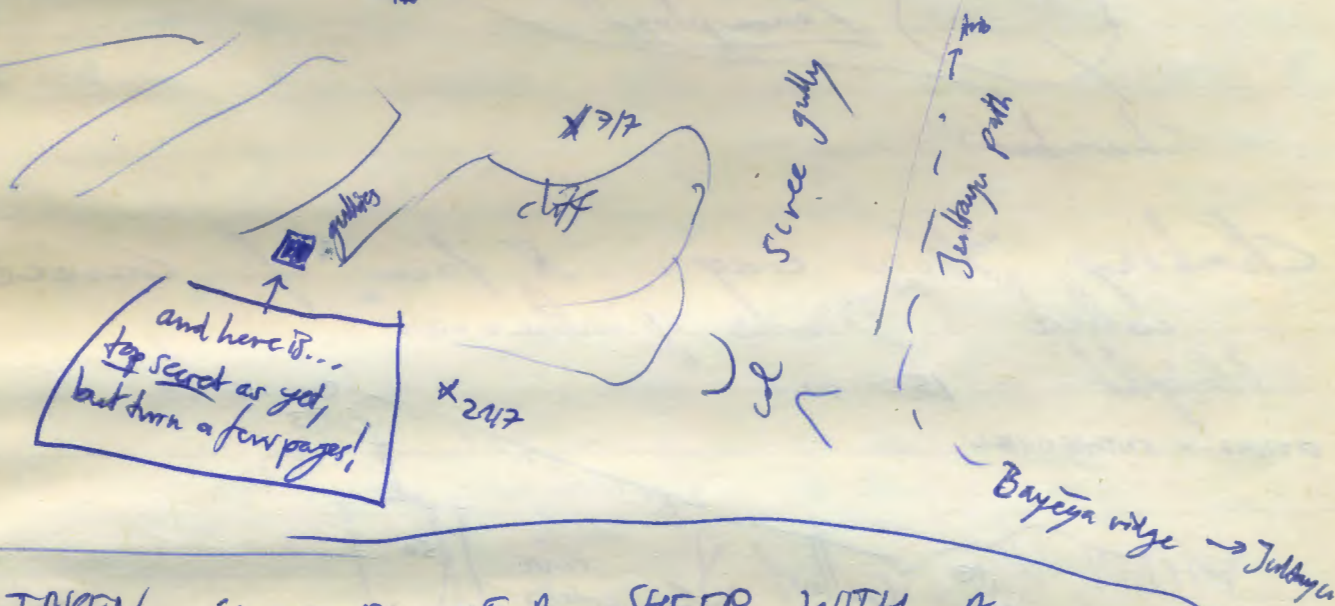
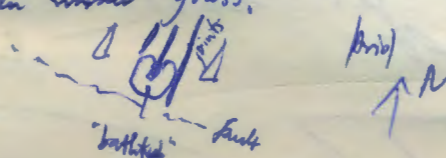


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Went down to the first squeeze (two hours after Team Deep Detackeling; Dan, Dave & JC), took a whole film's worth of stereo pictures and brought out all these BL-4 heavy digging tools, good stuff to chase cows with, though. Also picked up two ladders, one 115m PMI and assorted rusty rigging gear from the entrance.

On the walk down, made a detour to 717 and thence to the strange "bathtub" feature visible downslope and to the left from there. Three parallel joints, very conspicuous but serice-filled everywhere, and uphill at what appears to be a big fault hidden under grass.



HAVE TAKEN CLOSE-UPS OF A SHEEP WITH A RED BOLT

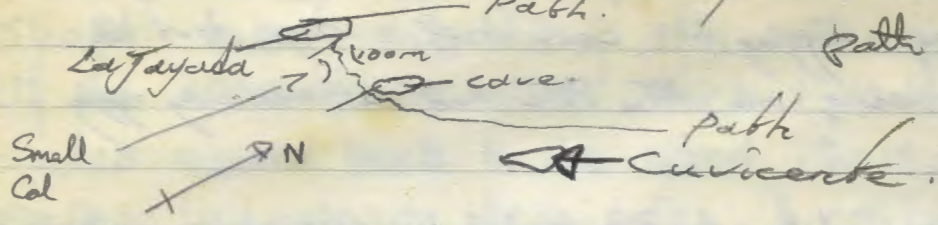
IN ITS RIGHT EAR. WAS DAVE E. ~~BEEN~~ BEEN HERE RECENTLY? I'LL BRING THE PICTURES TO THE BCRA--

Gerhard

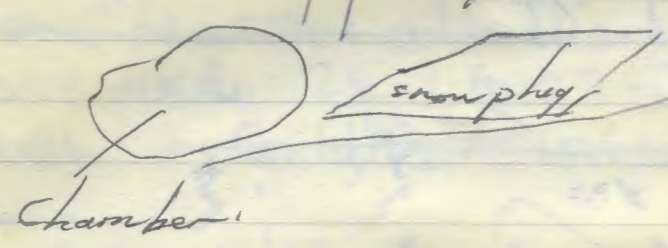
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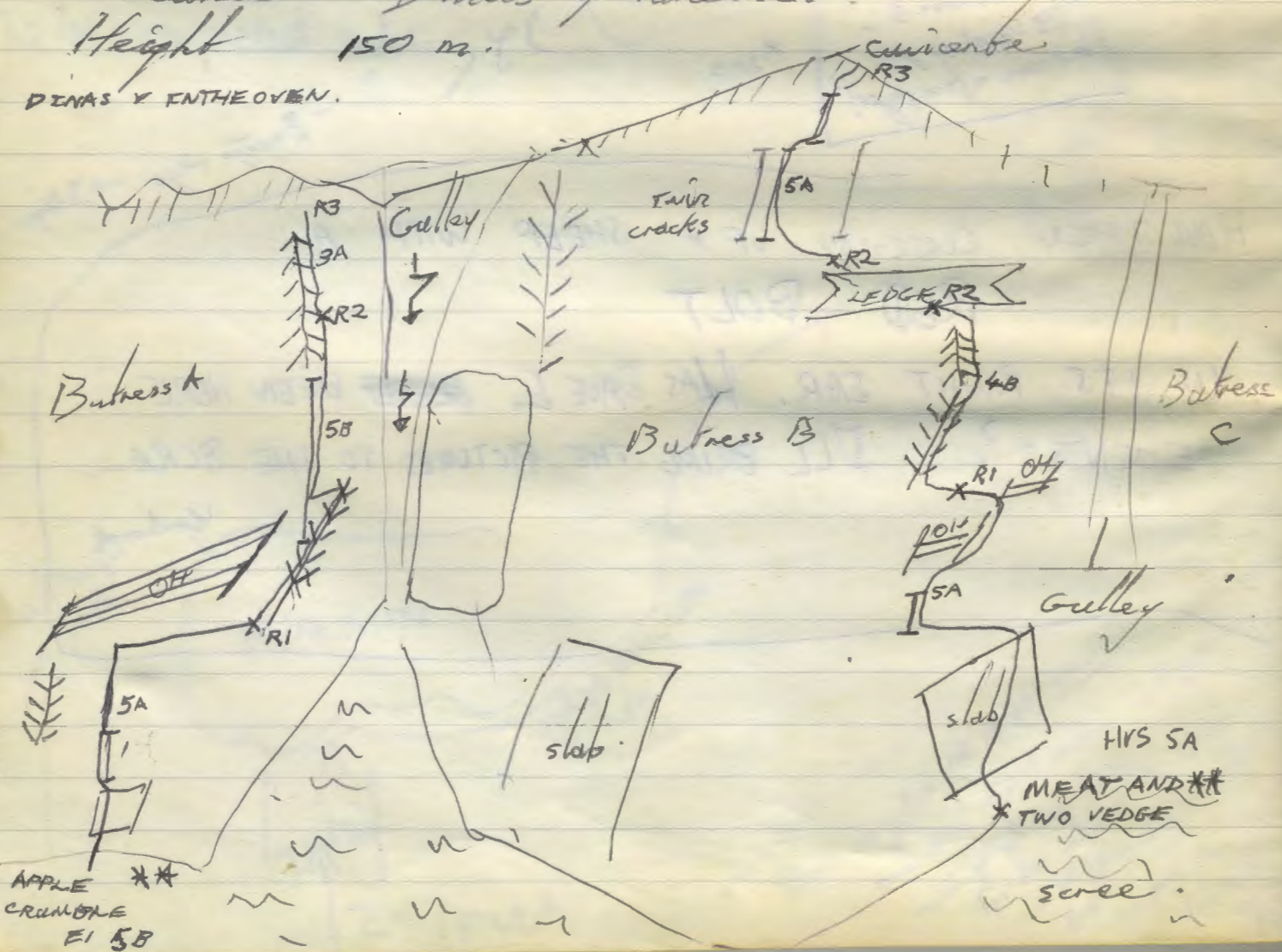
11/8/87. NOTE. Location of large cave entrance. Area 9. 100m from La Jayada; follow path over small col



Snow plug in base, though able to scramble spur between rock and neve. Chamber at base seemed choked at bottom. Worth another look. If rift But no touch with us.



Clambering New crag. N face of Cuvicente called "Dinas y Entheoven". Height 150 m. DINAS Y ENTHEOVEN.



Apple Crumble. Un jeu de cordes et 50m à corde. « Friend » 2 et 3.

Meat and 2 wedge. pour toute directions
pions « angles » pions.

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2/2 DeBuckle Part I Dan, Dave H + Tom C.

Put on a brave face when we got to the bottom, but it does look very terminal, with all leads below false boulder floor seeming to lead to same place. Will anyone bother rigging 600m just to check, next year? Went in ~~to~~ one risk reached bottom 7.15 risk (1st Picos cave hollowed) huddled around for about an hour then started derigging whereupon we got to Armageddon ledge (i.e. large proportion of shaft system) by 4 risk. Fairly knackered by out of cave by 10 having eaten much of cave food. 9 tackle bags on the ledge with about 2 7/2 rain bags of gear.
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After finishing surface surveying above around 2/7 admiring an eagle (3- it was not a vulture and very big indeed) soaring around the cliffs facing the gorge, saving two Spaniards from a horrible death of thirst on the Juktayu ridge and trying to coax a little inhabitant of 2/7 entrance out of its hole (2/5) by offering it pieces of Yorkie bar (which it declined (2/5))... we finally started our walk back to Arto. But first we wanted to have a look at the large vertical slot somewhere down in the bowl which is very conspicuous once you reach the Boyaya ridge (the Arto-side rim of the Jor del Juktayu). We found it... we found it was ducked and was labelled 38/7 in red. So we ended up doing a grand tour of Silvia's entrances, visiting all but two of them, adjusting the numbers in two cases, and... but that will be for Ewald to tell. Here's the story, map to follow on the next couple of pages.

PS: we also saw 8 REBECOS on the walk down at dusk.

(in order of visit, more or less) (all caves crossed thus $\bullet \oplus$ by Silvia unless stated otherwise)

38/7 obvious 7m tall vertical slot opening forwards Arid side of bowl at head of long 'rift'-controlled shakehole. The controlling joint strikes 36° . Complex subordinate joints/faults. Bedding strikes N, dips 30° E. The main joint can be followed above the slot for a few metres as 'grassy gully'. The slot itself leads nowhere, rapidly narrowing to a soil & pebbles choke.

To the left, looking towards the slot (i.e. on the Jultayri-side wall of the shakehole) is an obvious round entrance which gives access to a human-sized cave ascending ~5m to a (thin!) roof of boulders.

~~Bearings from \bullet readings point on the ridge above the shakehole~~

Bearings from bottom end of shakehole, opposite the slot:

Curvicente: 247° , 217° ; 177° ; Bayeya col (see sketch map) 13.5° .

37/7 Following the joint (or whatever it is) just encountered down towards the col, 37/7 is a short choked shaft in the next shakehole.

36/7 A few metres down the ravine, now bending to the left, 36/7 is a scruffy tight hole in the loose boulder chaise at the bottom of another shakehole. No draught noticeable. Diggable?

35/7 In the next shakehole: a choked 3m rift shaft with a <1sec drop down a too tight rift in its western corner.

34/7 Still following the obvious ravine down, which now bends ^{towards} again \bullet the col: big shakehole (i.e. you can't touch both walls) with sandy alcove in northwestern wall; the 'entrance' marked is a collapsed sink at the opposite wall. Pebbles dropped into the gaps left by the larger boulders hit a gravel floor 1m below. Climbing up the southeastern wall, you'll find a parallel rift which drops 6m to a boulder floor.

By now you've covered about half the distance from 38/7 to the col.

33/7 Shakehole immediately down \bullet the ravine from 34/7.

The next elongated shakehole towards the col remains unmarked and is followed immediately by

25/7, a choked rift striking (again) 36° . [Note: 'choked' here and in the following always means you can stand on boulders and pebbles at the bottom.]

Turning left at this point and walking/scrambling a few steps towards

Curvicente:

26/7 is a boulder chaise at the bottom of a rift shakehole.

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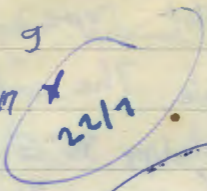
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ridge

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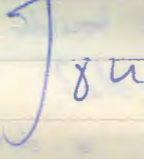
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9/7?

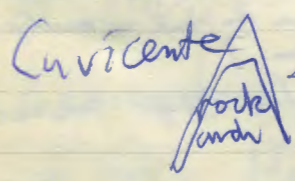
20/7

10/7?

4/7?

3/7?

Juracao ad



eyebolt

Cabin

* 817 somewhere there

'badhubs'



caves going or unexplored underlined (4017)

never visited ^(by me) and therefore missing on this sketch:

- 317
- 417
- 917
- 1017
- 1117
- 2217

all numbers up to & including 6017 now used except 1217,

(23) The conspicuous string of rifted shakeholes beginning at 38/7 has ended at its deepest point with 25/7. We now approach the 'exit' col keeping close to the steep flank of a talus hill to our left.


29/7 (changed from Silvia's 24/7 to avoid a number clash) is a 3m-deep choked shaft easily freeclimbed if you avoid the large loose boulders. In one corner a foot-high rift chokes after a few cm.

18/7 Closer to the walls of the hill on the left-hand side of the ~~col~~ depression we've now entered is a 6m deep rift with a boulder floor.

39/7 (changed from Silvia's 20/7 for reasons that will become apparent soon) is in the same line, back towards Cuvicente. This is a 1m deep leg-wide hole between cliff (of the hill) and boulders. The inscription is on a boulder on the side facing the cliff so you can't see it from any distance. (One intuition point for Ewald.)

17/7 ~~in the same line as 18/7 but towards the col~~ ^{Towards the col from 18/7 and to the right of its line?} Hole in choke at bottom of shakehole.

~~In the line of rift shakeholes starting at 25/7~~

19/7 To the right (down the hill) from 18/7 etc. at the deepest point of the small depression is an enormous boulder chaos. Marked by Silvia as going thus , very convincing-looking, though, and no good rattler among the various ~~inter~~ inter-boulder gaps. Towards the hill, an entrance can be followed upward as a crawl and ends where daylight peeps in among boulders.

Cave - some very large things here start moving when you look at them.

16/7 Going over the edge into the next depression east (away from the hill and towards the Bayona ridge): a choked shakehole.

14/7 sink (?) in ^{very} large doline immediately below this. Potential dig?

An obvious 2.5m deep rift between 14/7 and 16/7 remains

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unmarked. We've been unable to find a '177' mark anywhere near to this might be it. (The inscription is either too well hidden, or was on something loose which has since then dropped down, or was omitted.)

Climbing up towards Julagya from this, you encounter...

30/7, a ~~large~~ ^{large} doline at the intersection of two rifts, with a boulder floor.

(6/7 is a little further towards the Bayeye ridge, i.e. east, from this, just beyond the next little ridge. It also strikes 36° . Neither the descriptions of its location nor the point marked in the 'areas 7, 8, 9' map in the shaft bashing kit bear any resemblance to the truth. (The same applies to 5/7, by the way.)

31/7 is reached by following one of the rifts out of 30/7 and going up south ~~past~~ ^{the next shakehole.} This is one part of a twisting rift with alternating grass and boulder floors.

27/7 Leaving 30/7 towards Cuvicente, i.e. SW, you'll find a shaft 4m square and 8m deep at the bottom of a wide shakehole. Doesn't look an easy free-climb to me. In the southern corner a hole leads off into blackness (horizontally).

Needs to be looked at. Marked going thus \odot .

We've been unable to locate 32/7. The number 12/7 has not been used yet. 28/7 has now been crossed out thus ~~28~~. 6/7, 7/7, 21/7 remain incompletely explored.

The story of 20/7 (1984!!) Perhaps from the same trip that marked 21/7, but it never seems to have made the log - perhaps it was snow-dusted then) and 40/7 (new) will be Ewald's to tell. ^{*}Just a few bearings:

from 20/7 to 28/7 gully: 53° , to Julagya: 125° , to highest apparent point on Cuvicente (may not be the summit): 233° . Entrance rift strikes 45° .

From 40/7 to ^{1st} Julagya: 18° , to ^{2nd} Verde: 30.5° , to Julagya: 142° . Entrance rift strikes 36° (yet again!).

And a warning. 20/7 is loose and anything unattached (mind yourself!) rolls down and goes over the edge down the first pitches.

40/7 has been half dug which means that whatever you're

standing on might start moving down without warning. Take extreme

care when approaching the opening.

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With the following words I am referring to Gerbrand's report.
If you look down from the Maltayer side to the
Fon de Maltayer, you can see the grassy dolines
in the center of it. Go ^{down} ~~down~~ ^{connected} from the Maltayer towards
them by the ~~of~~ number of rifts where 38/7 to 33/7 lay in
is reached. On the slope opposite there is also a number
^{connected} of rifts. ~~I had~~ I had a look at them ^{while} ~~after~~ Gerbrand visited
Silvies en trances. The generally direction of these rifts
is about 55°. Most of them are filled with stones and not
of interest to a caver's mind. But some are not, such
as 20/7. It is marked ~~as~~ with the fading date of 1984,
till now nobody could explain to me why the number
20 was used. Position and description see one page before.
In the same line of rifts lies 21/7, also 5/7. Valley from
21/7 to 24/7 at about the deepest part between the hills
there was a hole, measuring about 30m to 35m from one end
to another. Not exactly it was more than a little hole in a pile
of stones, it threw a stone in it. If the stone was falling down
about two seconds without any sound. Under a thin roof
of loose stones there is a hollow of unknown extent.
It would be easy to make the hole bigger, but ~~that~~
you are risking, that the stone you ^{are} stand ~~you~~ is falling into
the hollow. Therefore be careful! The number of the
hole is 40/7. Position: from 40/7 to Maltayer 110°, to Inlagna 18°,
see the page before.

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