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chamber. Up goes nowhere. Opposite squeeze into chamber is another squeeze. Too small, but floor is easily diggable mud. Take entrenching tool (and possibly crowbar.) ^{Hammer} Cave is visible beyond. Ducts slightly. Should be pushed. Digging would not take long. (Also a protuberance at top of squeeze could be knocked off with hammer if hammer not needed elsewhere.

[hammer as well]

Dick "why don't you untie the knots?" Vertigan

5/8/90

Camping & Densgung trip - Jenny, Tim, Fred & David.

Went down on 3/8/90, reasonably efficient trip to camp, meeting others at Armageddon and first false floor.

Next day densgunged and moved camp to Big Ledge. Zasadzaka way. This was hard work. Camped next to green pool on Big Ledge, which was very nice albeit somewhat draughty.

5/8/90 - We left cave, densgunging as we went, with the help of Sherry Graham & Gavin. Lots of densgung done and all party completely knackered. David

6/8/90

Tony & Dave B detackled to the top of Perimints.

(and took out four bags)

The thoughts of Chairman Mayo, N° 73 in an occasional series:

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as well

To be or not be, that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
and by opposing end them.

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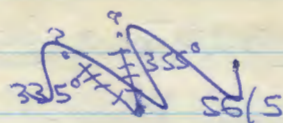
Tim suddenly, and inexplicably, decided to write something in the log book.

Dowsing

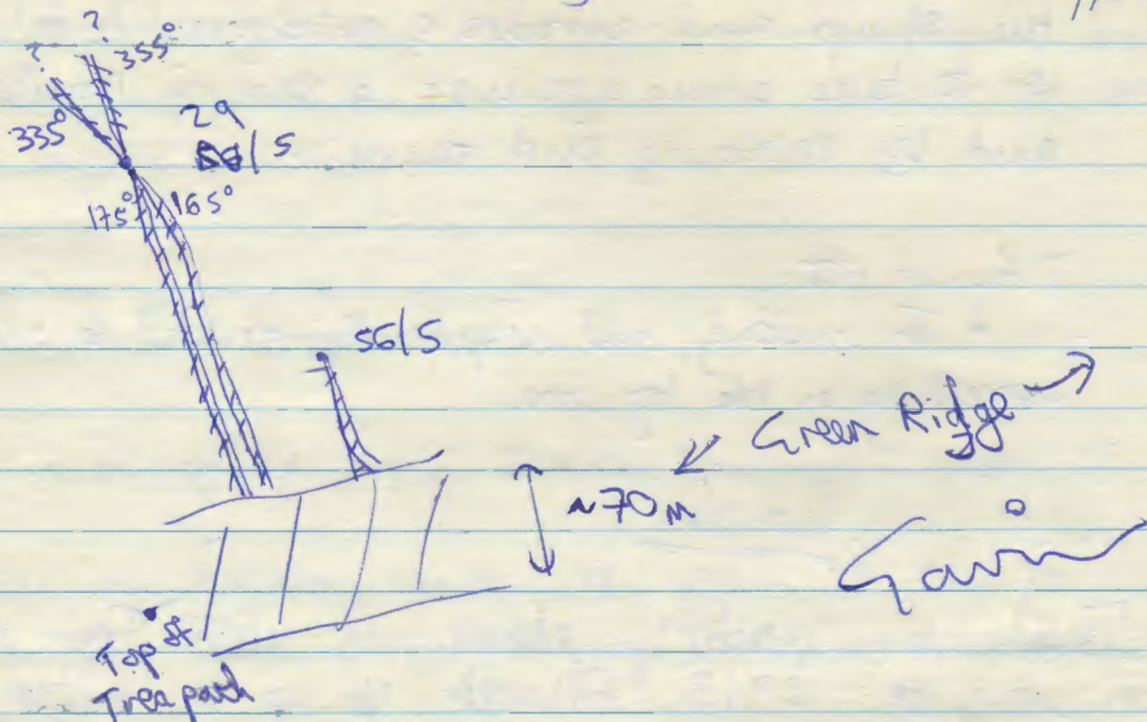
Found a reaction ~~about~~ just after Do las Cruces on way to 29/5. Followed it up to bottom of cliff below Trea / Jultayn path where I found an entrance ~~53/5~~ **53/5**. This is a very tight (possibly too tight) slot, descending ~ 5m. This may be near 12/5, but I'm not sure where that is. Following the reaction down the other way led down into the valley coming down from Jultayn. Here it met a large reaction ~ 30m wide, heading N on a bearing of ~ 40° (ie following the valley).

Then headed over to 29/5, 56/5 area. Followed parallel ~~paths~~ ^{reactions} from 29/5 and reaction from 56/5, to join reaction ~ 70m wide near top of Trea path. See useless map overlaid. I think this big reaction is probably 2/7. This means that there is another big cave under the valley coming down from Jultayn. I intend to douse both big reactions to see where they go.

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Dowsing reactions marked as

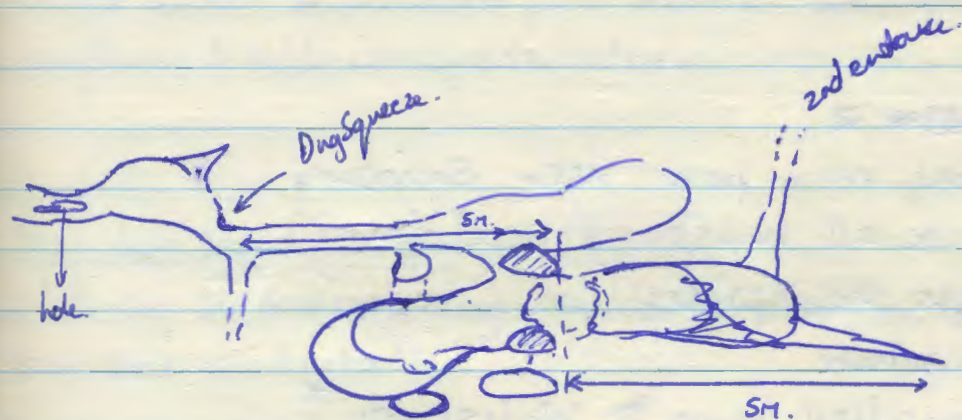


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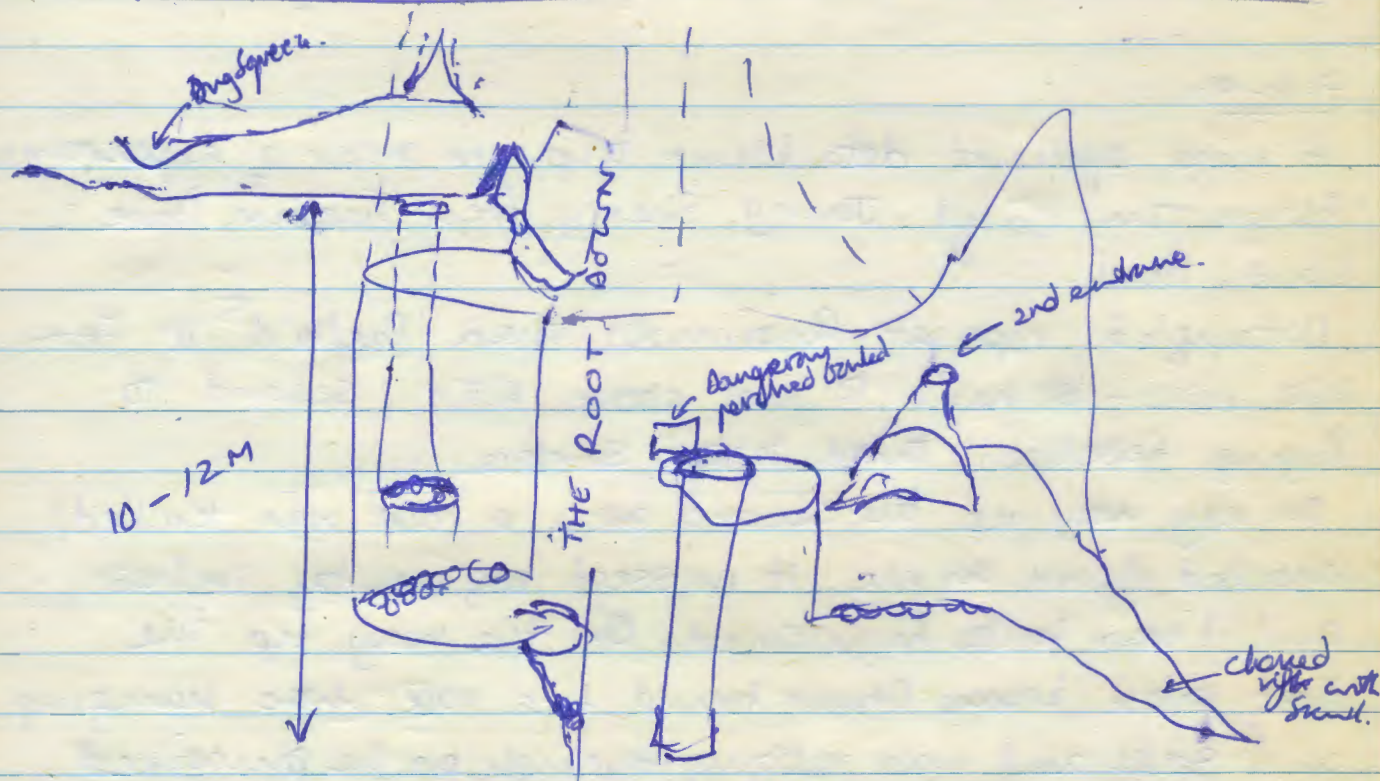
Digging 5/10: Tim G. and Dave L.

Dug squeeze ~~area~~ at end of small chamber (see report 4/8/90), and followed crawl (left) for about 5m - widens, lightens enough to turn. Saw small pot on right, then ends in small chamber with chored roof, but hole through to a 10-12 metre pot with a tree root hanging right down the centre. ("The root down"). Across is large bare boulder perched, and a small tube ~~below~~ beyond (down). All crawl right, even in the roof, close down. Halfway down there's a route over to another chamber, ending in a boulder-slope closing a rift ahead, with another crawl to the left ending in a currently too tight (but easily diggable) 2nd entrance (at 45° from 1st entrance on the surface). & 1st entrance is 50m from the point on the Tree path where it starts to get really steep, and

This is at 190° from the cave. Squeeze, and rest of cave, are at 45° bearing, largely vertical. Bottomed. We reckon Draft, which was intermittent, came through the 2nd entrance only.



Plan.



Tin & Dave L. Pulled "a small, insignificant" somewhere near 56/5" (which is room from 29/5, itself on a bearing 170°). Part of a large area of activity ~~near~~ pulled boulders out of a narrow, choked rift which currently ends in a small hole where the right hand wall

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The thoughts of chairman Mayo - N^o 93 in an occasional series.
"A damp furry suit will dry in a doline".

Garin is a furry Burglar.

~~There was a young man~~

There was a young man from near Salisbury
Whose manners were all Salisbury Salisbury
He wandered through Hampshire
Without any Pampshire
Until his mother compelled him to Salisbury *

7-8-90

A mega efficient detackling trip - in order of appearance:
Gavin, Tim, David, Jenny, Sherry, Fred, Tristan, Dave L,
Clare, Paul.

Untangled rope at Perimists then 'Paella'd'† it thru
the rifts - 1st haul to just above G.T.P., second to
flying Rebellée's, third to the surface.

On my way up the second pitch a rock was kicked/
knocked down on me. It missed me by inches,
and I was quite frightened. On the way up the
first pitch ~~xxxx~~ Gavin found the rope was hanging
on a spike and was rubbing through as he pumiked
up to the tune of "When this bloody cave is over" in
enthusiastic fashion. Dave Lacey is to buy us both

† Paella - ^{long!} pull an enormous length at once.

* for proper appreciation of this verse, the following points should
be noted:

- 1) The old name for Salisbury was 'Sarum'
- 2) A common abbreviation for Hampshire is Hants.

a Panche in the near future...

It took most people about 10 or 12 hours for this trip. This means that a team of 13 people detackled an 820m cave and camp in three trips [one of which could have ~~be~~ avoided]. I think we deserve some mutual & self-congratulation.

David

Azu del ojo de la Bruja 9.8.90

"Ends in draughting boulder choke suitable only for suicidal midgets"!

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corners to form what might be a charlier - Certainly
stones rattled down for a few seconds. would be
worth cleaning if (a) it dropped at all (which it
didn't), (b) you're a nudger.

Surface Survey Summary

All coordinates wrt. cairn at edge of Z/7 doline
in order Eastings, Northings, Ups (to nearest metre)
Pothole of the Skulls: ~~209~~ 209 172 -26

Egbert (approx) : 920 610 - 820
Pothole of Skulls is just south of LUS, about 100m before
Marble Arch.

Friday 10/8/90.

3°C.

I am going down to Lagos in a mo.
Over the weekend I am going on a
little walk. On Saturday I am going
to Vega Redona and the Vegasbaño
1° 19' 30" 43° 10' 0" and sleeping near
there. On Sunday I am going to
Lago Yuerka and then over to Añao.
If the weather is bad I will go back to

Legos on Sunday instead of going over
the top to Arso.

If I am not back at either camp
by Tuesday morning please come
and look for me.

Love Free xxx.

Shaft Raising in Area 9

Jenny + Gavin

Looked at 10/9 - choked, and La Jayada -
old, loose + scary. Then went down 3/9. This
was originally ~50m deep to a snow plug.
It is now ~90m deep, and still ends in a snow
plug. It looks like this is the bottom of the shaft,
but a way on may just be possible if the
snow melts some more. Worth another look in
~1994

Rigging guide
Pitch

C5

P20 "Old ~~Log~~ Logs can't Rig"

P55 "Global Warming"

P5 "Snow way on"

Beltays

The Spike + thread backup

Spike + bolt Y hang

Spike + bolt Y hang

Bolt

Rebelays / Deviations

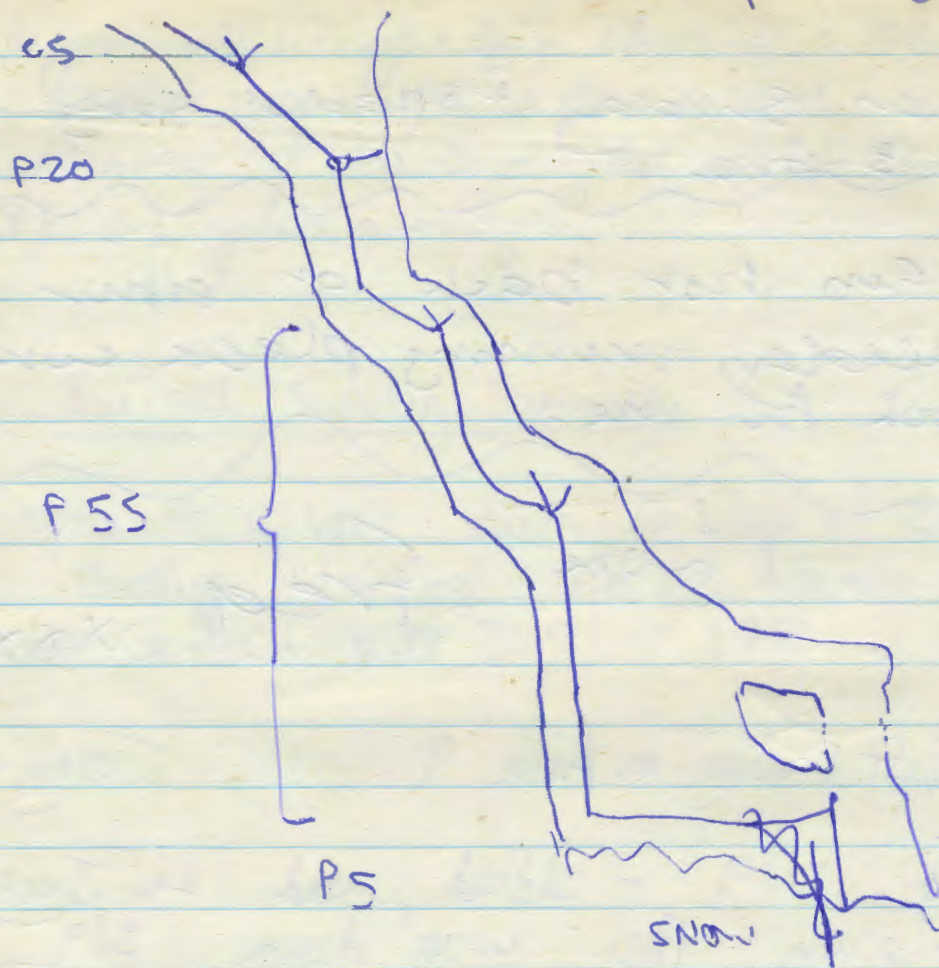
Deviation (medium tape on spike)

Rebelay (spike + bolt Y hang)

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3/9

Grade 1



Sat. 11 Aug 90

Jenny & Gavri
shaft bashing.

Jenny saw a flock/herd/school/pack
(or whatever) of Rebecca, and a mouse
in Gavri's rucksack.

JGV

Late the same day..... a violent
storm - rain, wind, hail, thunder +
lightening. Big Eric almost blew away.
Gavri walked down the hill in
the epicentre of the storm.

~ those like earthquakes can be

11 August 1990

Base Camp to Ario Camp · 45 min 50 sec
by Stephen Gale — go for it, Fred!

10-8-90

Tony & David explore hammer squeeze in Pothole of the Skulls. Enlarged noticeably the hole, but we both failed to fit thru'. Spent a long time doing photography and were back $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before our call out time.

11-8-90

Sheny and David went to photograph and doing 29/5. A large part of my expensive electronics failed to work, and that which did work was left on the surface. The trip was something of a cock up.

On the way back we were attacked by a Picos Storm. Thunderbolts and lightning — very very frightening. Also hail stones the size of big pears and strong wind. The lightning got as close as
FLASH "one thousand" — Bloody Hell".

KERABOOM

David

"IF I leave now, I'll miss the worst of the storm"
I thought
"Maybe I was wrong" I thought, as I passed Xitu.
"Shit!" I thought at sod 3d
"Oh! It's stopped raining and started hailing now"
I thought at sod 3c.