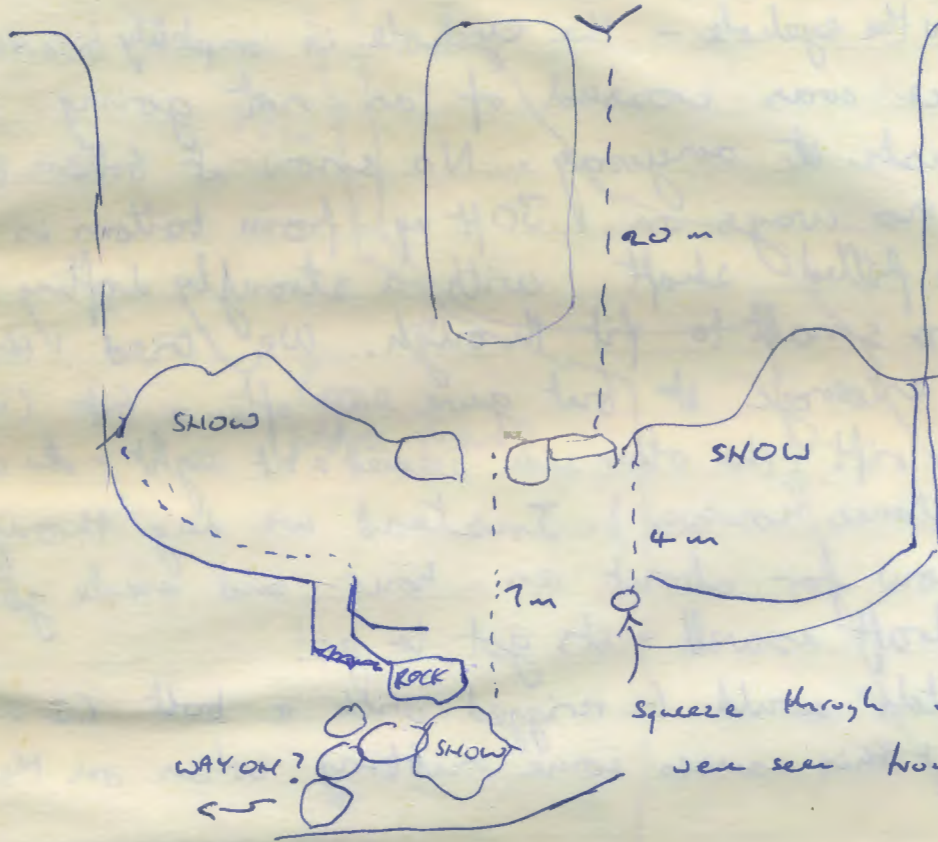


GRADE -!

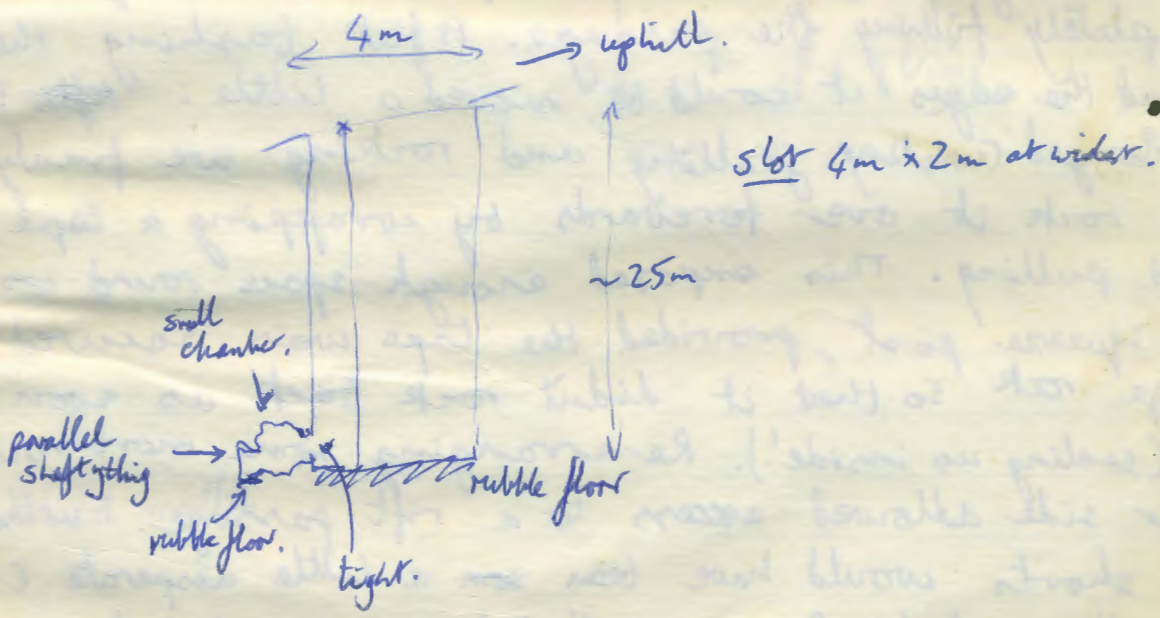
Desperate overhanging
 snow ledges you have to
 jump up and down
 to pass them.

22
12th July as well Dan, Sunthan, Phil, Margot & Graham
With Fridge came bottoming Team 717 thought
they'd have a look at 23 + 24/7 further up
the hill. We stuffed as much gear as we could
into 3 crevasses, where upon Phil + Margot. turned up so
we loaded the rest on them. The crevasses looked less
deep in the better sunlight of mid afternoon. Phil rigged
23/7 off avalanche and bottomed it at around 25m.
Meanwhile the hollows were half-way through the first hollow
when the pitch was at last reached Dan descended,
to a snow ledge which had also seen rocks ~~in the~~
logged in the rift. ~~the~~ Dan continued down and
investigated the up hill end of the rift while Phil
followed also the boulders.

A better way on was spotted between two boulders,
which I rigged when I got down (note about
take off) and descended. This dropped also a lump of
snow at ~~the~~ about 10ft lower than Dan had got.
The rift appeared to be choked by large boulders,
though a way on could be seen through a well
sized hole (downhill). Needs looking at ~~with~~ by some one
with better lights than mine. Sun 12th. Phil + Margot looked
through & decided that the way was impassable, examined
every possible hole, nearly free climbed out, then gave up &
de-rigged.



23/7
grade 1
Pris



2/7 Neil and Graham

12/7/87

(Just below the eyehole - the eyehole is completely bizarre!)

The entrance was crossed of as not going, but we thought we'd push it anyway. No snow at bottom of shaft (12m + 39m) - no ways on. 30ft up from bottom is small parallel stone filled shaft with a strongly drafting slot in side - a bit too small to fit through. We tried throwing stones at it to enlarge it but gave up after a bit (needs a lump hammer, but the rift the other side seemed a bit tight - the stones dropped down some distance however). Instead we dug through the stones just below for about an hour and made good progress - it started to draft as well - it's got to go!

32m pitch could be rigged with a bolt (I used a 8/8 deviation, but this causes some rubbing when on the lower part).

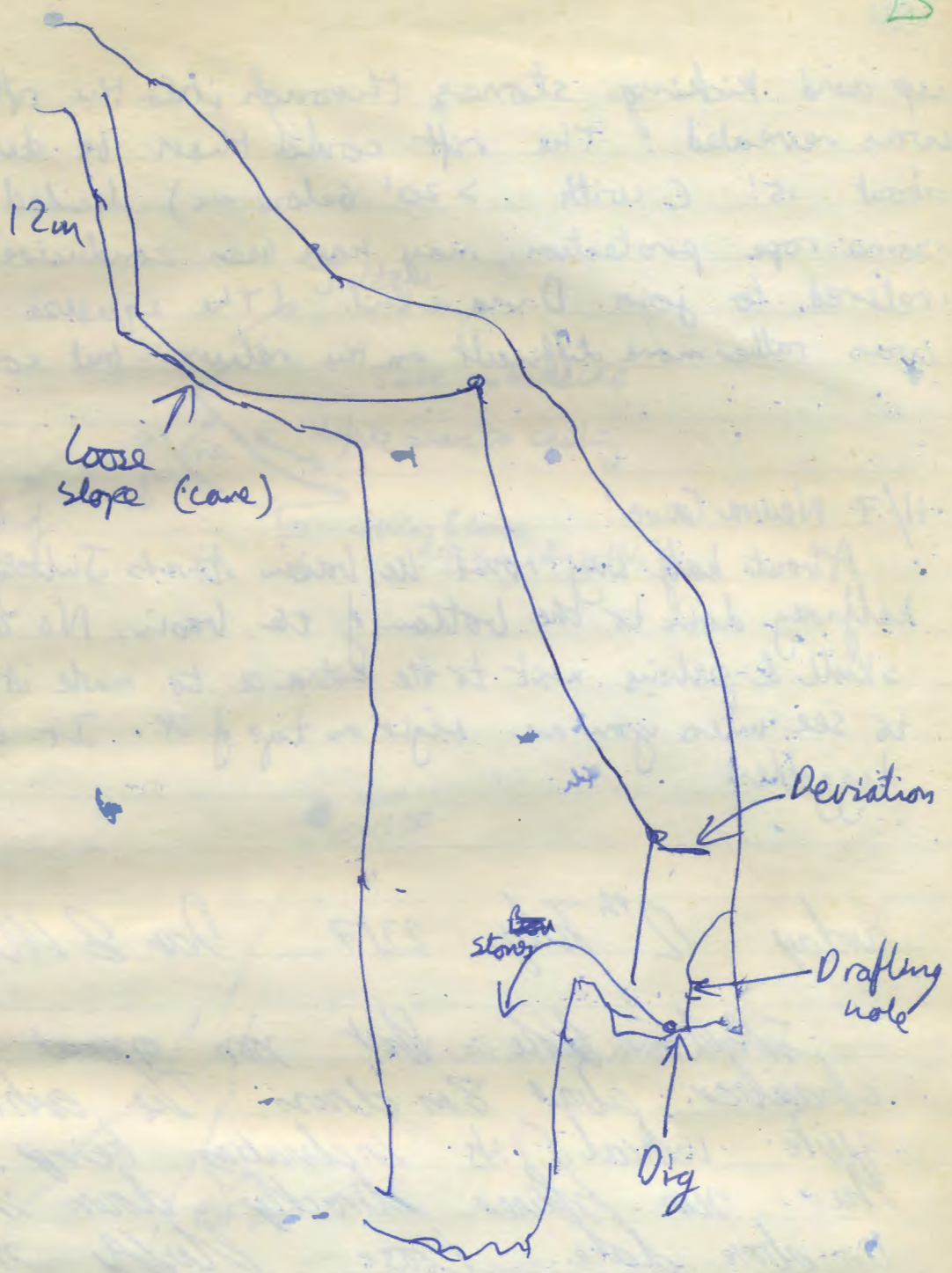
10/7 Neil & Graham

i Nuevo! cueva.

12/7/87

Near 4/7, entrance on going horizontally into the ridge. Way on was blocked after about 15' by a large boulder completely filling the passage. After bashing the choss away round the edges it could be moved a little. ~~After~~ Following prolonged twisting jostling and rocking we finally managed to rock it over forwards by wrapping a tape round and pulling. This exposed enough space round ~~on~~ one side to squeeze past, provided the tape was secured to another large rock so that it didn't rock back as soon as we passed it (sealing us inside!). Re-arranging some more rocks on the far side allowed access to a rift passage. Further exploration in shorts would have been some a little desperate (we were already pretty gashed). Donning full kit we pushed forward to a 50' free climb - ending with a few overhanging moves! Several ways on ~~holes~~, but a climb down to a rift which also closes down with boulders after ~20'. But! by climbing

2/7



lots of silica needles

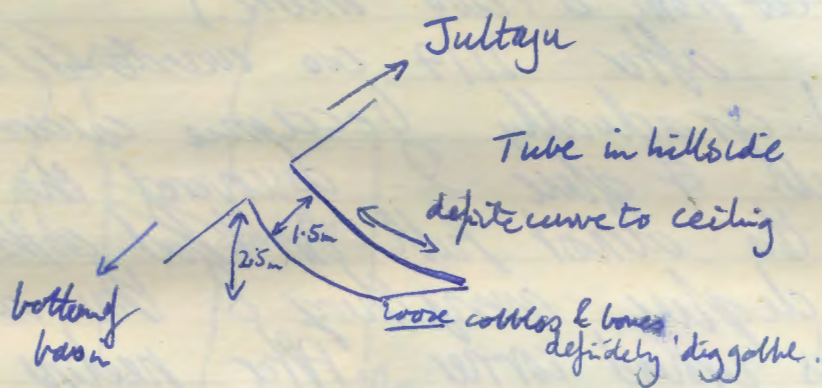
up and kicking stones through into the rift the way on was revealed. The rift could then be descended, after about 15' (with >20' below me) decided the use of some rope protection may have been conducive to longevity so retired to join Dana & Phil. (The squeeze up to the loose boulder was rather more difficult on the return - but could be enlarged)

11/7 Neura Cave!

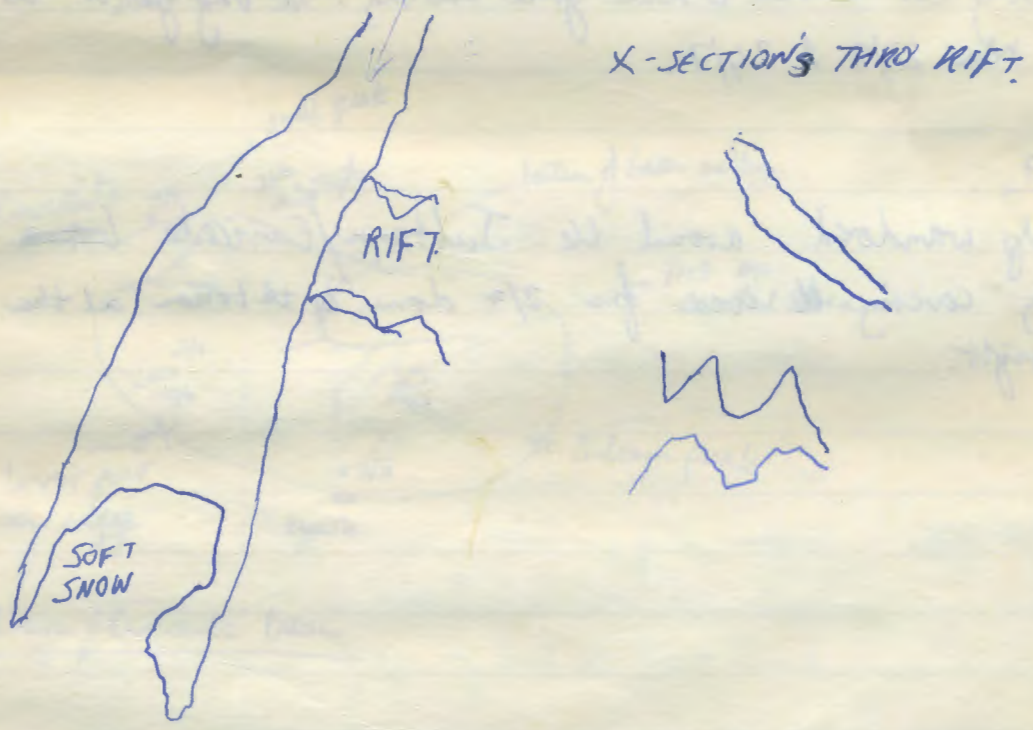
About half way round the basin towards Jultayu from 2/7, about halfway down to the bottom of the basin. No draft. I put a sheep's skull & pelvis next to the entrance to mark it. It is very difficult to see unless you are right on top of it. It looks phreatic, and diggable.

Sunday 12th July. 2217. Dan & Muriel.

Small hole that soon opened out into larger chamber about 8m down. The entrance is not quite vertical, its inclination being such that the sun shines directly down it at 13:30 on above date. Loose fluffy snow at bottom that I kept sinking into possible ways on under snow. Free climbable with line out. Then noticed horrible 45° rift that I crawled along 'til too tight. Very sharp spread ridges on roof & ceiling. Luckily it didn't go. Oh well, another cave to make off.



SUN
@ 13:30



12/7/87. (Whose idea was it to have caves in areas 7 & 8 so that when people write the date without the year (eg 12/7) it is impossible to distinguish it between a ~~cut~~ from a cave mark?)

Anyway after 22/7 we wandered on up the hill. I gradually became aware of a strong smell of glue & discovered the lid had come off the almost full bin I had with me. Set down to de-glove everything & then noticed small stuff in rocks around corner. After peeling off dried glue from the contents of my rucksack pocket we went over to investigate & found a very deep hole.

After calling Phil over, we eventually ridged down ~30 m to a rocky floor with a 2-second drop directly below. This cave is 9/7

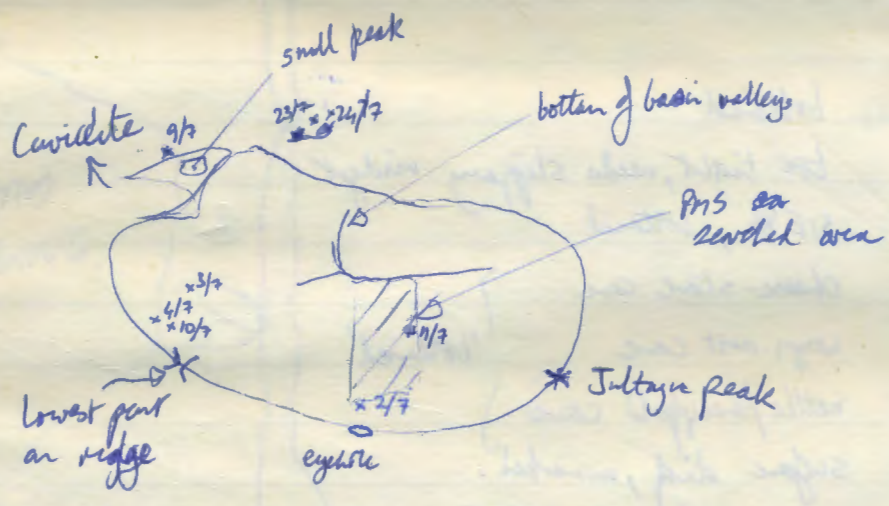
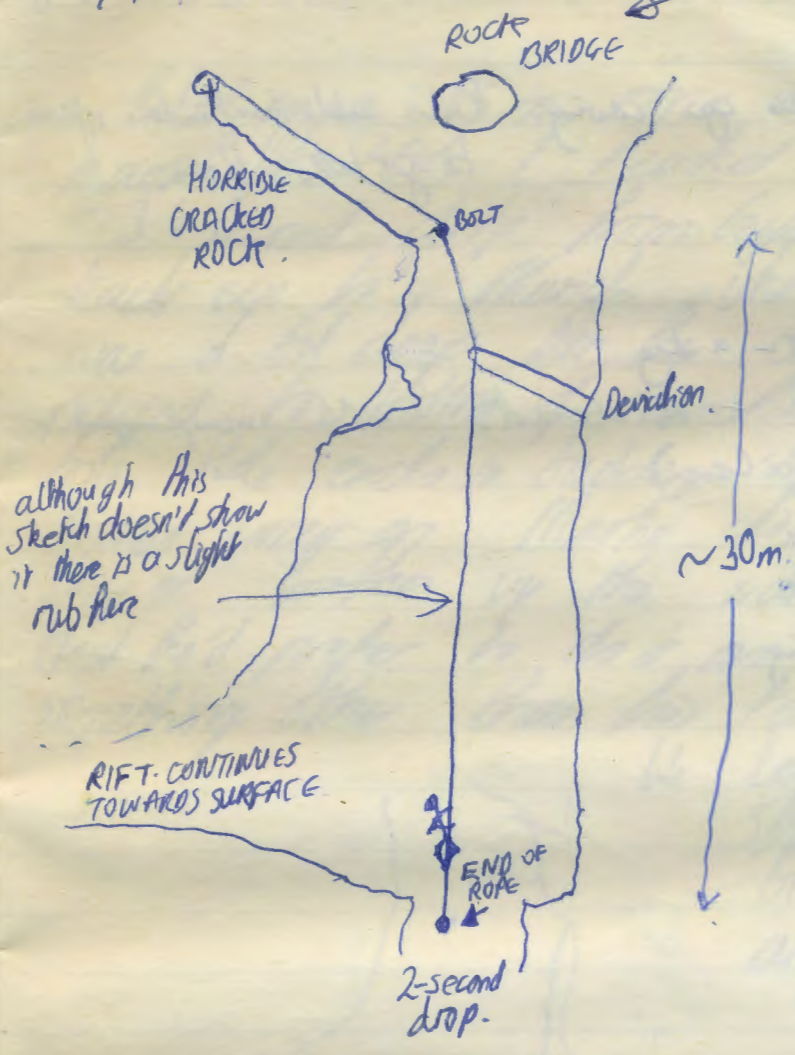
PMS brought bolting kit over from 2/7 (Neil & Graham were down) and the other bolting kit seemed to have gone missing. The bag for it was at the tackle dump near 23/7 & 24/7.

12 July 87

Phil wandered around the Tultayn/Curricerte ~~basin~~ basin, pretty thoroughly covering the area from 2/7 down to the bottom and then up to a 100m to the right.

9/7

Looks very nasty from underneath



Jultayn / Curicente Basin

MONDAY 13 July '87

Neil + Phil stay in camp. All others go caving. Phil's ankle bone/tendon refuses to get better. Pains.

Cave Status Area 7

- 2/7 Going as a dig
 4/7 still to be investigated - a dig
 6/7 ~~Not Found.~~ Found + Numbered. still snowplugged.
 7/7 Snowplugged (Fridge cave)
 (21/7 Not Found yet?)
 9/7 New going shaft
 10/7 New open rift - going.
 11/7 New near-surface dig
- 22/7 bottled (New)
 23/7 bottled (New)
 24/7 bottled (New)

Area 5

- 33/5 bottled
 32/5 too tight, needs slippery midget
 34/5 39/5 S/E '86, bottled
 1280 - cheese-store cave }
 - woops-nest cave } "bottled"
 40/5 - nettle/sheepfold cave }
 35/5 ~~37/5~~ surface dig, unmarked.
 shafts increased, between Valle Extrema & 39/5 (not promising)
 (34/5 Number reserved by Paul for cave he hasn't found yet.)

4/7 Mel & Margot

Went down this promising cave (ref. SGR) ready to dig our way through to the deepest cave in the Picos. Found a grotty hole "full of dead sheep & slime" (ref. R.G.) & decided it wasn't digable !!