

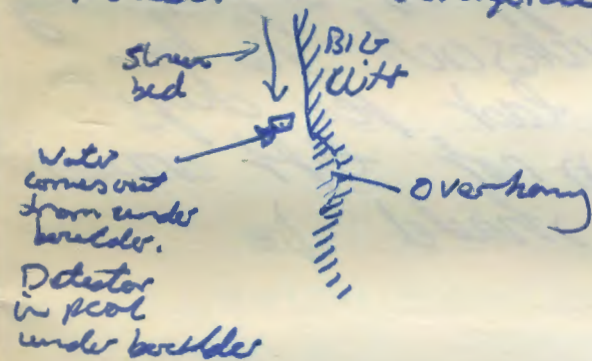
EXPEDITION RAFFLE (DRAWN 14:50 FRI 24 JULY 1987)

- 1ST PRIZE, GUARD ARIO SAT 25 JULY: DAN M.
 2ND PRIZE GUARD ARIO SUN 26 JULY: MARTIN M
 3RD PRIZE GUARD BASE SUN 28 JULY: MIKE BL.

 Placing Dye Detectors Mike BL 21.7

1st attempt at the Trea resurgence. Looked up completely and ended up in the Val Extremos. I put in 3 detectors

- ① 1st resurgence. Water comes out from under boulder. Detector in small pool under rock.
 ② Stream disappears and reappears several times. Detector in resurgence just before overhang



- ③ ~~Stream~~ ~~from~~ ~~bridge~~ ~~on~~ ~~lain~~ ~~path~~ ~~into~~ ~~pool~~ ~~below~~ ~~obvious~~ ~~waterfall~~. Detector attracted to a rock. Landed it to left of ^{falling} this water.

I was very surprised and dead chucked to bump into the lain path.

 2nd Attempt. 24.7

Found the Canal de Trea. Much better!
 Detector in ^{left} pool under BIG boulder at resurgence.

82
25 July 1987.

Sat in the tent guarding camp when Blas appeared & started to talk about gas drinks that had been nicked from the Refugio.

Went up there with Martin Lavey & found that £150 of drink had gone. He requested some Spanish covers that were here this morning, altho' I think it may have been some long haired youths I met ~~at~~ at bottom of "Sect 3" at 10pm last night. Am going to walk down with Blas tomorrow for an identity parade.

The moral of this story is that things can be nicked from here. Blas says it's a particularly bad year. ~~Several~~ a rucksack has been nicked from the Refugio in the last few days so it is vital that gear is not left around. Also, whoever is guarding camp should be particularly diligent.

Surveying 2/7 Entrance William Tom 25 July

Decided, and as we were that we wanted to go early. Tom had just walked us from Los Lagos & we set off in the mist up Jaltayan. Tom had never been up there before or there saw precisely Zilch from the top. (The mist almost cleared). Just as well we couldn't see the drop as we walked along the ridge & located POZU del 30m below Eyehole with not much difficulty. Started surveying at 3:30pm: The Entrance is so large that it was a good hour before we needed our lights. Surveyed down to the squeeze in the stations
NB. Station 1 at top end of doline.

Station 2 on strategically placed rock at bottom end of doline

Station 4 in centre of \otimes mark

Station 11 (last) at top of squeeze.

Decided to jark at 6:30pm before squeeze as we wanted to get back while it

was still light. Came down gingerly in yet thicker mist & reached camp without getting lost (!) at 9 pm. Not much of a trip, but it's a start.

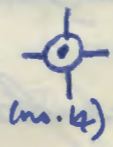
P.S. The Buttrick position on the map is inaccurate + must be refixed on a good fine day.

William

Dr. Tom "That'll be ten guineas" Houghton (who thought he'd come to Spain to take a break from medicine)

N.B. Remittance station is marked (no. 13)

Last station is marked



• mark the station in each case.



26/7/87 Harry & Martin L.

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E/S. 230° from sea point. No snow. north another
look.

SEE ○ To left of path of top camp just below
P. Gustafson. Arched entrance, 2 shafts, separated
by rock bridges + arched 'walk in' entrance. Snow visible

1 m wide 3 m long shaft. 5 second bounce
75° to P. Gustafson, to left route to top camp
above grassy depression. 315° to La Rasa. 235° to
J Blanca col. (Juan Gonzalez). In 'Los Cartiles' area. Marked as 12/8 in red.

Clutch of POLIFENO shafts. To left of path to
top camp in fluted limestone adjacent to grass.
190° to La Rasa. All dated 17.8.82. Lots of other small shafts,
wide cracks & some fine looking but totally choked entrances.

27/7/87 Mike B-L & Martin L.

To S (left going from area 9 to E) of path shaft named POLIFENO 16.8.82 SIMA ESTRECHA

3m deep; 2m long rift entered via 1m dia entrance: climb down to boulder chock with slight
draught under phreatic roof. Marked ES. 136° to El Regallon, 260 to Cabeza del Burro (?)

E6 10m drop down rift pointing to La Verdelluengua enters chamber (3m dia) with
2 ascending arcs. Clambering down leads to climb into vadose rift choked with
earth & small stones. 350° to La Rasa 195° to La Verdelluengua 110° to El Regallon.

E7 Body size entrance in dolomite/grassy area with old light blue paint markings
which may well have said X & SCROT HOLE. Descends two body lengths &
closes. 90° to El Regallon 180 to La Verdelluengua.

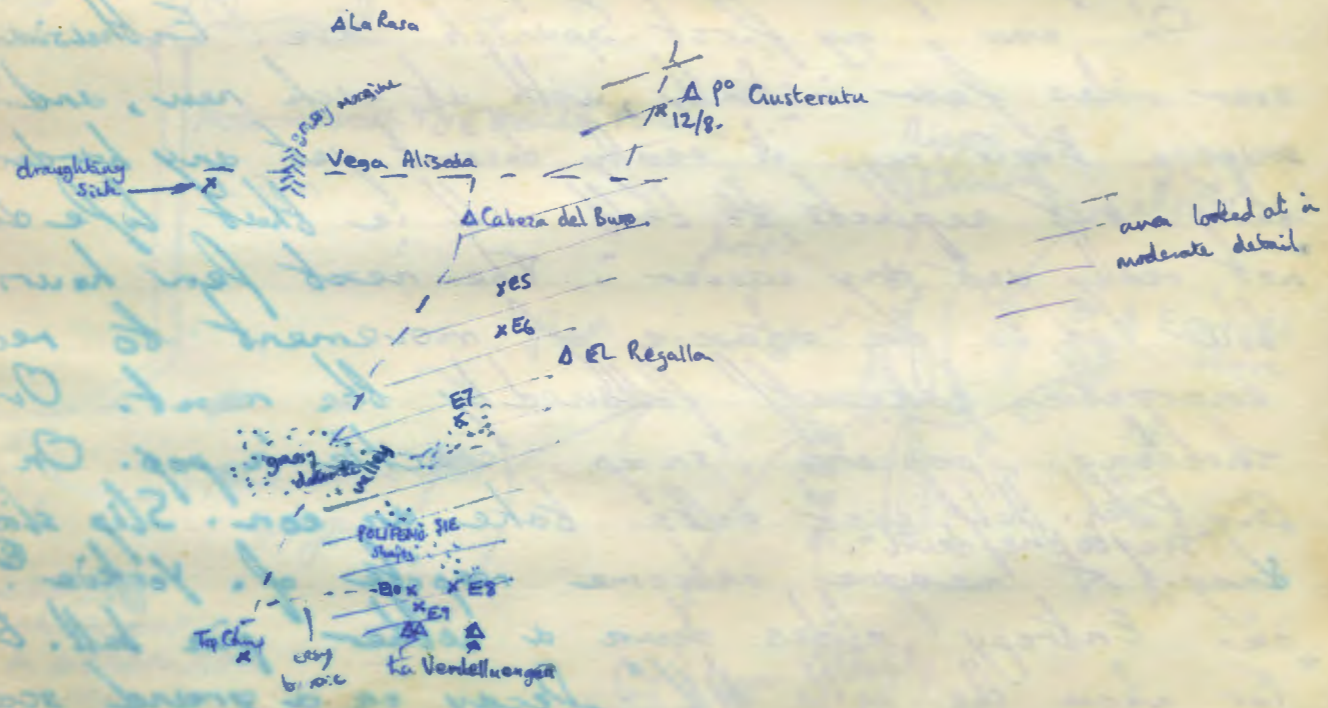
Most promising area is up S edge of grass/dolomite band ascending towards La Verdelluengua past the POLIFENO 17.8.92 holes on right & SIE O opposite (3m climb down into descending rift for ~12m to pair of large old animal horns & faintly draughting body size crawl with soil floor & odd rocks - ? dig), towards a yellowish nodule.

Just before the nodule & to right is E8, a 9m long, 3m wide rocky floored phreatic tube remnant from 1/3 (at entrance) to 1m high. No prospects, but a superb view. 297° to P Conjurao, 165° to La Verdelluengua.

Traversing to right & ascending slightly for ~50(?)m leads via a long narrow rift with snow ~20m down to two imposing entrances below subsidiary summit to W of La Verdelluengua. 1st is a shaft (10-15 into snow with possible way on at back & probable connection to next entrance, marked E9. This has a ~10m drop to snow from base of boulder slope into a steeply descending snow slope down another imposing 3m wide 10m high passage.

E10 is another entrance shaft to snow (~15m). Located ~30m below E9.

Anyone who believes in draughts & is prepared to dig at some boulders with crowbar & hammer should go to the sink hole at the W end of the Vega Alizada (currently marked by a dead sheep). This emits a substantial, very cold draught from a diggable boulder choke. Entrance is a ~4m climb (ladder helps at bottom)



Unless more fresh veg. is stashed somewhere other than the fridge we need more potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, onions.

Dave H. 28/7/87

P.S. we also need more gas for the ovens and 2 star petrol as soon as possible.

28/7 4:30 pm. JT + Paul leave to join Martin at La Jayada. We are bivvying somewhere around Top Camp expect us back tomorrow evening or the following day.
P.S. I have borrowed DH's stuff sack

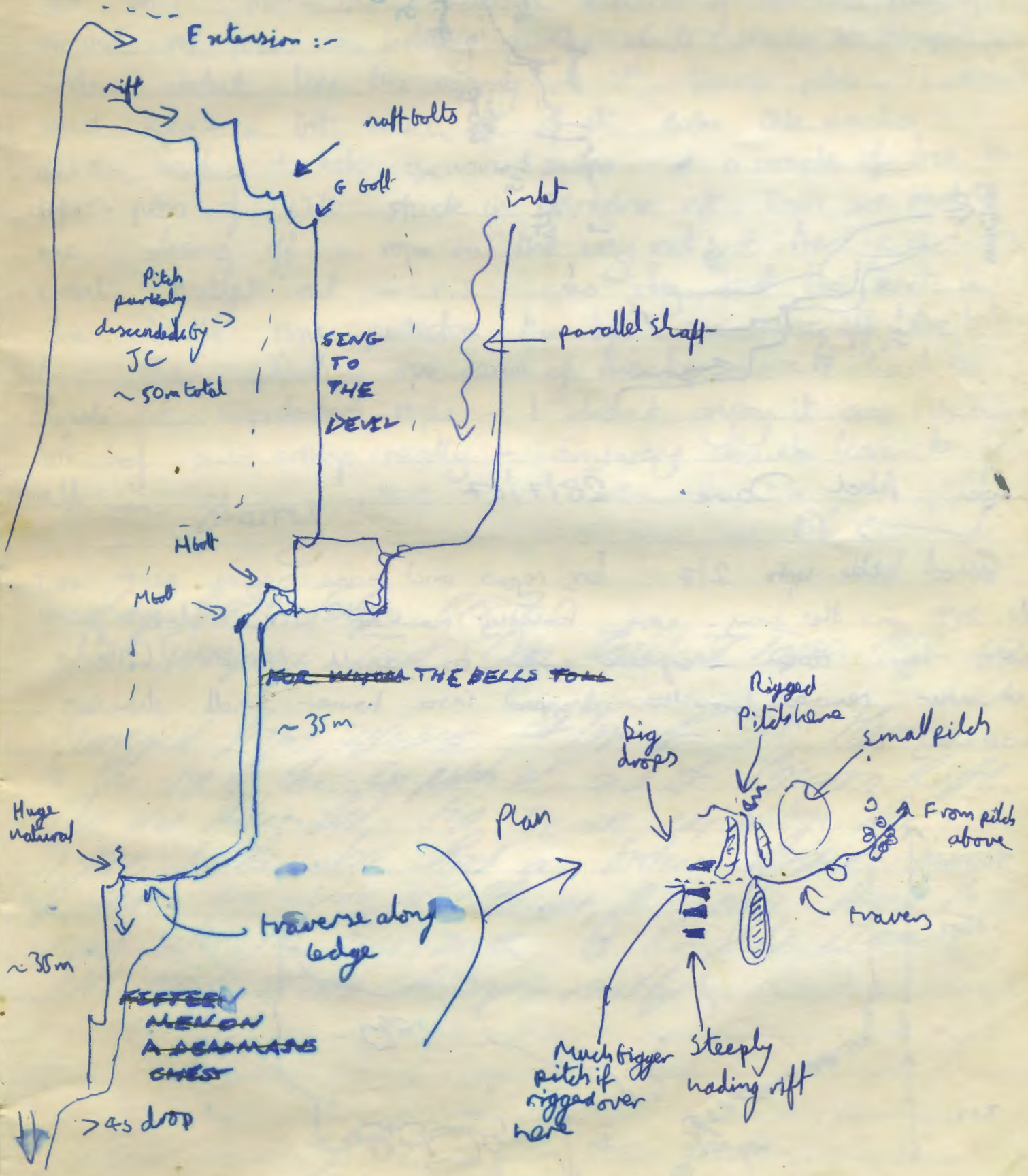
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Hello from S.H.R.!

27-28/7/87

A long trip 16 hrs. 2/7 is going!! Mike M, Graham N, Harry M.
Oh wow, my first Spanish cave. Enthusiasm over rides fear initially, with at each new, and brighter squeeze. Big G says "it really doesn't get any harder than this" but reflects to tell all is that life does "not really get any easier". The next few hours blur led to an abaxia of movement to reach one energetic take off followed by the next. Oversuit shredding popcorn, snap, crackle n pop. On to the Big Pitch. Half cast bolts take are con. Slip sliding "sing to the devil". Snay-1 A meagre welcome respite of Yorkie and on. Entropy slides down a rather pine ball. Boom. "For whom the bells toll". Decay on a grand scale. Another spider and were all out. Quzab! A sombre place this "fifteen men on a dead mans chest".

Dave; Quote :- "I can't do it in the dark...."
followed by :- "its not fair, everyone takes advantage of me when im asleep."



2/7 Photo Trip Sherry Martin H. & William.

After a slow start (Martin H's generator didn't work + tourist trip up ridge) got down cave - only 50 snaps to take cos not enough film. Me + William alternating between posing around on ropes + holding flashes while Martin H. snapped away. William didn't like the rigging on 7th Heaven pitch - I wasn't mad keen - a bit much of it even. Ate mucho cave food + took sponsor snaps + a couple of true to life pics of Will stuck in paradise rift. Then we photo'd are hang off a rope on the way out + then just went straight out - P.S. who ~~had~~ tied the knots in the double rope protector the top one came off the belay & the bottom one came of the top one - I had to climb + unprotected rope - I didn't enjoy it cos I'm a bit of a wimp really - anyway much love to all - Sherry

P.S. ←

Tuesday 28th July 1987.

2/7 Surveying Trip. Dan East. JC Tape. MSC Book.

Surveyed from squares at Top of 7th Heaven to the top of the 8m pitch at end of 'Popcorn Rift'. This was Mike's first trip on an expedition for 3 years & he also had a broken finger. In spite of this we were v efficient & only forgot to hang onto the tape once. B. Roughly 3 hours. Not much more to say really.

Wednesday 29th July.

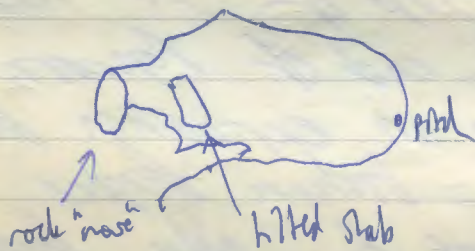
6:30 pm. Sitting Alone guarding Aris Camp. Better cook a meal for all those hungry caves look in the fridge. No potatoes. No tomatoes. Just pounds and pounds of carrots. Carrot stew? Hmm. Hope somebody brings some veg up with them. Oh well, I'll just have to use my imagination. Carrots.....

Sherry "we english have to keep it up"
Mayo.

29/7/87.

Pushing down 2/7 - Steve Roberts, Neil McHugh, Tom Houghton

Down to the limit of exploration carrying some rigging gear and a short and long rope, passing only to start at the survey party about the belays. At the ledge at the limit SGR put in a bolt which the rest of us were then forced to admire for a few minutes. Short pitch down to a ledge, belayed off a dubious-looking thread with a rebelay half-way down. The ledge is large, with a buttress out over the main shaft etc. -



Relay for the next pitch was off the rock 'nose' by a wire - a flying rebelay lashed up from the tilted slab.

Clear hang but for a rebelay and rope-protection near the ledge. The (70m) rope ran out at the ledge... The rebelay is a pony little