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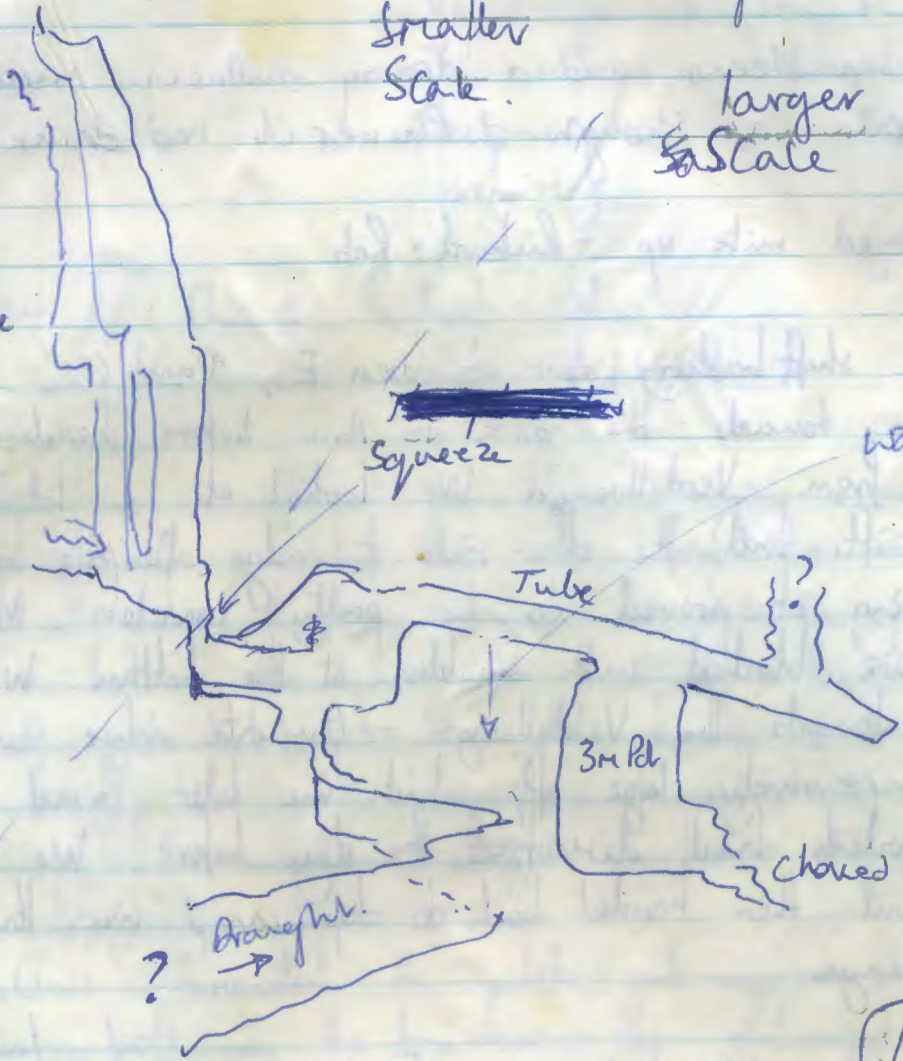
smaller  
Scale

larger  
Scale

Free climbable  
pitch

~~Tube~~  
Squeeze

Way on: break down  
into meanders  
early.



The draught makes it well  
worth pushing.

A bit late, we headed out. "Oh no" said Steve.  
"Where's my SRT kit?" Good job the pitch is  
free climbable.



⑫ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

9 am. Camp steep, and a drowsy dullness mingles its  
vain, as though of Plummer it had drunk.

12/7/94 - A delayed mite up - Richard + Rob

We had a shaft bashing tour of area E, 9 and C. We  
wandered down towards the path to Ario before heading up  
to the ridge from Verdelluenga. We looked at a lot of  
interesting shafts and the other side of ridge. Despite looking  
very promising it proved to be pretty caveless. Most of  
the shafts are blocked with boulders at the bottom. We then  
walked up towards the Verdelluenga - Curicente ridge and  
found an impressively large rift, which we later found out that  
Bill and Wholes had discovered the day before. We found  
18/9 (C8) and then headed back to top camp via the summit  
of Verdelluenga.

In Area E - 1/ Draughting hole amongst boulders, reaching digging.  
East of Path down to Ario  
060° to Constatone, on obvious fault line.

2/ Up gully from E6. 10m shaft, snow  
plugged. Maybe worth looking at when there  
are lower snow levels.

In Area C - 1/ Large impressive rift on spur off ridge  
from Verdelluenga to Curicente, not far  
from C8.  
256° to Verdelluenga  
20m do snow plug. On south side of  
rift there seems to be a blank space.



In Area E again - Rift down from ridge between Verdellveger + summit with F64 in it. Two entrances. huddled down, one which became too tight. The other seems more promising. (43)

14/7/94 - Chris D, Richard, John.  
Surveying down CS (18/9)

We had an efficient trip down, surveying as we went. We went quickly down until the tube before the 50m pitch. At this point John decided to drop the tape casing twice. One down a hole in the tube and one down the 50m pitch! We all crawled into the little chamber and then Chris went down the pitch with tape as I reeled it out to him. This involved another couple of hours of sitting in a cold and draughty tube.

Chris descended the pitch and rigged <sup>roughly</sup> the second to last bolt on the traverse. He managed then to swing into the window which proved to be an inlet, but worth having a proper look at.

Feeling rather cold we headed out of the cave to a beautiful view of area 9  
Rich.

14/7/94 - Bill, Piro, Tudoth.

Left top camp intending to push the climb at the end of the snow run down CS. we had a complete disaster of a trip, arriving at the cave eventually after taking the scenic route (or getting lost) we started. The first problem involved dropping Tudoth's glove down a hole, from which we could not retrieve it. I then attempted the intended climb, however the top, about 10m up proved not to go, & I think needs another 5m of climbing, the rock was horrible & breakable, so I gave up & descended, my last hold broke & me & Piro tumbled 3 or 4 metres down a hole together with boulders, however I only



(4-14)  
did in my back, & Ivo only hurt his finger, so not much problem.  
But with my problems with Judith who had sunstroke from the  
extended walk over, so we headed out after an eventful, but  
unsuccessful trip. Conclusion - the climb could be done (it is easy),  
but with protection (bolts).

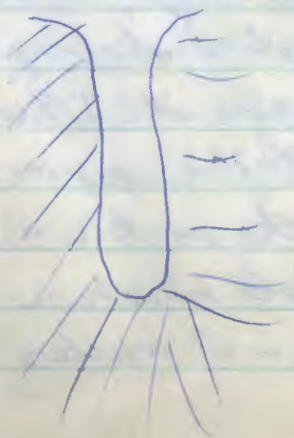
Bill.

15/7/94

A story entitled:

"Judith and Sharon go rock-thriving, armed with a Hungarian  
dictionary, and find a BIG cave entrance."

We went in a south westerly direction from Top Camp,  
and immediately found two entrances on the  
start of the slope up to Vendelluenga, in the  
middle of the limestone pavement. One <sup>①</sup> looked a  
little narrow but stones rattled down it for 4-5 secs,  
and further up the same rift, a wider entrance <sup>②</sup>  
with a snow plug in it. Distracted by an interesting  
depression to the south, we missed completely  
the two <sup>①+②</sup> whopping (well, for a ~~narrow~~ rift)  
entrances in a parallel rift further up the slope  
~~at~~ which Alex + Bill (real) were to discover  
later. We pattered on up the slope, having  
lots of fun chucking stones into small black  
holes which choked. Then we found a proper  
entrance. Only a ~~few~~ few metres up the slope  
from <sup>①+②+③+④</sup>, behind a wall with a



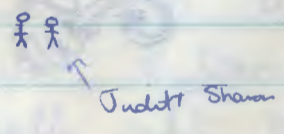
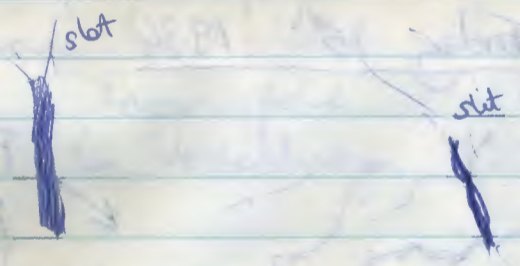
- shaped squeeze in it,



just behind the wall on the floor to the right, was a hole. ~~Druggist~~ Drafting nicely, care - mulling, and then at that moment Alex + Bill came along. Alex descended the Alex - sized hole and informed us it was a small tube  $\approx$  3m long, at about  $60^{\circ}$ - $70^{\circ}$  to the horizontal, but unfortunately, despite the ~~the~~ draft, it was choked. Alex didn't think the digging prospects were whoopee.

Then we watched while Bill and Alex investigated ② (worth looking at later when the snow plug has gone) and ③. ③ goes! But I'm sure they'll tell you about that themselves.

We pattered on up, and from the depression just up south of ①, ②, ③, ④, looked up halfway up, we could see a slit and a slot a bit like



and we might need investigate. The slot just turns out to be a slot in the rock with a grassy floor. However a few metres to the right of the slot, via a scramble are two entrances ⑤, ⑥. ⑤ is higher up behind a big rock



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and stones rattle down a slope for  $\approx 4-5$  secs. Further down the same rift is  $\textcircled{6}$ , which has its entrance blocked by a ~~stone~~ stone partially.

Next, investigating the slit, just to the right of these, there is a big rift<sup>7</sup>. We sat on the lip of rock and threw stones, which went  $\approx 7-10$  secs, NA clink-clink-clink either, but clunk... clunk... clunk...

Wow! We were thirsty so we walked back to camp. Incidentally the cave<sup>6</sup> is  $5^\circ$  W of S from Top Camp. (Discussion with Rob reveals this is highly likely to be F70 as discovered by Rob 7/7/94)

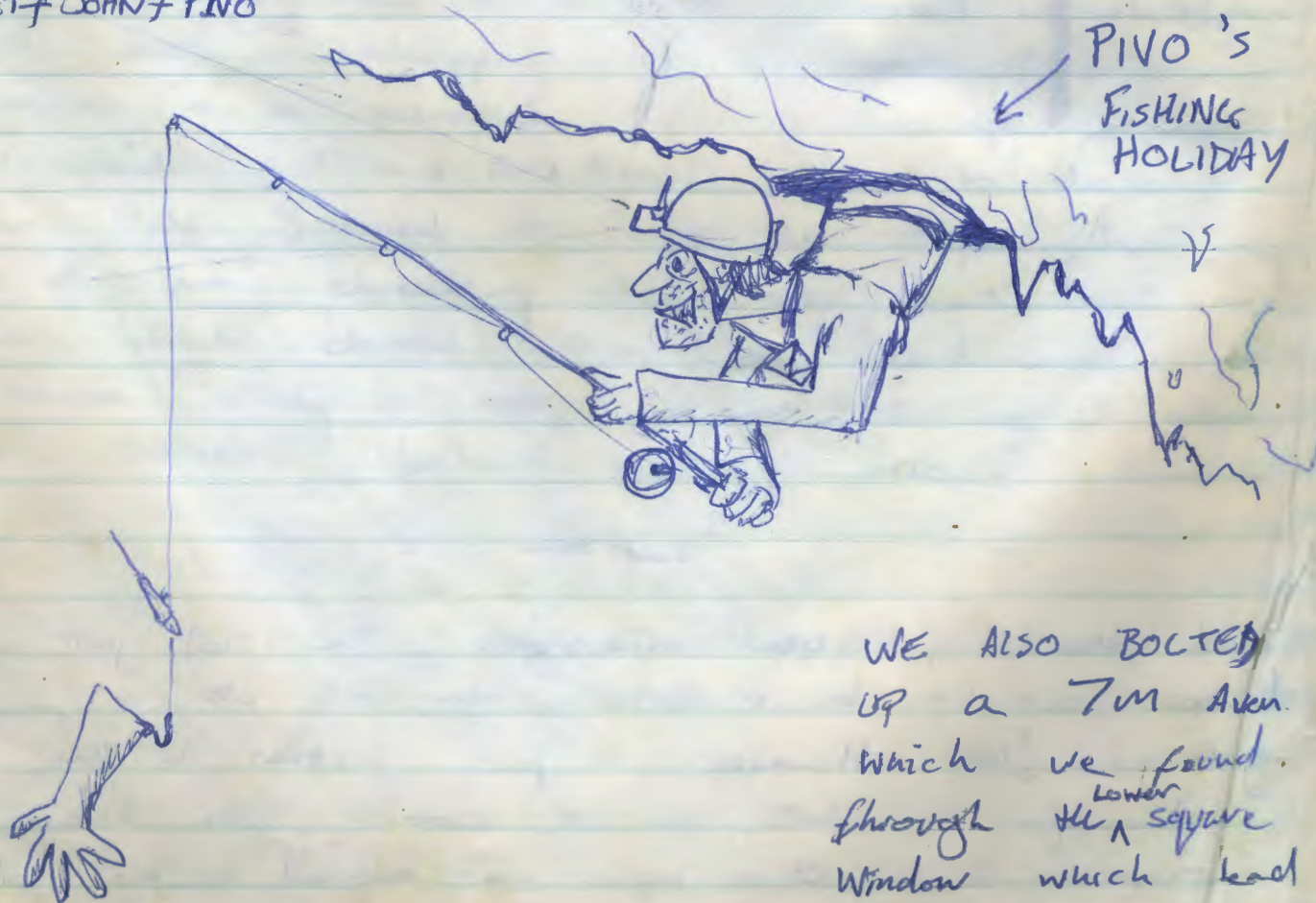
Quote by Rob "I'm more likely to be hit by a rain-drop ~~and~~ than lightning."

18/9

C8

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 1994

SNABLET + JOHN + PIVO



WE ALSO BOLTERED UP a 7M Aven. which we found through the <sup>lower</sup> square window which lead to a square blocked with boulders from the other side.

95/ We also located another window the way out.



13/7/94

Shaft-bashing

Steve + Paul

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Having decided not to visit Paul's especially high entrance owing to persistent clay, we decided to investigate some entrances much nearer to Top Camp that Richard had noted. We began by sweeping the northern slopes of La Verdelluerga, from the gas/limestone border to the east round as far as F70 to the west. Many very impressive collapses, but only two cave entrances were discovered, both marked "Polifemo 17-8-82" and which we numbered F71 and F72.

F71 Small entrance, located on gas/limestone border and at approximately the same altitude as Top Camp. Top of snow pole visible. Bearings (using hand-held compass):

Snow pole	$310^{\circ} \pm 10^{\circ}$
La Verdelluerga	$155^{\circ} \pm 10^{\circ}$

**F72** Impressive surface rift, 1-2m wide 10m long. Some 20m deep, with snow plug at bottom. Approximately ~~20m~~ 20m above F71

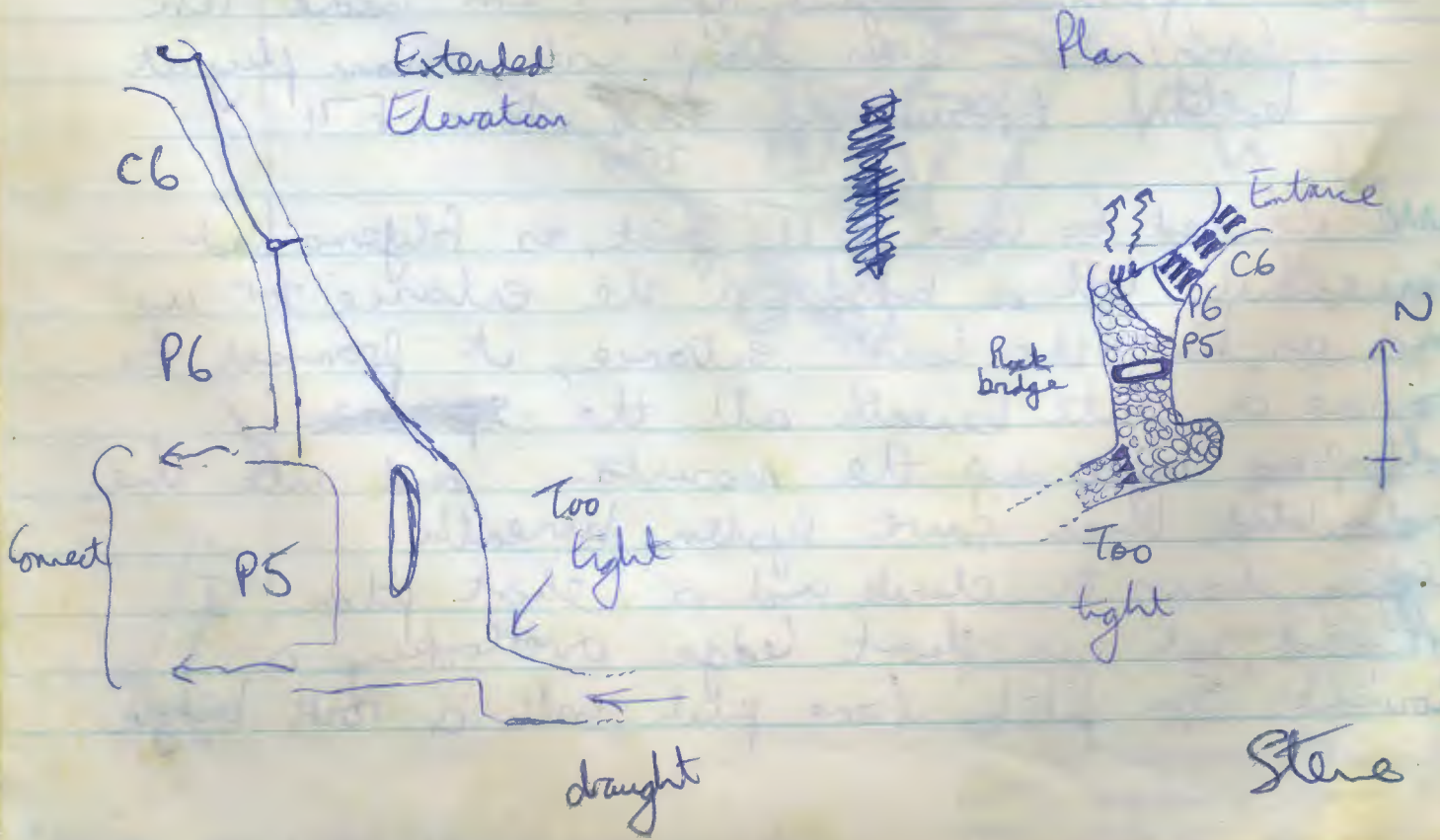
We decided to visit F71 first, as Polifemo had conveniently left a bolt in the entrance for us and as, being the lower entrance, it promised to provide a route beneath all the ~~spalls~~ collapses higher up the mountain and into the undoubted huge cave system beneath.

Rigging down a climb and a short pitch, I arrived at a short ledge overlooking a double 5m pitch (one pitch with a rock bridge

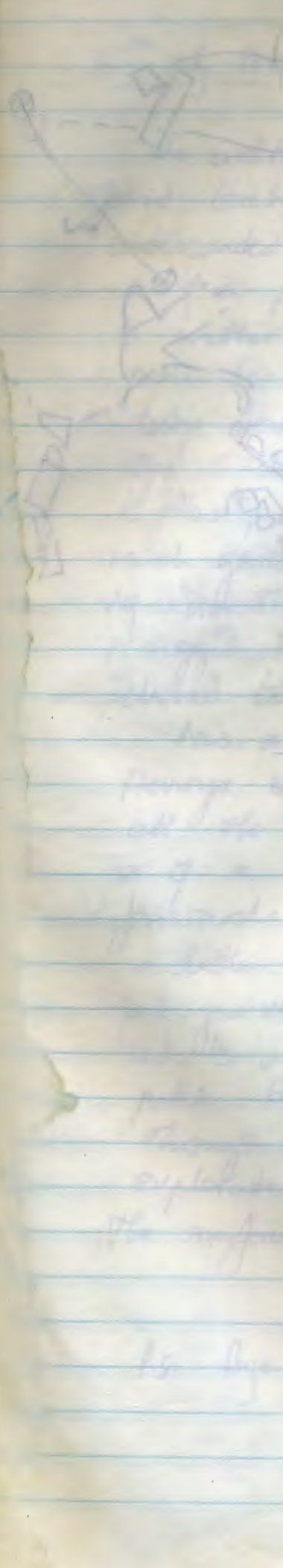


(48) bisecting it). Stones thrown down on way to the right merely confirmed that this connected with the pitch. Paul followed with a ladder which we dubiously belayed off a rather blunt flake in the absence of a better belay, and we headed on down. At ~~the~~ the bottom, the rift continued, but was too tight to enter. Nonetheless, the rift could be seen to open out after a couple of metres and water could be heard drifting beyond. Most importantly, a considerable draft could be felt emerging. Me and Paul hammered determinedly for a couple of hours and widened it considerably, but we still could not pass through. Getting cold without our fleeces and with our call-out approaching, we headed out. I was determined to conquer this squeeze and knew I would be back soon...

F71 Grade I Survey









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North of Boulder wall

Boulder Quarry

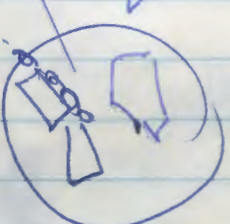
Rock Pile

Rock Altar

Rock Altar - 5

-B5

Rock Altar



Rock Altar

-B2

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