEANIC) TIGHT RIFT
TO CALLED RIFT WHICH NEEDS WORK. DRAUGHT V. GOOD. - EXITED OUT
TO COW. ~~scribble~~



DALEK TRYING TO
SNEAK AWAY AFTER
1ST NIGHTS DRINKING.

Deporte



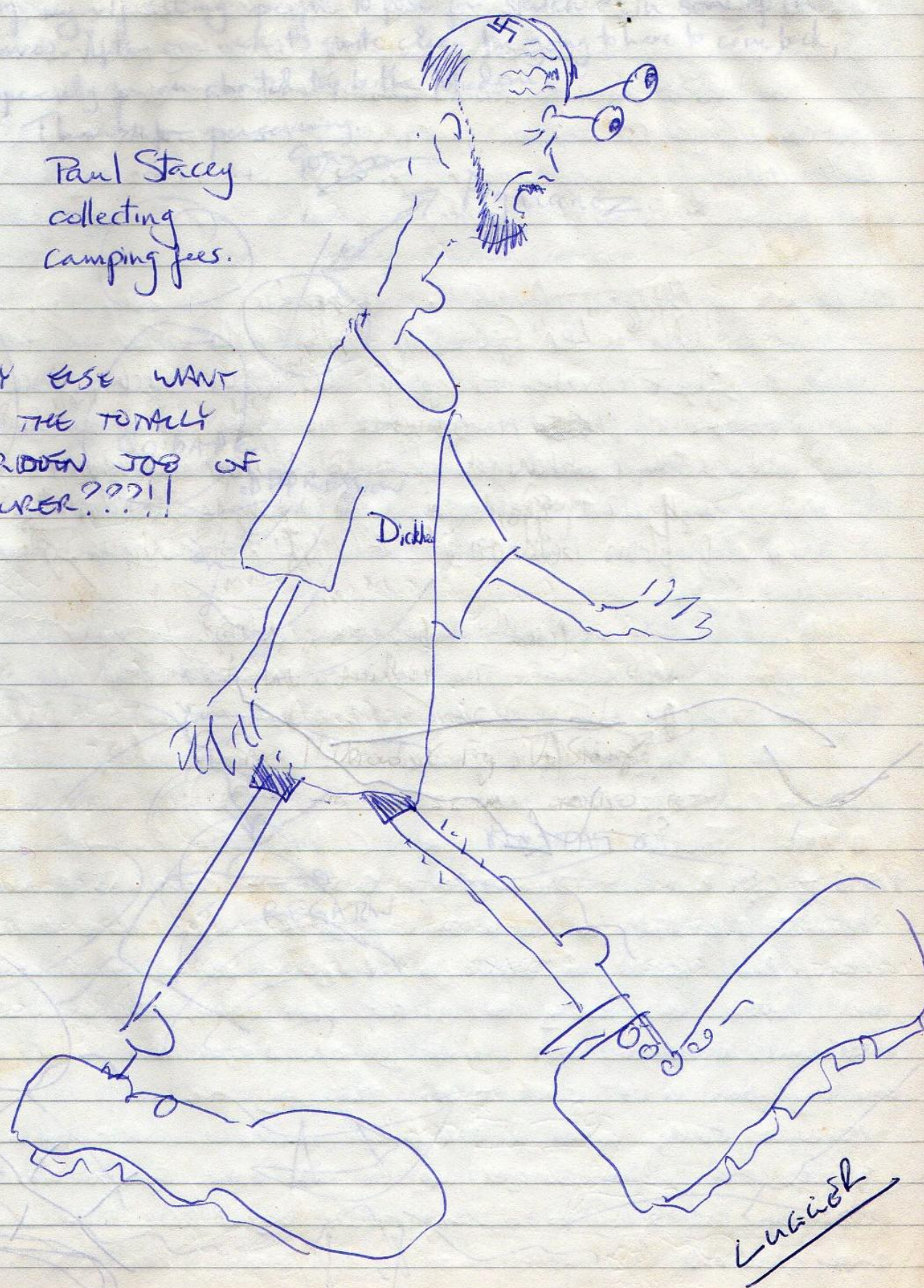
JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ
Iván de la Peña accede al avión que llevó a la selección a Madrid.



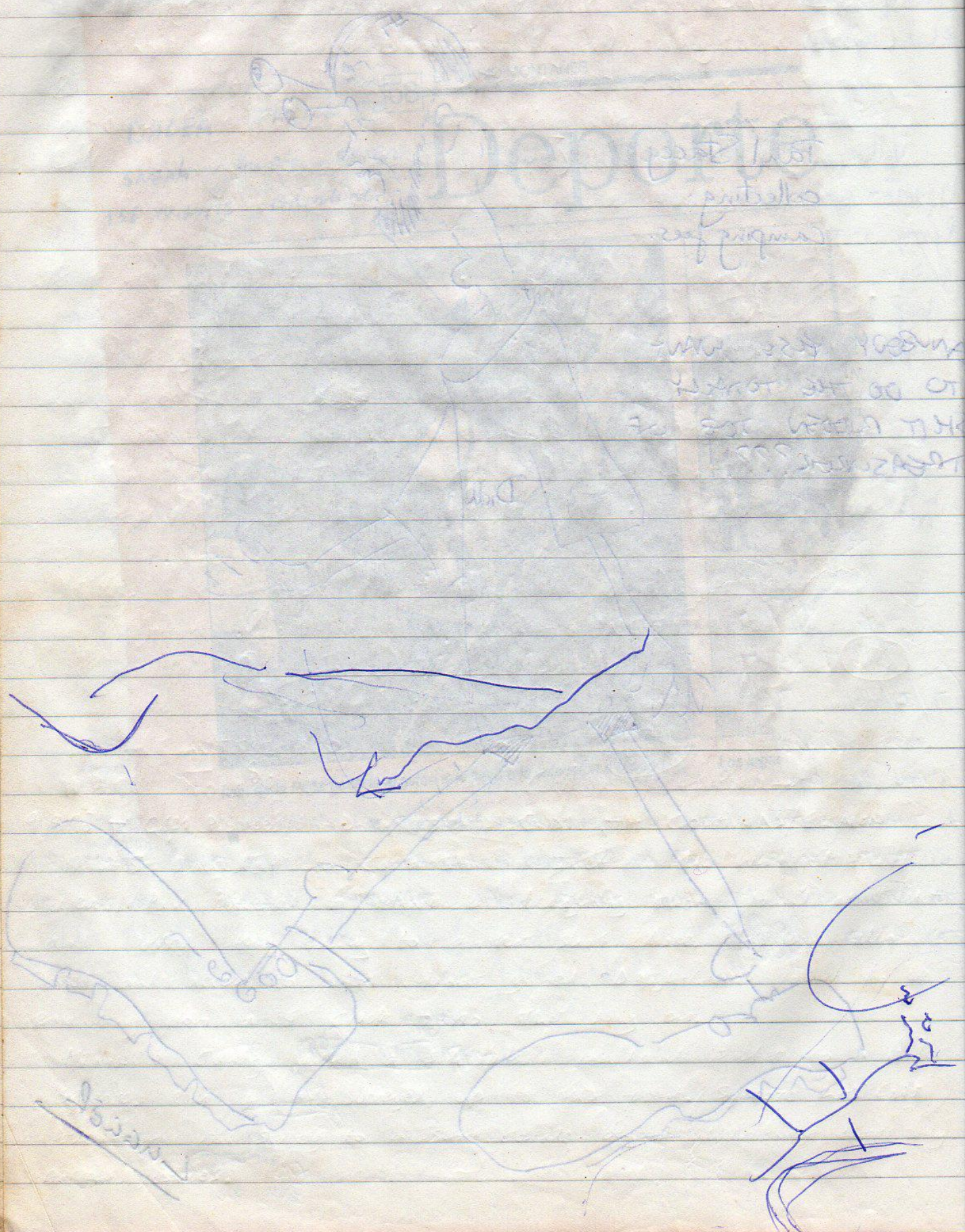
Los jugadores

Paul Stacey
collecting
camping fees.

ANYBODY ELSE WANT
TO DO THE TOTALLY
SHIT RIDDIN JOB OF
TREASURER???



Luvich



18/1/2001
collecting
camping fees

anybody else want
to do the tour?
with them too?
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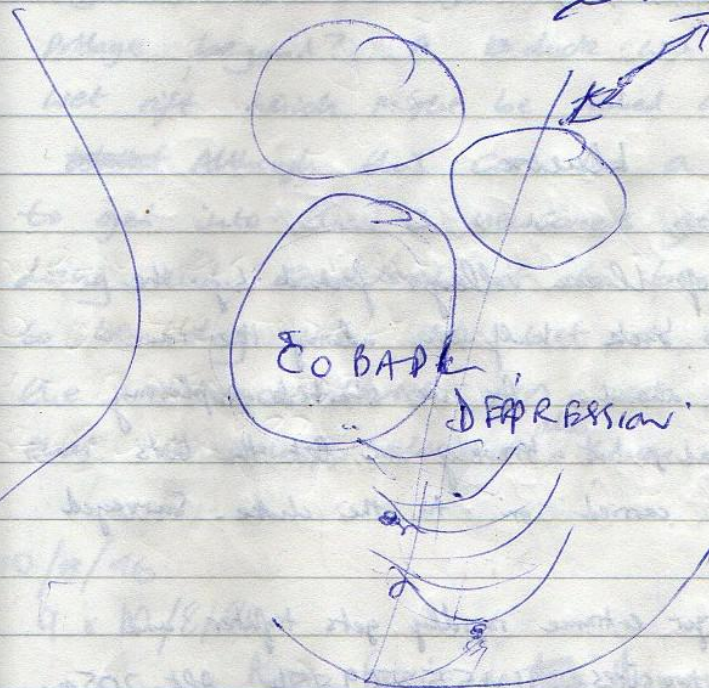
1-8 August.

A few pleasant days of making a total pain in the arse of myself asking people to pose for sketches in some of the caves. After one week it's quite clear I'm going to have to come back, especially for an aborted trip to the Astudome.

Thanks for persevering.

Gonzo

Aguanoz



MOSTHIO?

REGATON



8/8/96 Biggo Jane, Candy, Garzo, Bill, Tony + Mig

Jolly good tourist trip not an all spair by 15 mins of jungle-bashing (good navigation Jane!) & the fact we had 1 ladder too few for the entry pitch. Enjoyed by all including beach-bum nance Bill (Might never again ... ??)

10 August Andy Q, Pete S. Llueva

Went to a cave on north side of Llueva valley found by the local plumber. He'd ~~turned~~ turned back half way along the cave after hearing strange animal noises ahead. As we started exploring we heard strange animal noises ahead, but bravely we let the bats get out of the way and then Andy carried on to the choke. Surveyed out - about 43m.

Just above this cave another larger entrance rapidly gets tighter and twists back to the surface. These two sites = VN55879854 Alt. 205m.

They are located at base of smallish cliff face.

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A little further west another small cave got too tight after about 10m. - VN55⁸29860 Alt. 225m

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9/8/96 - C.FEL, P. STACEY, Simon DAVES, V. STANTON, GARDY → COLMINAS/ESCALON

All 5 proceeded to Cairn Junction Inlet in the 'White Mischief' area. Paul proceeded to attack a draughting choke found at Easter and passed this easily to another short choke. This was also passed and access to small chamber gained. Draught was found to be emanating from a 4" crack - no other way out.

Meanwhile Candy pushed a side passage found at Easter to a U-turn Squeeze. Rest of us surveyed up to this point. Squeeze was later passed by Paul Stacey to a short cascade beyond which there were only narrow fissures.

Further back a small side tube from chamber noted at Entry, and was inspected and found to lead to a dripping 30m+ Aven. Paul free climbed some 20+ ft and could see that the crans continued a further 30+ ft before opening up on all sides into blackness. . . . No sign of a roof! No particular draught noted here - Some protection ^{or bolting} would be needed to inspect further.

Choke area in main passage was re-inspected and a sand/mud dig beneath a large block looks as though it might regain passage beyond? A duck was passed to the west into a narrow wet rift which might be pushed with a wet-suit.

~~to be~~ Although this cave has a reputation for being awkward to get into the 3 newcomers generally felt it a trip worth doing and considered it to be "sporting". The canal was found to be dry and the wet pit only 2/3 full. Draught through the entrance series was not as great as expected. Could be that it emits elsewhere ^{also} when water levels are down? C. Fry

10/8/96

9 & 10/8/96

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Above Fuente de ~~Agua~~ Aguamanz. Jane/Toby Jane/Mike/Ian
9th Jane & Toby went for a drive around the tracks near Enrambasaguas.

Parked quite high up GR () & went up to enquire of a friendly farmer about shafts in the area. The farmer was very friendly & insisted on taking us to a shaft at breathtaking speed which left us staggering in his wake. The shaft looked & sounded impressive although not quite the 60m. deep he claimed it to be - apparently he had been lowered down it at some point to retrieve a goat. We then raced back to the van with the farmer chattering all the way & declined his kind offer to zoom over to Cobadul with him to look at more shafts.

10th Jane/Mike/Ian. We returned & avoiding the friendly farmer attempted to drop the shaft. However Mike couldn't find any safe bolt placements for a good hang so we retreated defeated.

ladders may be a better option as the shaft only seems about 80' deep. Mike could ~~see~~ see that it bells out & could hear a trickle of water at the bottom.

11th August, Ian, Sonia, Vicki, Jane Vizeka.

Surveyed passage found last year near straw inlet. It draughts well inwards but goes up into a very slippery calcited boulder choke. Forging a way on would involve probably bolting & a major push. - not worth it at this stage. Visited Astradome & then came out - pleasant trip.

8 - 11/8/96 Len Gee, Billy Book, Tazla Watson
Dig 311. Excavated to top of 100' (30m) pitch. Descended to bottom of shaft. No draught. No doors way on. Small chamber to right hand side of pitch, 8' down. Chamber size approx 10' by 12'. Still draughting strongly at top of shaft. Seemingly from behind rift. (Load of shit at the bottom)

11/2/96. Application. A nickel, Dabek, Mateo - of old.

Designed & looked at Fortezzo passage - interesting but need to spend longer there. DABEK TO BLAME FOR DEREGAINING PULL-THROUGH BETAYS.
Alc.

1175

11/3/96 TORCA DEL PINO & Cueva del PINO - Phil Spard & Pete Smith.

Aim to dig Torca del Pino - but we could not find it. This despite Phil being on original trip!! It seems to be marked in wrong place on map and the pine tree at the entrance is now gone! The place to look is on the RHS of the path to Cochisera below the small pine woods.

During the search for the Torca P.P. excavated a small cave on the right of the pine wood below Cochisera (looking to the entrance) at base of 2m face. Crawl led to 60m of walking passage which needs to be surveyed - No draught, the cave is

likely to be a ~~transient~~ part of Codicera that has been isolated from the cave by erosion of the entrance. Little prospect of any significant ~~actual~~ progress, but ^{may} have important significance for speleogenesis work.



10/8/96 TORCA XLS

Ray & Toby

517

Took 78m rope & this reached from a tree at the top of the gully looking onto the 1st pitch right down to the bottom of the cave ~~with~~ with a few metres to spare.

5 holes were fired with 2x big Hilti caps in each one. This worked well (apart from mega fly rock on the 1st hole which was in a lump of rock just in a solid wall @ like the others. No ear defenders were available so the filters from Winstons were used - they worked well!

2 or 3 more shots will see us in. The pitch is going to be 100'ish (+/- quite a bit), with at least 2 ledges. Rocks make large BOOM m m m when they hit the floor & a strong draught is going down the pitch. Back next year!

11/8/96. PETE O. JOHN D. ANDY Q.

COVENTOSA BOTTOM ENTRANCE.

WENT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD ROPE CLIMB

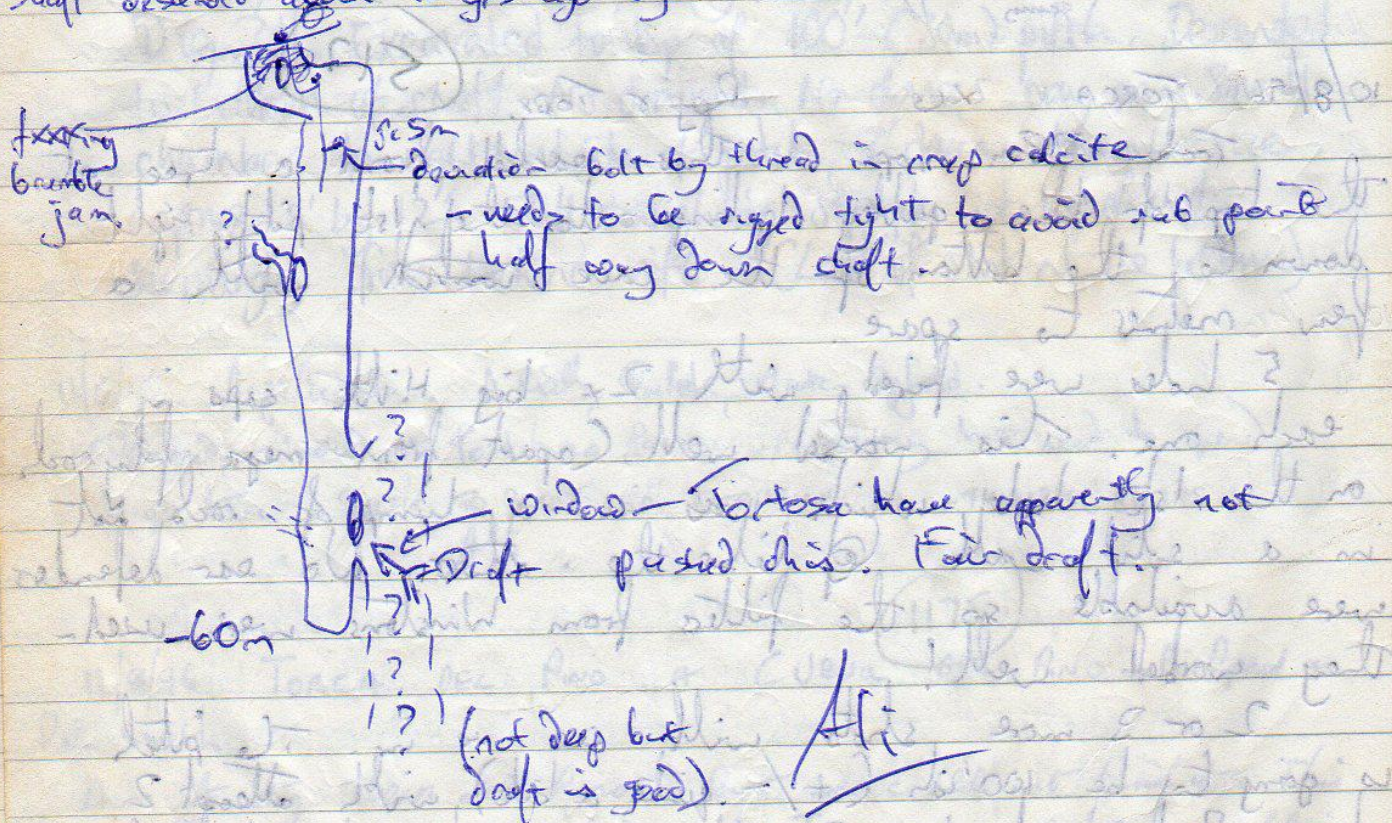
COLLECTING SEDIMENT CORES AS WE WENT. A VERY GOOD PRECURSOR TO A BLANCO TRIP.

12-8-96 Above Fuente Aguavoz (see today & June 10/8/96)

Today June Pete O'Neill

Propped entrance pitch on ladders 1100ft appose down large boulder
 stop in large chamber 100 x 50 ft to cutting under to right
 looking after short distance the large breakdown area appears quite unstable,
 probed various routes but saw no way on found. all has been surveyed
 before by ? (Spanish). however an excellent spot with fine view
 back up slope to pitch with day light pouring in.

13/8/96 Site 565. A. Neill. Pozo del Corcion Deg.
 Shaft descended about 10 yrs ago by Tortosa



Site 565 is marked JT 183.

14/08/96 - Sonja Johnson

I descended 4 shafts around the same area as Ali (previous notes). I'll leave Paul Stacey to add the technical stuff if he wants. As these are my ~~first~~ only first descents so far I decided to give them names - despite none of them being particularly spectacular!!!

1122 - 3m forced shaft - choked with tight rift descending
- named "skeleton shaft"

1120 - 6m forced shaft - choked.

- named "Frog + Newt"

A - (6m down valley from 1120 - same altitude) - 17m blind shaft covered by logs. } Site 1120

- named "Just short"

1177

B - 12m blind shaft on spur of hill in clits

- named "cow bell"

1178

Also two overflood shafts c10m deep near 1123 marked C and D on ~~shaft~~ map.

1179

1180

12/8/96 Cueva de Vallina

Rupert went to dive upstream sumps in Rio Riofr. Helmut carry by Ali, Ian, Paul + Chris. Passed Sump 1 in lovely conditions, 22m ish to about 60m galling, and Sump 2. This was another easy dive of about 47m and surfaced in another passage. Followed this for about 200m ish to sump 3, another lovely sump, but need lightweight kit to get here. Total Surveyed (on return) was 285m. Very promising lead.

I have called this passage "Senora Beatrice's Phantomia Abajo"

Classic Quotes By DAVEK 14-8-96

200 grams of cream puffs please
DOSCIENTOS GRAMOS DE PASTELITOS DE CREMA

del Agua (Lady Beatrice Underwater Phantomia), becos it is so beautiful but very cold (my friend).

CAMP SITE PLAN

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VAULT.

LOVE
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With
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ESPAÑOLA
CATACINA

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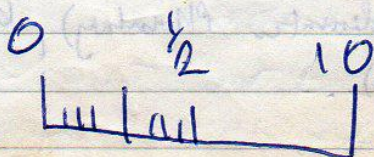
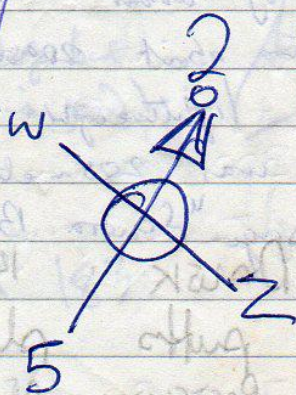
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14/3/96 Looking for shafts etc above Valline/S Vega - MAP X 30 TL
Phil Papard

Walk from TV mast to 852 & then to south edge of our area

PP1 - South of track to TV mast from AZPILICUETA just on TV side of valley with born prior to AZPILICUETA valley. On RHS (WEST) of small depression under small cliff - small rift - choked no draught - U/S dig 1181

PP2 - 30m on 130° mag from PP1 - collapsed & choked shaft in middle of broken. about 2m deep, would dig but, NO draught - U/S 1182

PP3 - Small tube in cliff face two benches up from Abono (33) & 100m to SSW, next to small evergreen oak. Draught in, but tight for at least 2m, about 20cm dia - better dig/bang in area. 1183

PP4 - On South of closed depression 80m to West of 499, on outcrop of sandstone band. Main depression has no prospect. On South is a line of collapse & sinks at Lst/SSi boundary, most draught in, but not a big draught. PP4 is 2nd collapse from west - 3m climb down to small cave leading to west, big enough to crawl some formations - not pushed draught in 1184



PP5 - Cave 40m to north of Barn on sandstone bed. Small hazel tree on entrance, two holes - one of most interest is to left of tree looking to the north. Very good inward draught - cave not pushed. Photo taken of hole 1185

PP6 - 100m to ~~west~~ ^{south} of Barn some 50m below level of ridge at top of TV mast core valley. Small cave/dig on sandstone ~~band~~ band. Very good inward draught - moving grass etc - needs one days digging to see extent of dig needed etc. - Photo taken 1186

(852) - No draught; (33) draught up out of pitch; (35) NO top, good out ward draught

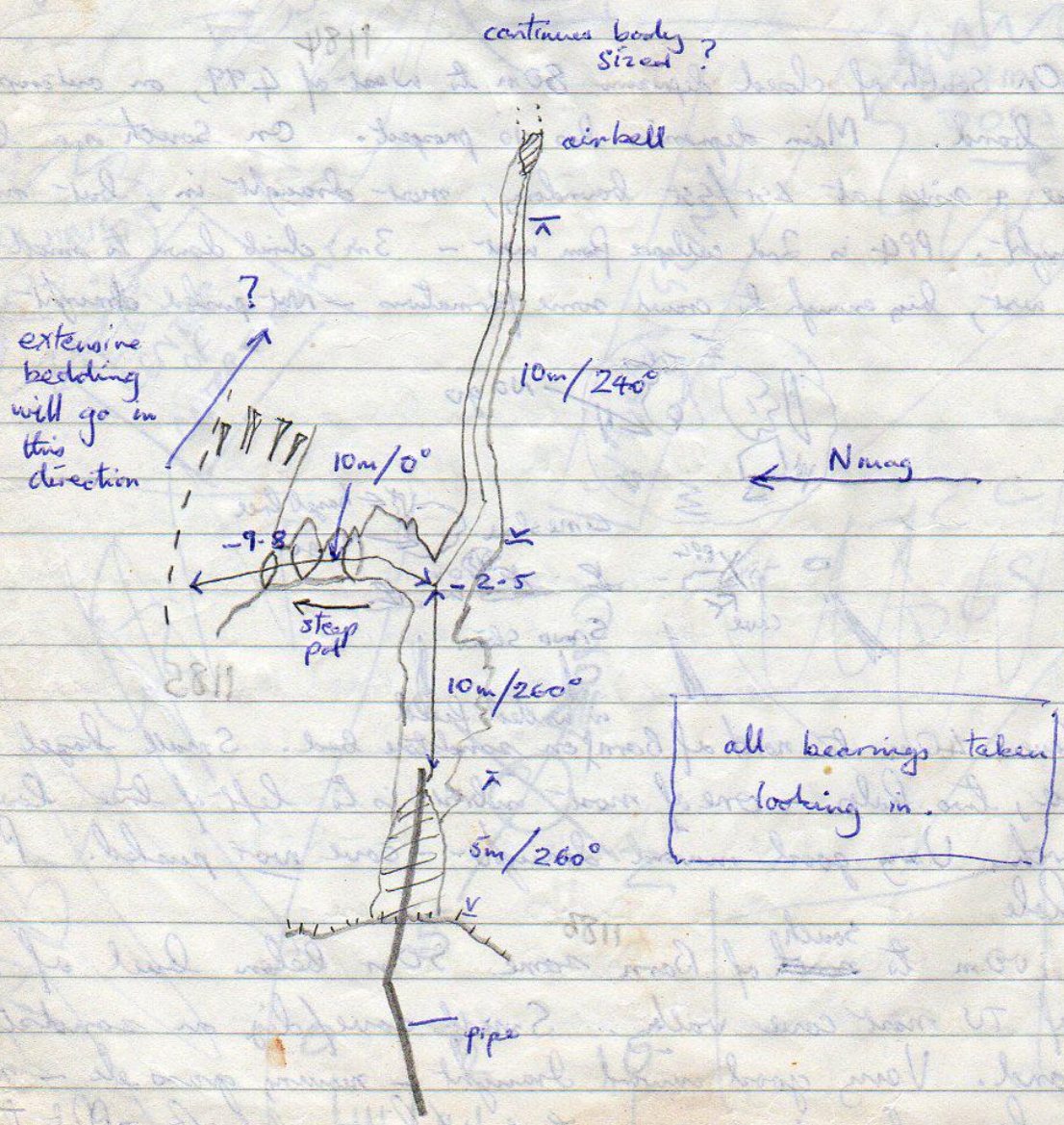
FUENTE DE SENA Near Raimales. 14-8-96. JP/8/96

Possible resurgence for Cueva de Columbras (alias Cubo del Mosé)
Water supply for Raimales, has a 10" dia suction pipe in the entrance

Sumps are clean, small and still going, but will need some commitment.

Permission is no problem. Spanish think this may be water sinking in the bed of the Arroyo several km upstream!

Report



4-8-96 Bobby C Martin N + Ali (82)

Surveyed Cuatiben (13) Somebody has to 2 leads - muddy climb up at corner, far end - has anyone crossed the pit and bolted up into the rift which fantastically disappears??

13-8-96 Derek Pete O Toly Jane

Bobby

Capoled into following Toly to a dead end goes pitly he took us to the wrong cave, I suspect it was all part of a master plan. O'Neill

14/8/96 Bill Booth, Len Gee, Tasha Watson

Dig 311. Followed rift at top of pitch head. Strong draught. Followed rift for 5'. Passage descends to left and right. Still draughting.

Approx 30' up slope on 80 degree descending slot found draughting. Removed boulders - strong draught. 1187

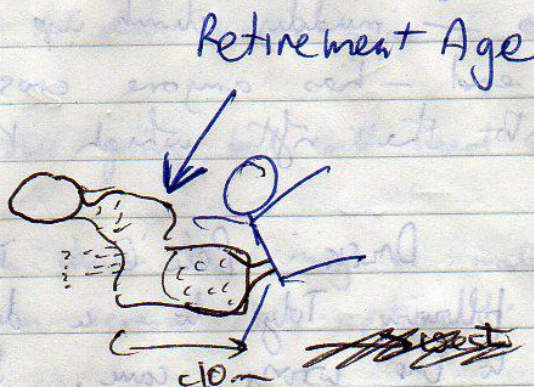
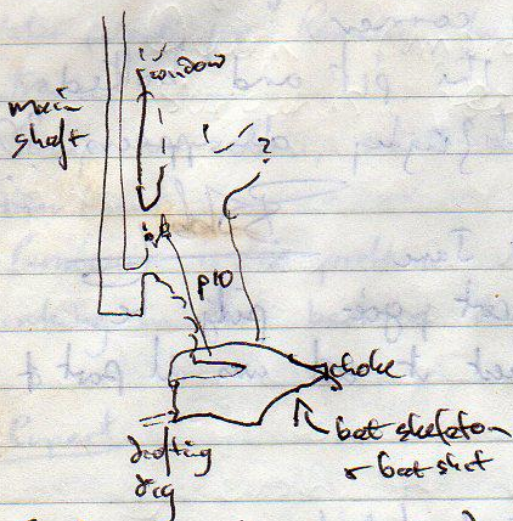
14 Aug

Ter Ali, Sanya, Dalek Above Velline + Renada Walked from IV mark to 545 that Ali dropped to a conclusion. Me + Sanya dropped ~~to~~ ³ ~~ones~~ ^{ones} below 545 (No. 1179 ¹¹²³ ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~chucked~~ ^{chucked} with ~~silt~~ ^{silt} at 7.5m. Above to left a rock covered shaft dropped 4.27m to 3rd cavern (see Dalek). And No. 1180 ~~went~~ ^{over} right went 3m to a ledge, loose then 10m past fragile rock to rock boulder floor. rift goes off, immediately a pitch ^(under 10m) is reached, a chamber can be seen 30-40ft below with ways off. little if any draught (dull day, knot hot).

CHUCK THOUGH IT WERE USEFUL TO MAKE MORE BODIES - UNFORTUNATELY IT'S RIGHT BY A PACE - FARMER WILL NOT BE ANOSED.

Shaft 1123 Nannow Descent 27m. Rubble slope to small chamber, mud floored, easy squeeze 3m to roomy passage. 3m long. Imm. up rock breccia to small 3m high aven. Back down & directly up again 3m to further over 10m high Imm. on left sloping cont. to 2nd aven 15-20m high draught present.

14/8/96 SLS. A. Wall, Doble



Found 2 shallow unexplored shafts in valley E. of site 490

- marked (E) on map. 1191 1192

15/8/96 Day & Jane.

1188, 1189 A

Walked around hillside at bottom of S. Vega. Some sites of interest were noted & placed on the map. Map has been left with Penny (DCC) so that one of the digs can be started. He will then give the map to Juan. It has the description of Mat Muppet (a Lhe found last year) on the back of it. 1190

16/8/96

FUENTE DE MOLINO

Report Skorpyska

Dried terminal upstream sump. After some confusion, an old French line was followed into what was obviously the main upstream route. This dipped down rapidly in a large gravel/sand floored tube, dimensions 8×4 m. After approx. 60m, a depth of -22-5 was reached, the line continuing down. Bearings indicated the tunnel to head NNW. Limited air supply and buoyancy made a return at this point wise, the sump looks to go below -30m.

On the way out, the downstream continuation was found in

the swamp pool (lake) on the R. This should be short, through to the streamway in the next chamber.

I intend to return with more air reserves and digout. Also need to find French divers information.

16/8/96

cave 793

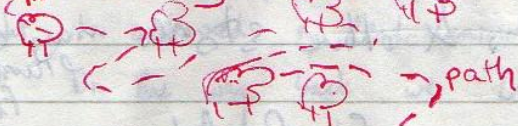
Jerry Corrin + Lord Smith

Went on bike ride up to la Vega. Climbed up steep field and rock to cave. Climbed up ladder and went in cave. Did an hour's digging, found

cave 

ladder 

nothing and went back home.



 bike's

Card 

Jerry 

17/8/96

Desde Santurce a Bilbao

Vengo por toda la milla

Con mi saya remendada

haciendo la panhilla

Vengo de prisa y corriendo

Porque me oprime el corset

Voy gritando por la calle

¡Quién compra!

Sardinas frescas.

Mis sardinitas

Que ricac son

San de Santurce

Las traigo yo.

La del primero me llamo

la del segundo tambien

la del tercero me dice

que como las vende usted.

A ella me dice a cuatro

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Ella me dice que a tres
lojo mi cesta y me marcho
i Quien compra
Sardinas frescas 10
10 sobresaliente

16 & PAUL STICKLY has gone home. — 20/8/81

The comp site has relaxed, the washing
lines have become untaxed - even the
worms and moles feel more free to frequent
the Green pasture & heaven knows - the cows
may even be let free, & olive stones may be
planted free

— BAR Thomas - Quate - Sonia - Sheffield: -
Gosh - ~~my~~ even my fingers smell of fish
after having the haddock, 20/8/81

— Today Friday - Billy lobby and taish
drove up the hill To look at a hole
with a breeze etc. — to be continued — (DCC)

— Pete Dore & Rob Doreea at at
Andy's house before returning home
the next day but the sea migh well
got the better of the whole
outfit
phery from KAKN

15th. Andy Q. Juan Pete S. - Lluera

It was Andy's turn to pick the sites, 855 and 602 were the day's lucky numbers.

We located Torca de la Helguera (855) after looking in the cave of the same name. Andy and Pete descended the shaft and Andy dug into small chamber, and surveyed it.

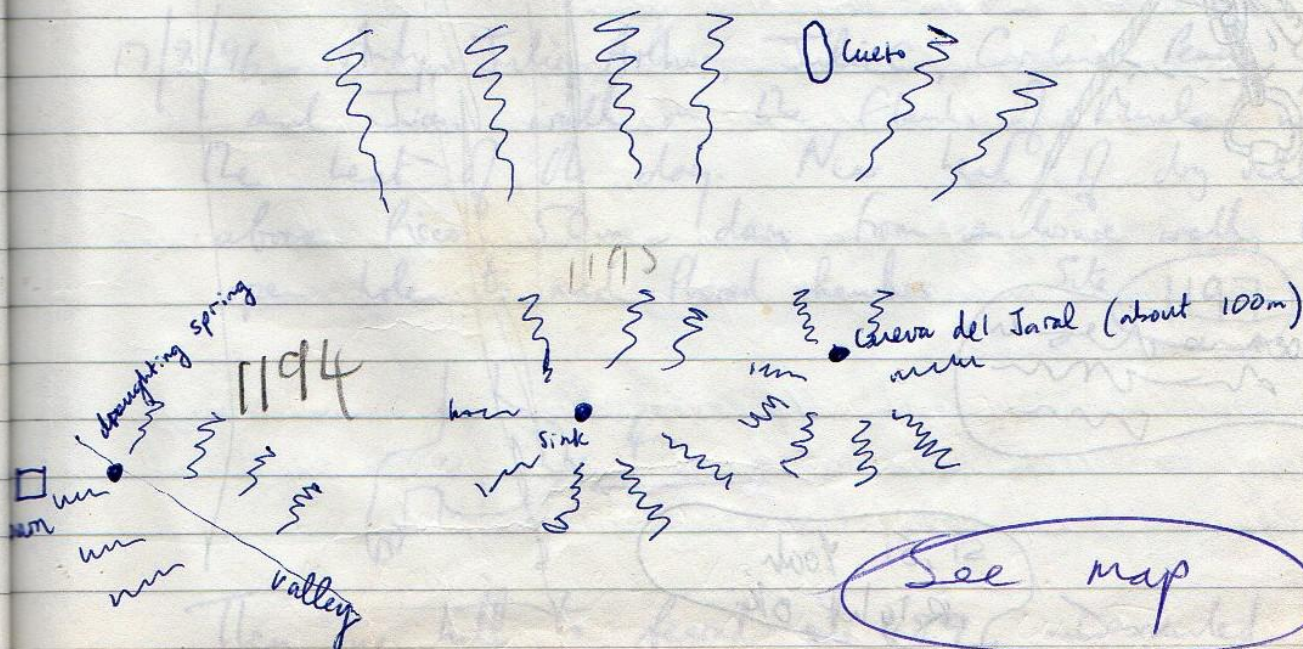
On the way back we talked to local kids who pointed out several shafts on hill above - we didn't go to look at them - and another in the bottom of the shakehole. The estimated depth is about 10m(?) but it contained a dead animal and thousands of ~~live~~ live flies. 1193

On the way back we looked at the entrance of 602 below Fuente las Varas. It is well covered with big boulders, but stones rattle well. There's another smaller covered shaft a little higher and to the right, between 602 and the field.

Also cave ⁷³¹ before exploring 855.

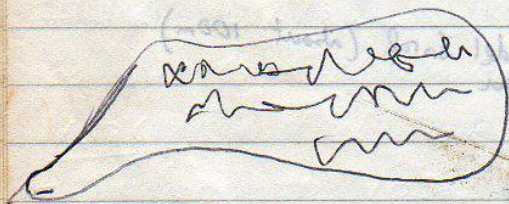
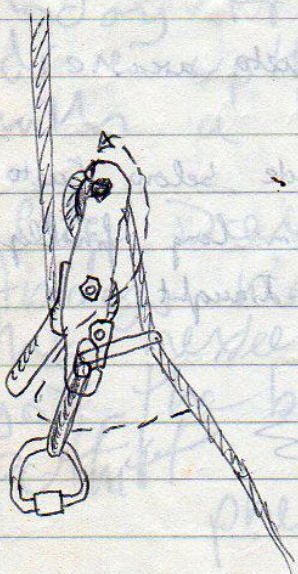
17th Adolfo, Andrew, Sergi and Pete S. - Cueto area.

Had another look at sink, in large shakehole below Cueto, on Brustablado side of hill. The cave is about 50m long, finally choked with sandstone boulders and sand - very little draught.

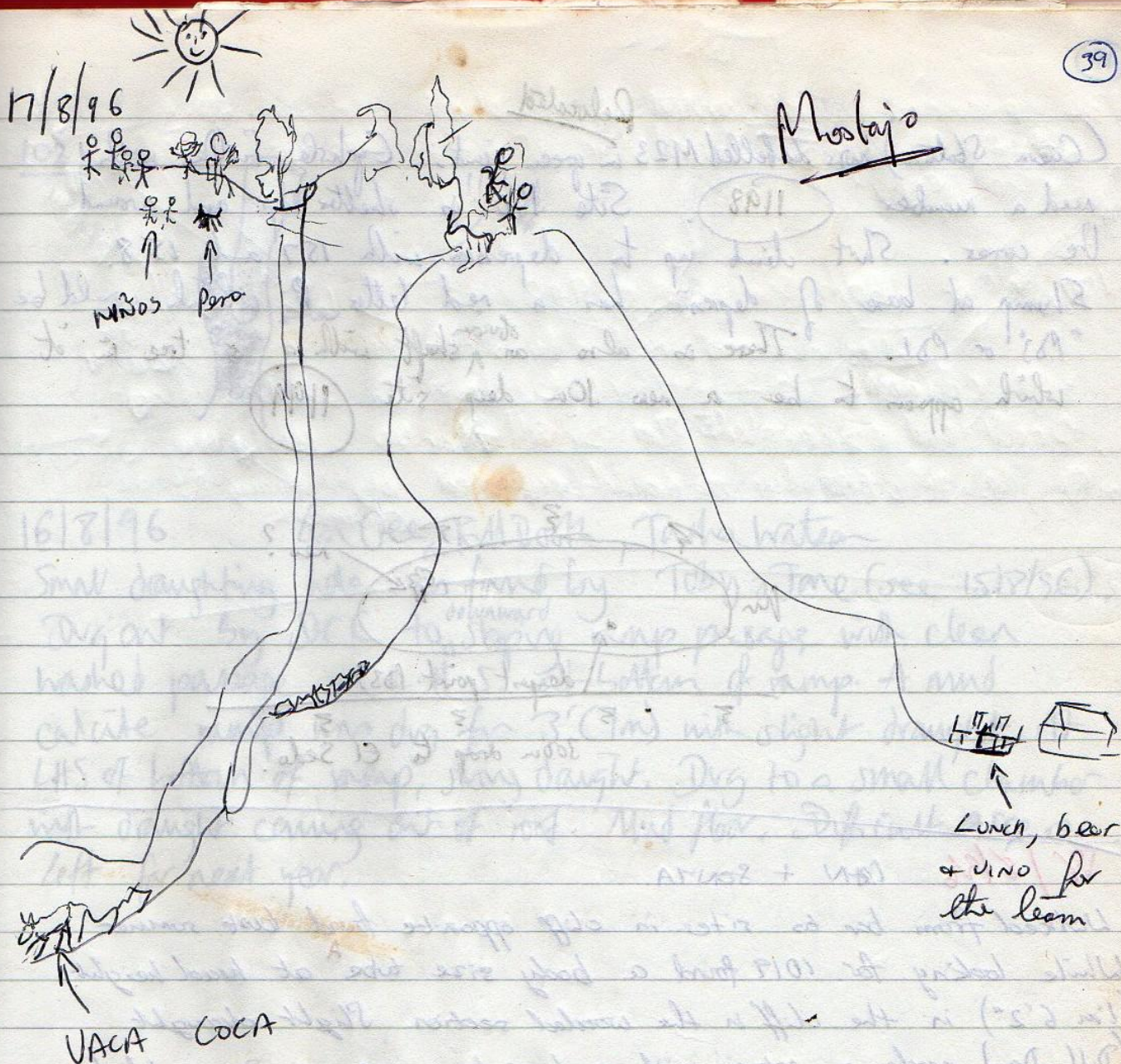


SRP PRACTICE IN THE CAMPS WITH
USEFUL INTERSECTIONS FROM THE SPANISH
LADS.

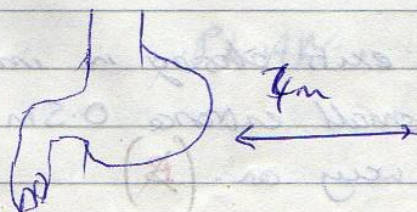
USEFUL PIECE OF CRYO - CLIP BREAKING CRAB
INTO SAME HOLE AS MAIN ATTACHMENT,
CANNOT ANCHOR SWIVELY BIT, AND MAKES
FULL-LOCK A LOT EASIER.



Si, Si, Yeah,
Right, OK.

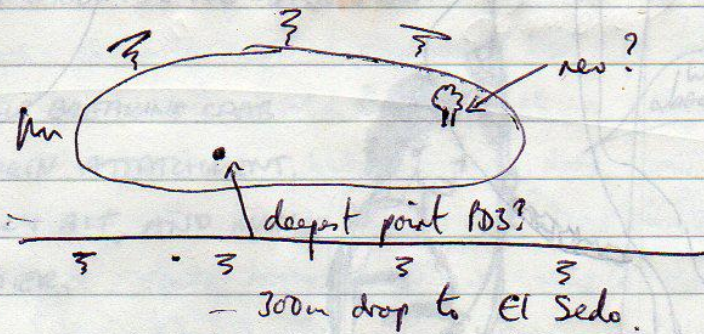


17/8/96. Andy, Julie, Arthur, Julie C, Coolin, Penny, Jennifer and Juan walk on the flanks of Rinla in the heat of the day. Near head of dry valley above Pisco, 50m down from enclosure wall, found open hole to mud floored chamber. Site 1197



Then up hill to second site 489. Descended 489

(Cueva Station) was labelled M23 in green paint. Gyches further north and a number 1198. Site 160 is shelter up and around the corner. Shot climb up to depression with 157 and 158. Slump at base of depression has a red letter P which could be "P83" or P81. There is also an ^{obvious} shaft with a tree in it which appears to be a new 10m deep site 1199.



18/8/96 CAN + SANTA.

Walked from bar to sites in cliff opposite found last summer. While looking for 1019 found a body size tube^A at head height (1m 6'2") in the cliff in the wooded section. Slight draught (Dill Day), needs a return with a lump hammer as it would be awkward to reverse due to lots of projections.

1019 went about 2 1/2 m to close down.

1020 Did not match description, but went 3m in a round chamber, no way on.

1021 Left side of rift slopes down and chokes, gaps down in rocks though. Dick/square under right wall gives 6-7m of nice passage to total choke.

1026 Small chamber with all exits closing in immediately.
- On way to 1026 found a small entrance 0.5m high and 1.5m deep in slope above. No way on. (~~B~~)

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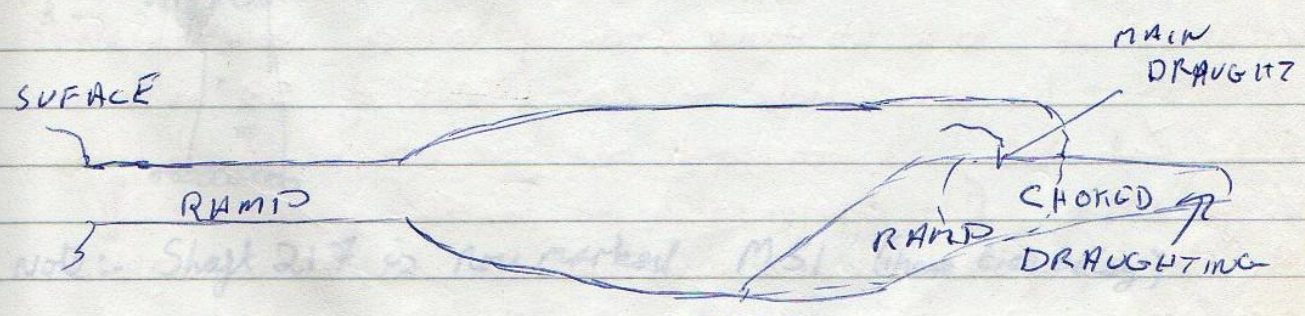


14N

16/8/96

Ger Gee, Bill Book, Tasha Watson

Small draughting hole as found by Toby & Jane (see 15/8/96).
 Dug out by DCC to ^{downward} sloping ramp passage with clean
 washed passage on L.H.S. at bottom of ramp. A mud
 calcite ramp was dug for 3' (1m) with slight draught. At
 LHS of bottom of ramp, strong draught. Dug to a small chamber
 with draught coming out of roof. Mud floor. Difficult access.
 Left for next year.



PLAN

P.T.O.

14



CHAMBER

2082

Walked from the water in which appeared first very common
white looking for 1019 found a body size like at hand height
(1m 6'2") in the off in the wooded section. Right along the
(Dill. Bay) needs an action with a keep hanging on it would be
enough to reverse due to lots of projections.
1019 last about 2 1/2 m. too close above.

But I cannot explain it to myself as far as the shape
of the chamber is concerned. It is not a simple sphere but more like a flattened sphere.
The diameter is about 10 cm.

[illegible]

1026 Small chamber with all existing ^{VIAS} is immediately
On way to 1026 found a small entrance 0.5m high and
1.5m deep ~~slightly~~ above. No way on (R)

21/8/96 Shaft Bashing at Muela

Beardie
Ieri
John
Mark
Sorya

(43)

Drove the vehicle to end of negotiable ^{track} from top of Lluera.

Walked ~~to~~ to area around (212).

Ieri + Sorya - found two new shafts on (true) right of dry valley. (201) was a very capped shaft, ^{thru} rocks not promising, 3m no draught.

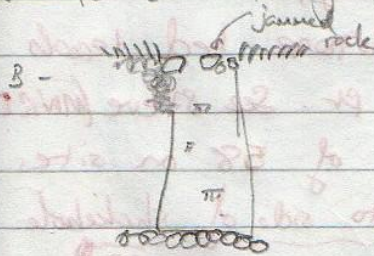
(B) 1202 10m away south ~~to~~ succumbed to the forced application of the Petzl hammer to produce a Ieri sized squeeze.

Free-climbed the 5m choked shaft, no way on. Replaced stones.

(c) 1203 was discovered directly above 212 on the bench above, bottom could be seen 5-6m down, no way on, lots of bones, open ~~to~~ shaft. Small chain was built on rock adjacent.

(d) 1204 just over shallow saddle from 940 ^{above two large shakeholes.} in exposed band of rock. Small slot opens to rubble slope. Some stones thrown go quite a way. Unexplored due to copious precipitation from the heavens and a general lack of enthusiasm.

The many shakeholes in the area below this site look promising, we found nothing of interest.



Note:- Shaft 217 is now marked M51 (thru tree below)

940 ^{previously unexplored} marked M50 (131 is probably the same as 940 no other shafts in area)

135m deep. 27m to large ledge the 8m to choked floor.

a small hole on opposite side of the ledge - 27m may repay a dig.

descended.

134 previously undescended 20m shaft covered with loose boulders. Landed in 10m x 2m passage chipped at both ends.

New hole. (60m South East of 940)

Follow obvious rift in limestone pavement.
Rift entrance 15-20ft climb down to boulder floor
South end excavated to small chamber and 20ft
of flat out crawl - could be pushed slight draught.

25/8/96. Enaso. Ian, Sonya, Steve.

After doing Emboscanclos, walked up the road to turn off up the track to Enaso. Turned right at the very forcey gate to go up past the 590's to the summit.

After which we followed the ridge towards Moela.

Found. A - A small hole in a shake below a flat-topped rise. Has been dug slightly by persons unknown. Stones roll for about 10-15 ft. No perceivable draught (Dull day)

~~after~~ B - A 1x1m entrance under a sandstone bed leads after about 5ft to a too tight pitch of 10-15 ft. See Steve (MNR)

C - In shakehole to east (50m) of 58 on sites of 885 and 861. A too small rift goes into side of shakehole.

Stones go 10ft. (The descriptions do not match - mis-located?)

Up at the top of the shake hole a tight slot led to a tight bedding plane and an even tighter rift. Did not appear to go anywhere.

Not numbered

See (885 + 861) cards

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? 685? Twin Ents

① Slot down to small chr
+ drafting choke.

② 15ft climb + slope down to
bouldery passage continuing drafting
Part of paper o/suit at entrance

? 884? Small hole in bank. Drafting
leads to: lower passage 20ft to choked
Upper pass. 20ft to narrow rift.

① 10ft flat out crawl goes too low
good draught long-term dig. (1205)

② Tight entrance and short slope lead to
10' climb into small chamber 15'x10'x12' high.
choked with flood debris. Draught. (1206)

③ ~~20~~ 15' boulder slope in narrow pass to stal
mud choke (1207)

④ 10ft shaft choked at foot. (1208)

⑤ Rock shelter in brambly hillside depression (1209)

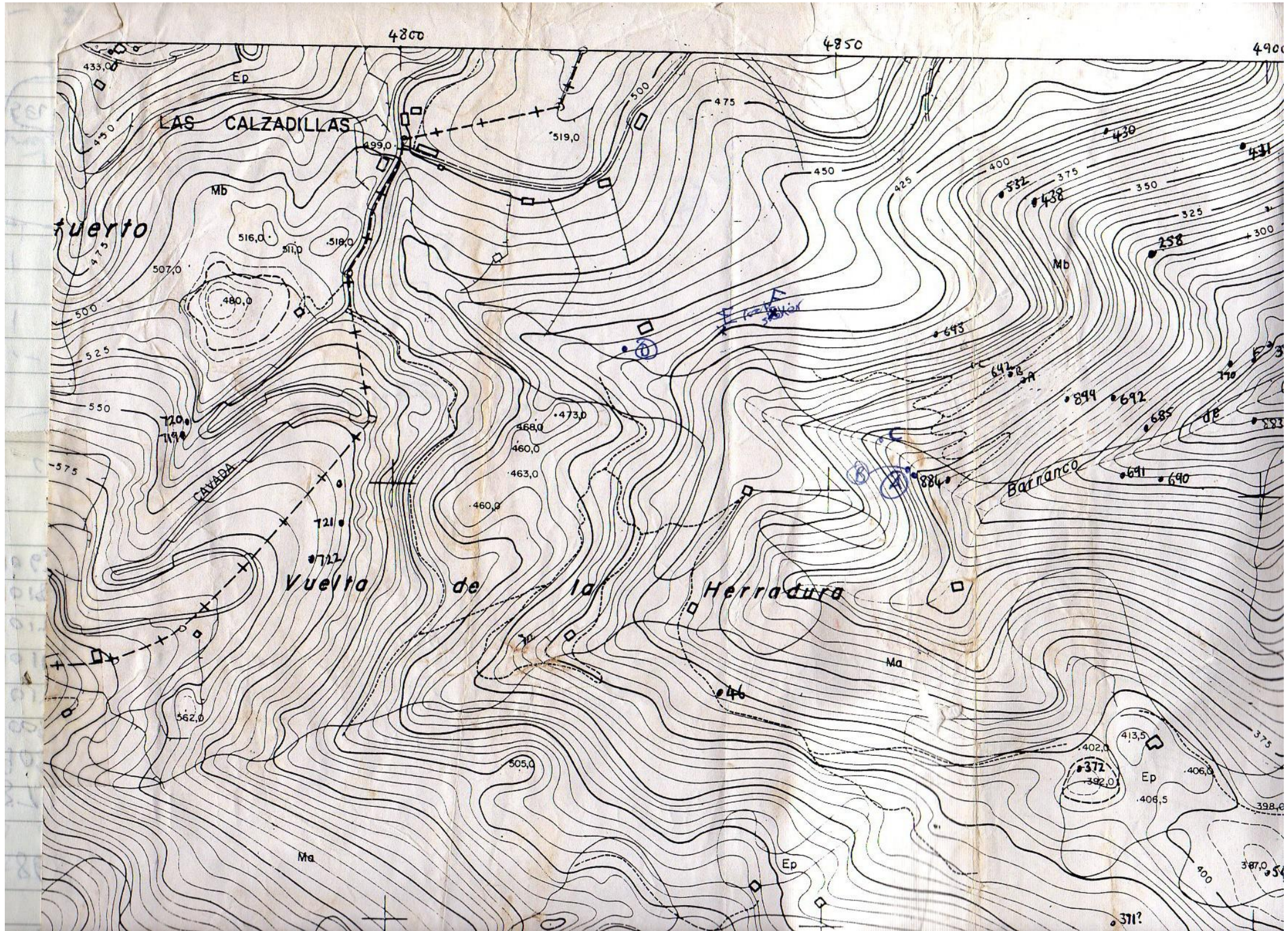
⑥ Similar to E but with skylight + broken glass
Entr at a sandstone band. (1210)

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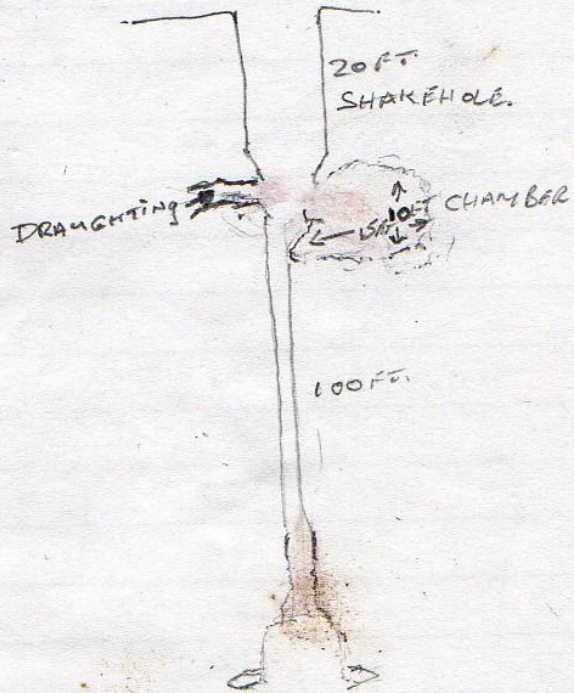
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MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT