

by throwing stones through crack. Could not  
penetrate but could be hammered out  
telling inlet

F26 → Exploded after last one. Dead bearing  
off. Goes down about 15m. Choked off  
bottom with rocks of snow. Nothing leads anywhere  
but at least nice of cad.

Mej

gear for F20

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>In cave,</u>                | <u>To go</u>          |
| 1 x 110m rope                  | short ladders         |
| 2 x 30m ropes (Blasplany, P28) | 2 ladders             |
| 7 hangers                      | 1 <del>30m</del> rope |
| 1 tape                         | 3 x 20m ropes         |
| 2 Rope protectors              | ladder                |
| Bolting bits                   | 4 wires, 2 sp         |
|                                | 5 Tapes & mallets     |

Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>

This is who is doing what where:

RIDGE

Climbing: Mike & Fred

Gear carrying: Dave & Neil

Follow-up & probing?: Paul C. & Steve M.

BUGGERING OFF DOWN THE HILL

Johnny Tombs

F20

Rigging: Phil, Ugo, Met, Jonathan C.

Surveying inlet & probing odd holes: Paul B., Roy.

the hill and intending to boggle back down  
hard. Brought up 25 + 15 + 10m of rope & my  
Please don't straw the letter all over the place.  
having set out gum at record speed  
top of Sed 2 - I never made it (that  
y pack at the end of last year's Expedition)  
finding myself utterly knackered @ side  
vino??). Spent a full hour asleep in  
sun in the Vega de Aliseda before I  
to attempt the final bit. Argh.

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Ha!

RYANG will be done PROFESSIONALLY &  
equipment by a surveying & geodesy student,  
per, from Munich during the second half  
Roy, so DON'T BOTHER ABOUT IT NOW.

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role from the Base Camp Expedition Blown  
Two views per card: Sierra Conjurtao Ridge Cave Entrance  
ing in the Dark. Your personal way of explaining your  
as back home where you've boggled off to for 3/4/5/6  
weeks (tick appropriate)! 60 ptas each, strictly limited editions,  
offer only white stock cards - maximum purchase three by  
any one Expedition member (including myself).

Best Regards from the Gannin Brand's Chief Wombat



YAWN MOAN YAWN

but ~~not~~ to be here again

Edward

Gerry Court  
handwriting

Wed 16 July 6<sup>pm</sup> Gerhard back off to Lager, intending to pop in the way. Whoever is keen on seeing Culter tomorrow (morning?) please contact Franzjörg about it. Somebody whereabouts would be welcome.

G.

F20: Inlet surveying.

Due to absence of instruments

Grade 5m survey was not a grade 1a survey of passage to a very out was completed. Went down 6 hrs

P.S Using a prop a really good idea.

16.07 1900

For the first action-day during my holidays it was a damned hard trip. From base camp with gear into Ridge-cave down to -250 and back to base camp again. Thanks to Martin, who was as hard to be my guide. I took some pictures. And the weather is great! Good luck!

Franzjörg

Nag Nag please write in the base camp log what you have brought up out of the known list so the rest know what to bring. best regards

Martin x x x

16/07/86 - Ridge

Dave H. Neil, Steve M., Paul C

A carrying tackle for the rest of the cave trip. Steve joined Fred & Mike in pushing on from Freds Folly down into the streamway. The rest of us went out. An uneventful exit except for when the belay fell of the lowest häng of Fred Flintstone whilst Paul was prossiking up.

Will someone please re-rig this häng from a hole & get rid of the horrible deviation.

16/7 Ridge

Mike, Fred

Down to re-climb Freds folly - fairly uneventful except for Fred falling off and hanging over had to Mike. Joined by Steve M. who had re-rigged Freds Flintstone (needs another bolt). Successfully rigged down to bottom in Great Belayer.

! Lack of tackle meant the big draughting, v. prom. rag, etc., etc. - shaft down to streamway could not be rigged. 30' ladder rigged up stream & stream reached but not pos. to make progress to bottom & large drop.

! Unfortunately on the way out Fred had a large boulder hit him & he exited at high speed & in great pain to be treated by Paul Cooper (brain surgeon) with luckily only a broken tooth.

F 20

URS, MEL, PHILIP, JONATHAN

We rigged up from Rowhide  
 the first ladder pitches (1  
 needs a ladder) and on to Blas  
 Great entertainment with a  
 each. Spent some time  
 pitch at the end and had  
 a composite belay as I  
 long enough wire but  
 work ok. Shards and down  
 the chamber below for a  
 Un rigged the rest of the  
 a sporting take-off that  
 Jonathan causing him  
 and squirm in a nervous  
 manner. Eventually he got  
 I followed. Mel's hand  
 here some trouble by the  
 we decided to go on  
 slow, out at dawn.

FIZIO Rigging Points to note.

- i) Pendule II rope needs to be longer.
- ii) Second ladder pitch (ps) after Row  
 needs a ladder
- iii) Pitch at the end of blasphemy needs a  
 long wire to do the rig properly.

Tackle in the cave:

- 2 20m ropes    1 30m Rope    1 ladder
- 3 tapes    5 mailons, 4 Crabs, 10 hangers 3 tapes
- 3 rope protectors

bit more rigging gear and a 10m  
the ladder pitch, this tackle  
us into the 20m ~~pitch~~ pitch beyond  
some and onwards into the unknown!

very fine classic Picos cave  
unfortunate victim of unwarranted  
by many of the expedition

The vertical series is among  
in the world, with some of  
advanced rigging techniques  
negotiate it. The night

golly good fun taken in the  
spirit, blasphemy not in  
praises the modern spelologist

unique challenge. People who  
FZO is a bastard and  
not giving it due credit.

I like FZO too

SL.

I agree totally, FZO IS BRILLIANT

Rachri

18 July 86

Ridge - ~~My~~ Neil + Steve pushing in Ridge

Phil, John, Dave H., Finish Rigging and pushing in F20

Both parties down at about ~~mid~~ one pm.

17-18/7/86. Ridge. Steve<sup>R.</sup> Dan Roy

This was my first trip down ridge, I what better way to start than to go straight to the bottom & start pushing heart down the extremely pitches at about one, & had a fairly efficient trip down dancing in the dark etc. How the Axle Otte? & down to ~~stony~~ Nucks canal where the stone that hit Fred Eay (plus a few ominous blood signs) ignoring such ones we hurtled on down to Dinogaur beach, very impressive & up & over <sup>down</sup> to big lunch, more impressive then up & over & down into a rather nasty rift, in which Steve attempted pass right at the bottom in a very tight nasty space. I must admit, I didn't see the bottom of the rift, but judging from the number of 'shits, poo offs' etc etc, it wasn't very nice. Finally arrived in big beluga, & began hammering in bolts at the top of a pile of rubble, Steve went down this eventually, & then had under a ~~pile of~~ boulder while we descended the pitch. We then threw stones down the next 'pitch' & listened to them thunder down for about 10 seconds. In the distance the roar of

water could be heard - could this be a 500' pitch  
 down to the streamway. I set off down the  
 steeply sloping passage to the edge of the 'pitch'.  
 A few metres below was another boulder slope  
 which I carefully jumped onto. Hundreds of boulders  
 crashed on down the 'pitch'. The passage  
 continued in ~~similar~~ <sup>similar</sup> vein for about 80'  
 steep boulder filled passages & steps of 3-4 metres.  
 Eventually we arrived at a small chamber with  
 a waterfall flowing into it. A second look by  
 Steve revealed a passage carrying stream ~~the~~  
 water down behind the waterfall.

By this time we realized that unless  
 we could reascend the cave in under an hour  
 this was not going to be the 12 hour trip it was  
 meant to be.

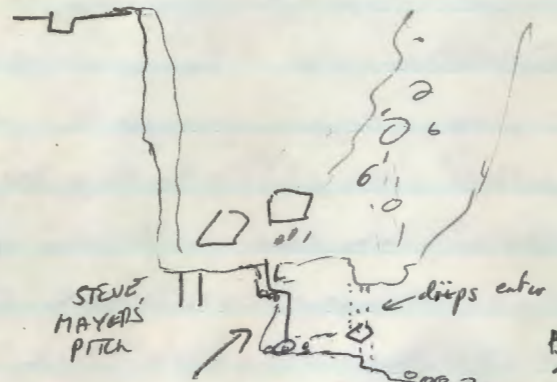
The spent along time providing walking,  
 fiddling with lamps, eating lunch, mending etc  
 more providing, making several weird & wonderful  
 mistakes on changeovers on Fred Photos (that was  
 me) & the finally at barborogum? providing  
 became automatic, & we (1) reached the top  
 at about half eight. A nice 20 hour trip.

Gear

- Down there:-
- A small amount of carbide.
  - Some tapes.
  - Anver plus hammer.
  - A bag & a little of anchors & wedges.
  - A couple of rope protectors, presently  
 on rope at Murder alley which desperately needs rigging.

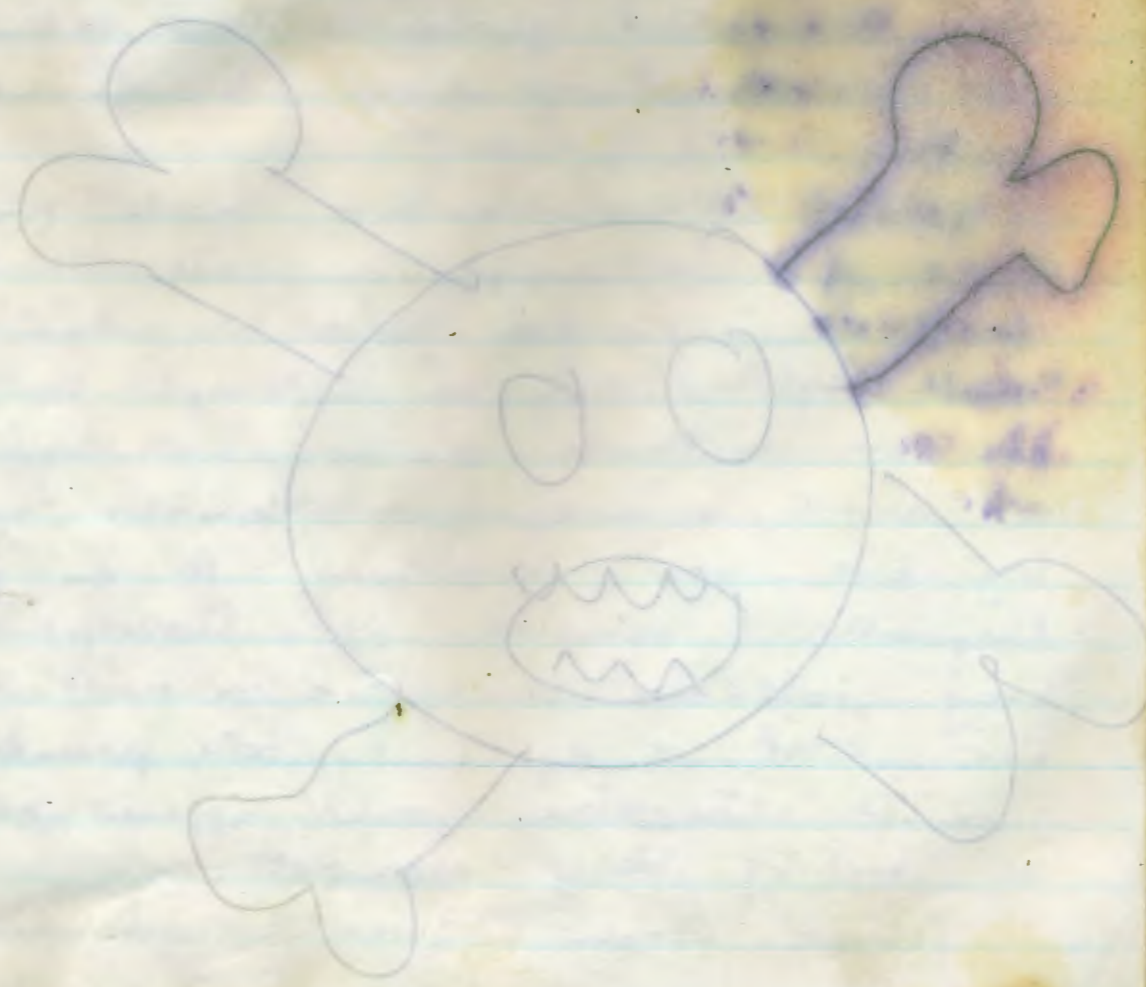
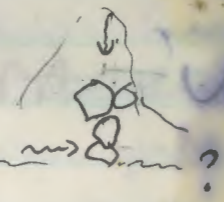


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Big R.F. fall of South  
slope, very  
loose  
"Thunder Road"

new pitch ~ 15m in  
two sits "The Shot-peener"



(20)  
DON'T WRITE

THEY ARE

POWERFUL

