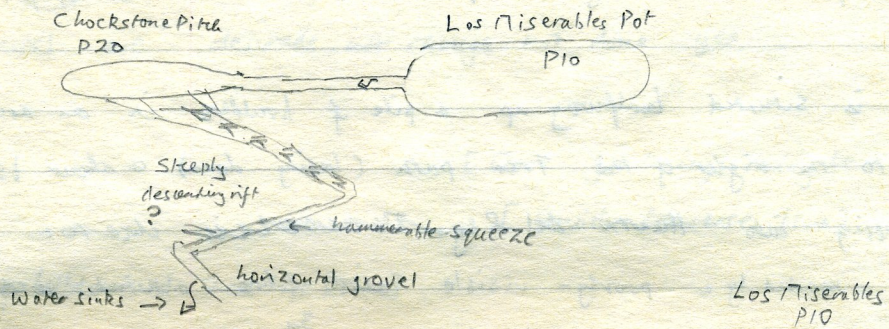
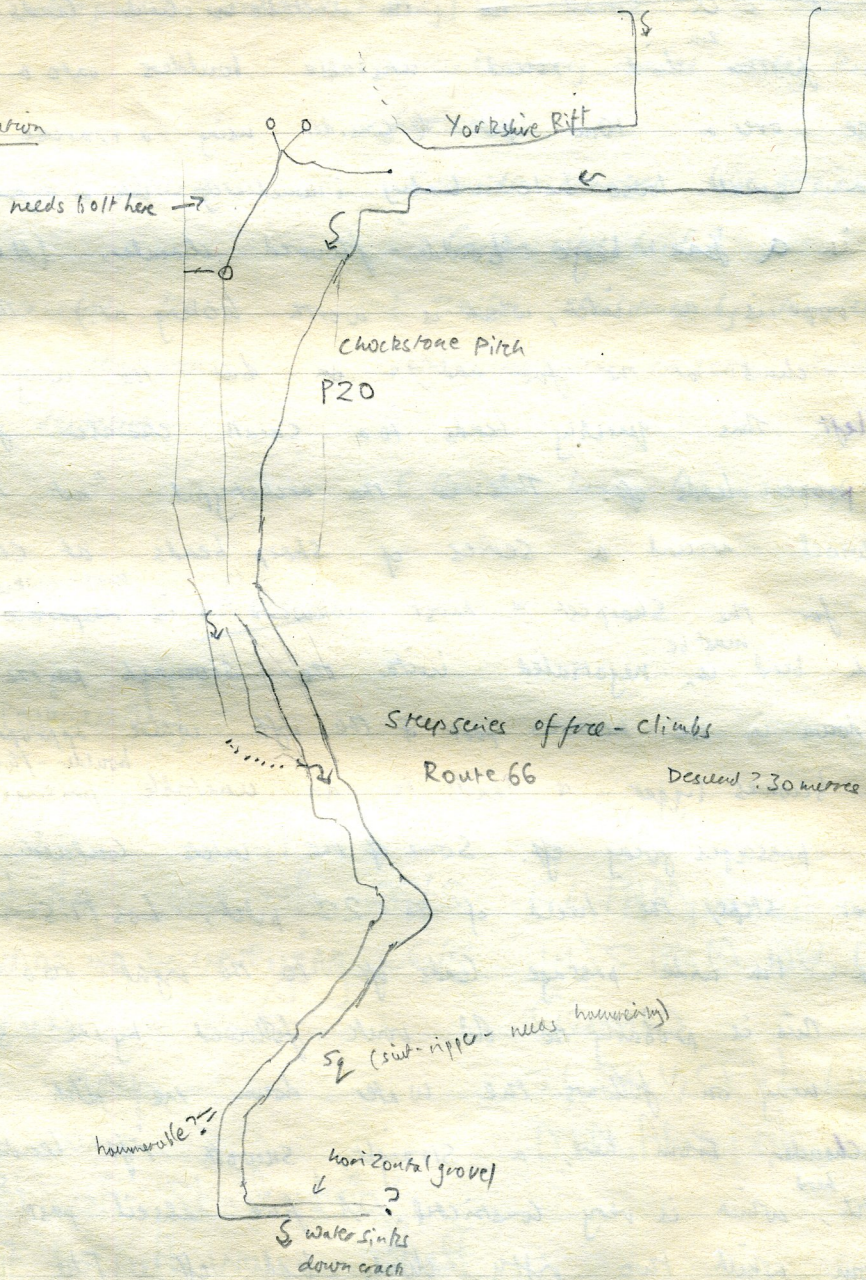


Continuation of sketch survey of 66/5 (see Tim's notes for bit above Los Miserables)

Plan



Elevation



92  
17 Aug 66/5 "Sima 66" Description

Entrance co-ords:

Plans on trips of 28, 30+31 July. write-ups cover entrance to limit of path

The entrance is situated halfway up a pile of boulders in an area of shadeholes about 100m to the right of the Toca path (lastly down) & about 150m before the Toca path starts dropping into Huera del Rey. ~~The entrance is~~ close to a yellow-painted stone. The entrance is marked by a poorly-visible cairn & has a number well-inside the entrance. ~~The entrance is~~ a small <sup>3m</sup> climb leads to a <sup>2m</sup> draughting squeeze followed by a further climb round unstable boulders onto a perched boulder floor.

A traverse over a 10m pit (consider using a traverse line) leads to the first pitch - a small loose hole leading immediately into a fine 25m shaft. This leads to a fine large boulder-floored chamber. (Halfway down the pitch is near where the rope is an inlet, which is worth looking at.) The chamber has an unstable boulder-thr - climb at the far end, & on but the way on is a descending rift on the left. This quickly leads to a small chamber from which Corner shop Rift proper leads off. This is the archetypal "not tight, just awkward" rift & is followed around a series of sharp beads at ceiling level. The first lead is by  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the sharpest & most awkward & is ~~leapfrog~~ <sup>most awkward</sup> going in, but OK coming out. Each bead is <sup>must be</sup> negotiated with the stomach ~~on the~~ inside of the bead, with the legs down in the narrow part of the rift where appropriate. After a few leads, the rift becomes bigger & leads to an unstable, <sup>boulder-floored</sup> passage ca 2m wide with a number of passages going off. Some of the inlets contain water. Down a couple of short steps, the head of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch, Los Miserables is reached. At this point, a 1m wide passage leads off to the right to a boulder-filled chamber with a climb. This is probably the old route followed by the stream & would push. The main way on follows the water down the pitch to a <sup>cold,</sup> drippy small boulder chamber. From here, a straight, smooth rift leads to the head of the next pitch, <sup>hard</sup> which is very constricted. A fine abseil past <sup>sharp</sup> marbled rock leads to a ledge, from which two rifty climbs lead off. The upper one leads down sharply at an angle of about 60° & soon rejoins the water. A series of  $\frac{1}{2}$  fine - climbs on sharp, marbled rock down a tube <sup>best</sup> 3-5 feet in diameter leads to a reversal of direction & more climbs past a suit-ripping squeeze. A final 10m climb leads to a <sup>small</sup> chamber with a horizontal gravel leading off,

with silt on one floor

where the stream scales into a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide crack. A flat-out crawl, appears to contain beyond this point.

~~Things~~Rigging notes

Things in [square brackets] are desirable, ~~not~~ though not done yet.

- Entrance [More gardening may be required]  
 Traverse over pit [Consider traverse line]  
 1<sup>st</sup> pitch P25 Y hang bolt + natural short tape [wise]  
 Deviation on pebble jammed in crack [don't denig]  
 Corner sharp Riff [Further hammering needed at leg level just beyond first bend]  
 Los Miserable P10 bolt backed up on natural [Consider traverse line to pitch head. Garden pitch head]  
 Chockstone Pitch P25 bolt on traverse line [Replace chockstones by stemples & put in bolt where pitch widens for better deviation/rebelay]  
 Y belay on chockstones  
 natural deviation  
 Route 66 climb down C30 [Consider lashing lines on some of the cliffs]

WilliamThe Plan (very provisional)

- 2/8 Dering 53/5 9L, PMM  
 3/8 Survey + dering some of 66/5 9L, PMM, WJS, DU, JSV, Germans  
 4/8 Finish deringing + surveying 66/5 WJS, PMM, DU, PAR  
 Survey skull to EST Germans  
 Down to camp 9L, JSV, CFW, DEL  
 Out from camp DJM, AAS, DRB, AQB  
 5/8 Survey rest of skull + dering  
 6/8 Dering 2/7 to part way up shaft

When walking down to Lagos please try to carry a full pack. There should be plenty of rope, rigging gear, digging gear + rubbish to carry

Gavin

Message to William

Please draw up the survey you did of the lot to the right at the bottom of the series of pitches in 5315, and also please do a grade 1 survey of the stuff the other side of Pyramah's.

Thanks

Gavin

Trip to Torre Cerezo Fred + Richard

Left Los Lagos 7:00 pm & walked to Culiebro via the Hoya Med. Bivied at Culiebro in the path. Next day we crossed the river on the little bridge & started the zig-zag ascent through nettles up the Canal de la Raig. This looked a real bitch & was. By lunchtime we were on a shoulder looking straight across at Ario. After lunch we continued climbing, past the absolutely huge entrance to Sina del Trave, & eventually reached the refugio at 4:00 pm. The refugio is about twice the size of big Eric, but much higher. It's supposed to sleep 24 - it would be intimate. At the refugio we met a French caver who was waiting in the clag with the rubbish bags for the helicopter to come. He looked like the member of the expedition that you would volunteer to wait in the clag for the helicopter. He told us that the French cave of the minute was also blocked by boulders.

We had done about 100 m of descent and 2,000 m of ascent & went to bed at 7:00 pm & slept for 12 hours.

Next day we set off into the clag and eventually found our way to the face of the normal route up Torre

Cerebello, so we climbed it. About 10 minutes after we got down again the fog cleared so we missed the views by only 1/2 an hour! We descended to Cain via the Canal de Dobresengos. 300 m of ascent, 2100 m of descent. Had bears + meal in Cain then bivied on the foot of the Trea path. Started at 7:40 next day & reach Ario just before 10:00. Knackered.

HOLES NOTED FROM OTHER SIDE OF GORGE

(Numbered in order that we saw them)

View from Oston:

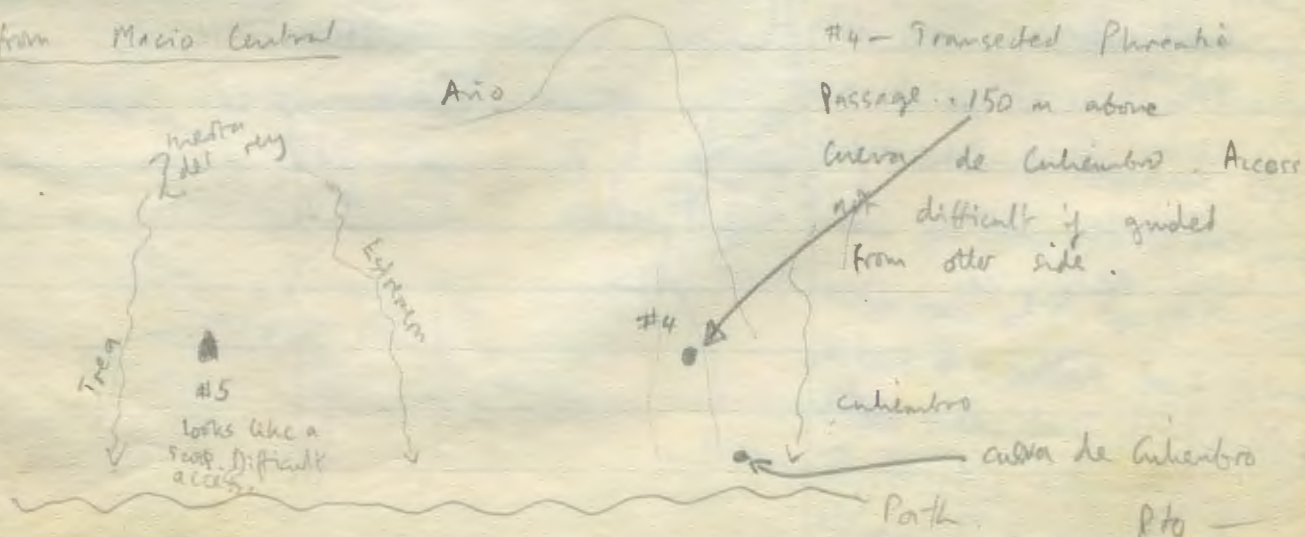


#1  
● ← round transected phreatic passage in a cliff  
alt. c. 1150 m. Tricky climb

Huge hole looking at the head of its own little gorge, c. 15 x 10 m wide, it has a small wood in it. If anything looks like a fossil resurgence for 2/3 it is this. Alt c. 1050 m, could be climbed to.

#3 (marked on a map)  
Massive hole leading in the direction of Cammameira. Can have nothing to do with 2/3.

View from Macio Central



#4 - Transected Phreatic Passage 150 m above Cueva de Cuhembros. Access not difficult if guided from other side.

#5  
looks like a scarp. Difficult access.

Cuhembros  
Cueva de Cuhembros  
Path

The two most interesting holes are number 2 hole, which could be explored from Lagos or Arico perhaps camping at Oston, and number 4 hole which could be pushed by a dedicated party from ~~Oston~~ Camamenia or Cain. 2 way radio/semaphore would be needed.

Richard

### Detackling 53/5

2/8

The plan was that I would go down and start detackling early and that Dick would come down and help me. In the event, Dick had an epic in the coffin lid, and injured his arm, so jacked. Replaced the 20m rope on the lined squeeze at the bottom, with a 10m rope, and then detackled back up. Hard going through Big Biscuit Rist with a tackle bag and 70m of rope. Rerigged Pyramids with a single rope for an ~~abseil~~ abseil down a bit and then prussik up the other side type manoeuvre, and replaced the 100m rope on the climbs above with a couple of short lengths. Got all the rope to the bottom of Pyramids, denigged the pitch and started hauling up the rope - it jammed. Rerigged the pitch, abseil down, put the rope in a bag, prussiked up, started unscrewing the bolt on the rebelay and dropped my spanner. Abseil down for the 3rd time, found the spanner and finally managed to denig the pitch completely. Hauled out slowly with 2 tackle bags, prussik bag and an extra rope.

Cain

6615

Jenny + Gavin

3/8

Surveyed out from head of Los Miserables and detackled. Also did a surface survey tying 6615 and the Matterhorn into 2/7

Things to do

Survey & detackled Skull

On Tuesday 6th, 2 or 3 people should come down 2/7 to help us detackled. Bring food and carbide carry stuff down the hill

Gavin

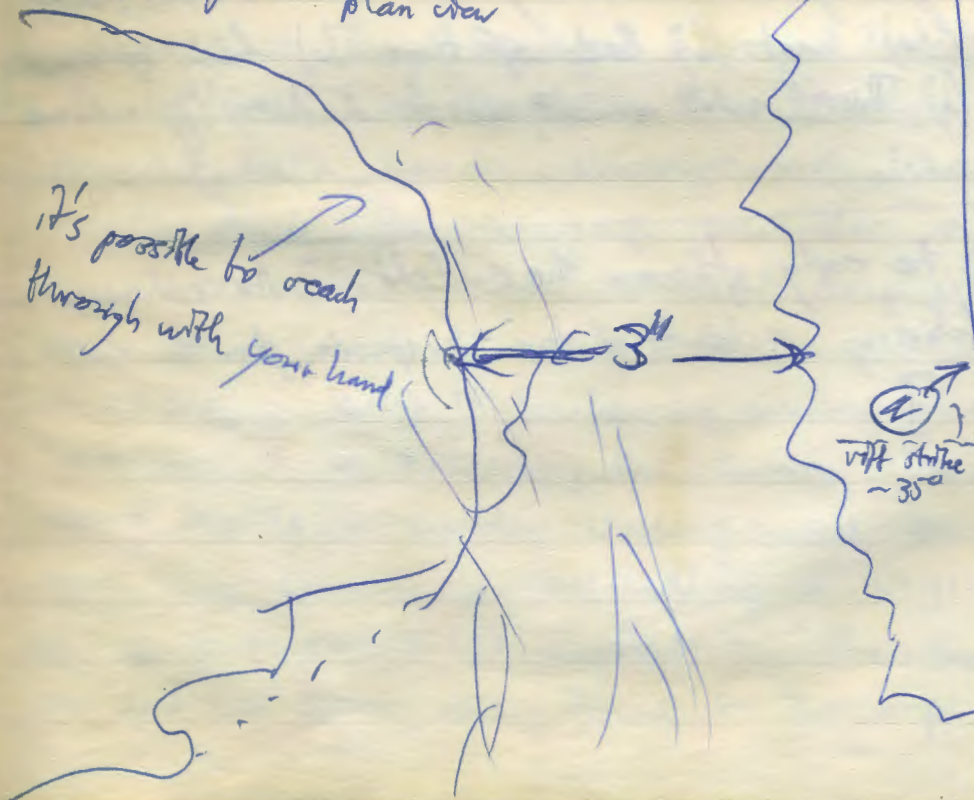
4/8/91 Ewald & Gerhard to bash 20/7, Bernhard taking the morning shift in camp, everyone else down 2/7

Case 20/7 - 4 years after, & the story continues.

date 4/8/91

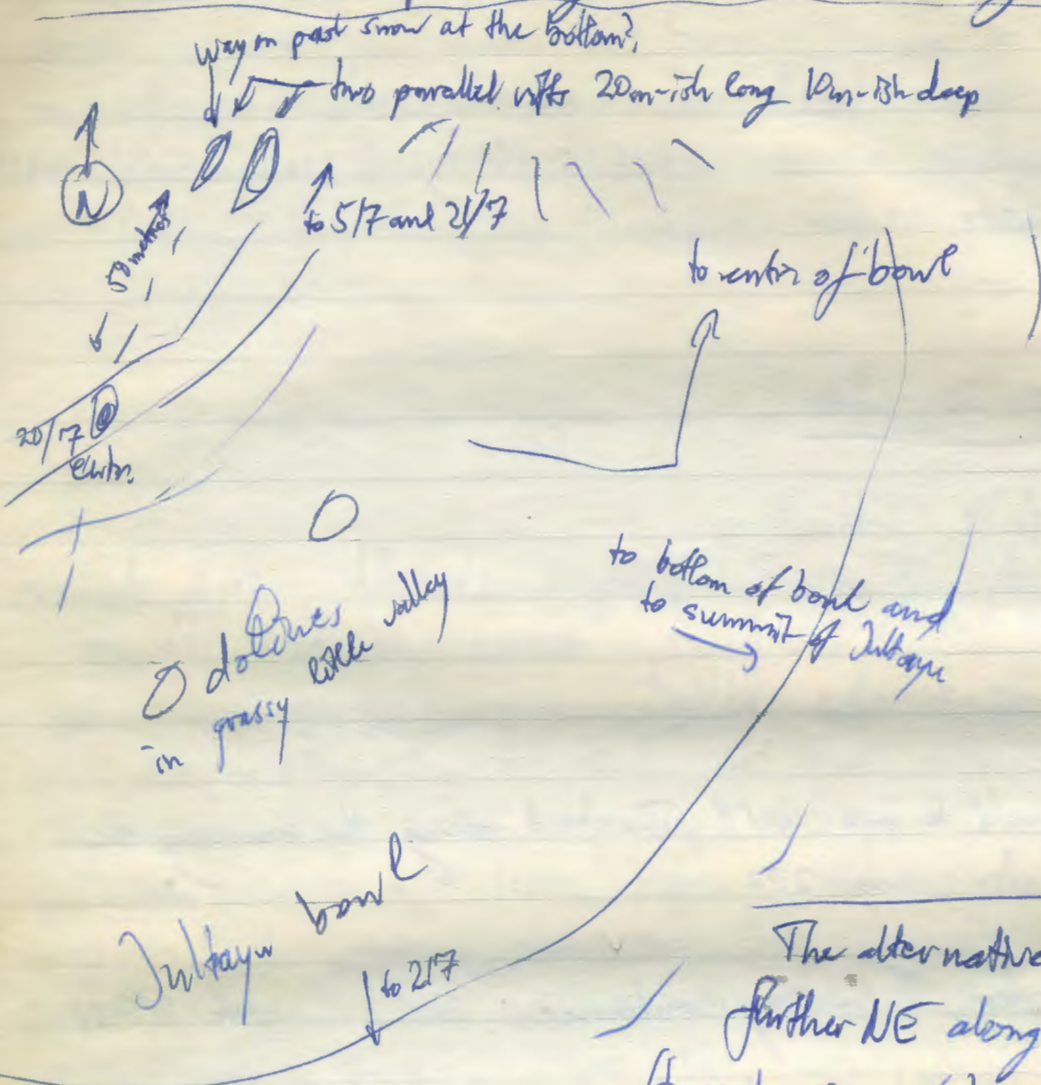
arrive at entrance 11am in scorching heat. Nearly killed by heatstroke when putting on overcoat & harnesses. Reached bottom of P34 "Ambassadors" by 12 noon. Surprise: Pile of snow 6 metres high which hadn't been there in '87... and it makes access to the main point of interest, the floor end of the diagonal crack in the wall, virtually impossible. - Removed top 1/2m of snow pile to gain some elbow room at the top of the crack where it is widest. Spent 1 1/2 hours ~~at~~ taking turns at chiselling & freezing alternately. Removed a couple of

Three Offending Wall - To Scale 1:2  
plan view



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a.b  
 cubic inches... (the pointed chisel works rather better than the flat one as it lets the rock split along its natural cleavage planes). - Out 2<sup>45</sup> pm.



Requires now:  
 - two shatterhands possessing the deontology to get up at 6am & walk up well before the sun & high carrying chisel & lump hammer (crowbars not much help), cavity & JRT gear & warm underwear, and preferably carbide lights...  
 ...and a tape recorder.

The alternative would be a hole further NE along the entrance fault (towards rim of bowl & Aris) which somehow had escaped Silvia's numbering - everything in '87.

Blackness past a snow plug might lead to way on under same. Not checked out due to (a) heat (b) lack of time (c) lack of impetus a consequence of (a) & (b). This rift, as well as 20/7, was found draughting outward today.

[20/7 is beautiful when in the early afternoon the sunlight hits the entrance and wanders down the Helitrap... clouds of steam evaporate from the earth as soon as the rays hit it.]





GN  
4/8/91

Warning:  
If you sleep in an Expedition Alpinex you sleep with everyone who has slept in it before and everyone who they have ever slept with.  
[Urs say that oucc is such that if you sleep with any one in it then you sleep with the rest of the club anyway]

4 August 1991

Sixth camp (Dave B, AQB, Tony & David)

first let it be known that ~~David's~~ David's ~~Devous~~ Deathslide is only a deathtrap for dickheads. No one on our trip had any problems with it.

Day 1

David and Tony surveyed along "Tony's Back Passage" which leads off Heatherow. We reckon the passage runs parallel with London Underground, heading towards Marble Arch. The passage includes a horrendous, steep, mudslope with a 2m vertical drop at the bottom which is quite difficult to climb. At the end of the passage we found a choke of largish boulders, among which flows a small stream. It is probably the same stream which makes the cave pearls in London Underground because there are some very nice formations including a drying goul pool full of arragonite (?) crystals - "The Secret Cactus Garden". We did not have the time or the rope to bounce the pit

under the first inlet in TSP. We also did not investigate the dark hole and short-medium rattle under the tucky mudslope. There is also a possible way on by climbing out over the top of the mudslope, but this needs pro. & bolting.

Due to an oversight on my part we arrived at camp without carbide or paraffin, so were obliged to go to bed without any hot supper. Dave & AQB arrived soon after we had gone to bed.

## Day 2

David and Dave bounced and surveyed the pit found and descended by Jenny and Chris. The rigging was a little sparse even for a pushing rig - one bolt and a wobbly rock aren't really enough for a 30m free hang, but it wasn't utterly unforgivable so we left it as it was. ~~It~~ discover its discoverers did not bless with the shaft with a name, which is a shame because it is very nice. [Did you look at any of the holes in the walls on the Bod side of the shaft?]. We went down to the horrible middy bit at the end and agree that there is the sound of rumbling water and a draught. I'm not sure if it is diggable though. We detached the whole thing.

Tary & AQB went up the mud slope at the start of Egbert [where the stream turns right]. Q was responsible and held the rope, while A.D.S. jucked and dangled. At one point Q started singing, it transpired that at one point he had fallen asleep and was trying to keep awake. An excavated hole part way up the climb leads back into the choke - it looks like it goes but may need digging, lack of light being a handicap at this point. The top of the choke may be safely reached from this point, with a void of uncertain size visible through a small hole overhead, and solid rock on two of three sides. The climb was left rigged as this is now an open lead (sort of), and is named 'Reach for The Skyhook'.

We all joined up and sent (interrupted by helicopter)