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1989 Expedn
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JURACAO '89

AKIO LOG

2 1/7/89

- Why has no-one written in this logbook yet?

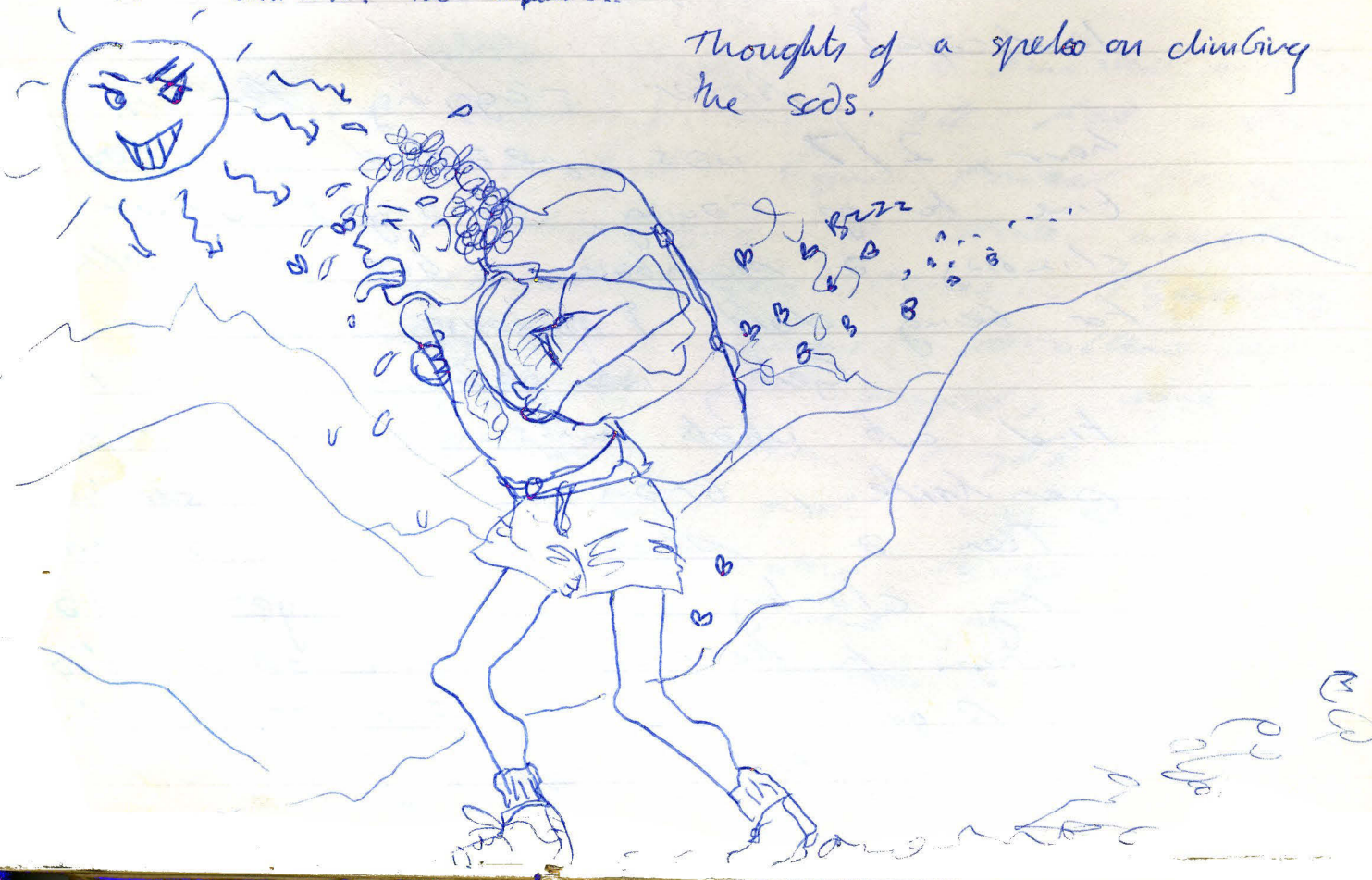
NB. - NOTE TO LYNN

You have definitely, absolutely certainly got a 2:1 (it was double checked) so please believe what Gar tells you!

Sherridan Lynn

... My God, the burning sun, the flies. I don't know if I'll make it .. uh! The searing heat, the sweat .. urh! .. water .. water ... aah I feel so .. weak .. the sun, the heat .. the flies urh .. urh .. the compass ..

Thoughts of a speleo on climbing the scds.



Saturday - 1st? July -
The First Rigging Trip

Lynan
Su-Yung
me (Paul)

After foraging - my pit bit late,
then attempting to eat (and failing)
a bowl of cool Montlates, it seemed
a good idea to piece together my
headset - this, and a little more
eating took up most of the morning.

Finally ready, we set off
up the hill (?) to 2/7, with assistance
of 'Sterpa Tang' (is this title we
deserved by Gavin - superhero, super fit
super - - -) - leaving behind the
half bowl of Montlates to set
and become part of the karst
landscape.

After slugging for an
hour, 2/7 was reached - a bit
time to go casing, straight after
climbing a mountain - but still settle
for being a bit I suppose.

Getting into gear - fine time to
find out what's missing - web suit socks,
perhaps, brain - nobly serious.

Then a photo - me in all
my clanky, shiny new gear - (a
warning to the Picas - who said that!)

A quick recap on S.R.T. before
I went for the plunge - with

little luck - Black Matter is not the best rope for speedy abseiling -
 on four bars with full k.t. bag and 70m rope attached I still went nowhere.

I eventually joined the other two on the ledge, after adding to the rocks accumulating at the bottom of the shaft (stabilizing the rock slope, that's ~~one~~ excuse), and got understandably confused by the rope work.

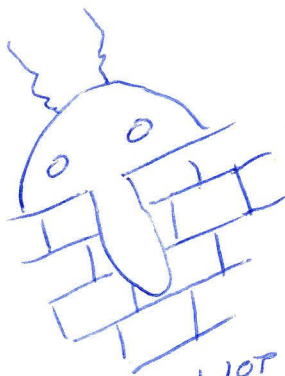
Now the technicalities started, Lynn went on to rig the second pitch while we put in a few more bolts around the ledge to make it look safer. Once ~~bolts~~ ^{hangers} were in, we shaped the rockface to take the bolts etc. -

After ^{an} ~~about~~ hour, we finished our hanging (Phnarr - Phnarr), and all fell silent up above while Lynn tried rigging below, displaying a fine vocabulary of technical sports terms. (Generally describing the various problems encountered) Eventually, all was rigged, some of it must have been right 'cause it involved bolts, and we could descend - to wait on another ledge for another hour while she went on to try and rig seventh heaven. She gave up, we ate chocolate (but not much), and the lack of the rigging guide was

cursed (again). Up, out and down was the general order of what followed, at a reasonable pace to try and avoid the mist, that appeared to be descending thickening - and might cause navigation problems. - What ever happened - I can still see the Refugia from here, that's all that matters.

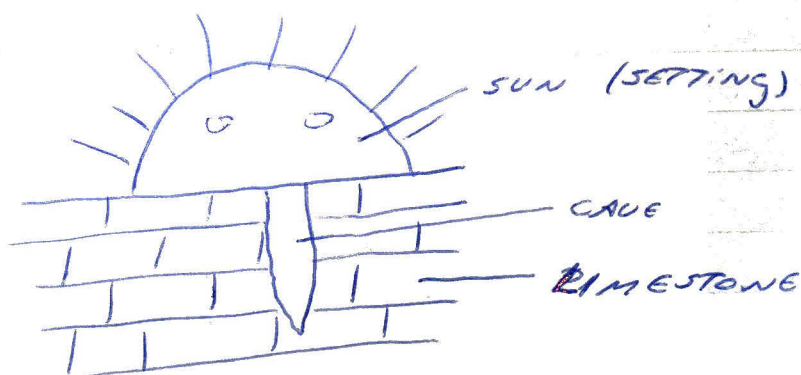
Oh yes - a first taste of expedition stop - cheers Gavin, very nice.

(Is that enough - can I stop writing now - hopefully this is crap enough so I won't be asked to write - up again as well!)



WOT NO PRETTY PICTURES

OK -



- "In a geologist, I know these things."

- "In not so sure."

Shaft Bashing

1/7/89

5-10 mins along Trea path, just after a couple of sticky up yellow stones, a green valley goes off to the right. 2 caves on left ~ 30m (?) along 50/5 Tricky free climb (we put a ladder on) down to small chamber, 2 ways on lead to pitch into another chamber (not descended). Also from the smaller of the two ways on, a small vertical shaft descends, and may continue 5/1/5 Just before 50/5, another tricky climb to small chamber. Small passage may continue (I didn't fancy it in shorts + T shirt)
I will return.

Note: we are going carrying now. From 15 another group is coming down today, can it start up ^{the hill} after about 1.30 to give us a decent amount of time

Gavin, David M, Andy

2/7/89

Went down + rigged Seventh Heaven. Replaced the bottom rebelay with a deviation. Continued to Paradise. Didn't rig a ladder 'cos we'd left the bolting kit on the surface. David turned up and told me Andy had jacked. He returned to get the other tackle bag, while I rigged Flying Rebels. Put a deviation in half way down which gives a better hang. Also, it's possible to pendule round into another passage. Went to Pablo and put A Bloody Ladder On it. Returned to Paradise and met David again. Returned to Pablo and put a rope on. Decided we'd had enough so came out.

sen 2 / baby. I've done three carries up the hill - can I go home now? Dave. Vethoufijn.

* NB SPECIAL RATES FOR OUCC AT THE REFUGIO *

PRECIOS ESPECIALES OUCC TEMP. 89.

BOTES .	BEER	150.-
	COKE	150.-
	ORANGE	150.-
	LEMON	150.-

ONE LITER WINE	300.-	
COFFEE	150.-	(GRANDE)
TEA	75.-	
CHOCOLATE	150.-	

FOR BREAKFAST	{ COFFEE - TEA	200.-
	{ BISCUITS	
	{ JAM	

FOR LUNCH AND DINNER	{ SOUP	200.-
	{ SALAD	250.-
	{ SANWICHES	{ ham 350
		{ cheese 300
		{ CHORIZO 350
	{ RICE AND EGGS AND TOMATOES	

EGGS AND BEICON	450	500.-
"	" ham	450.-
"	" CHORIZO	450.-
		SLEEP 200.-

Felipe

Rigging Trip overnite 2/3 of Jul
Shemy, Tony, Iestyn

I will never go on an overnight trip again - I always feel so awful afterwards.

Took ropes for Ascension + The fun start here (20, 10m)
E left 200m E 55m at bottom of 7^m Heaven.
Collected ropes from PABLO for Gripper + G.T.P.
Rigged Gripper but rope for GTP too short!
didn't even reach the floor let alone enough
for the pendule so after dangling around GTP
E for a while at around 3AM we went out
The trip was enjoyable but not particularly
productive!

♡ Shemy

3/7 (evening)

Moved a few boulders from a likely looking shaft near
15/5. Now possible to get in, but doesn't look very promising.
(5 mins later) Just had a look at it with a head
torch. Unpleasant show at 2m climb down past loose boulders
with sharp, scratchy rock leads down to a tight rift. It
looks like it closes down ^{completely} round the first corner, but I
couldn't be bothered to force my way round past the
sharp jagged projections. It's possibly worth someone going back
with a lump hammer to check.

BEWARE OF LOOSE BOULDERS

3/7 Late evening

A massive thunderstorm is scorching the earth around us,
the rain is tanking down, the leaks in big Eric are slowly

growing. I'm just waiting for the river to start cascading through the tent.

Dave.

3rd July - Dave Heatherbabes + Lynn

7:30 am :- 'Morning', come on get up' - 'Go away'. God why do I have to go caving with a Keeny? 1 hr later + I'm slogging up to 2/7 dreading carrying 200m rope, rigging gear + drill through the rifts. So meeting Sherry + co. on the way down + discovering that we had to carry another 50m down as well filled me with joy. Underground at 10. Dave moans (mainly justifiably) about every single pitches rigging. Are we really complete incompetents? Probably. Huge Daleswear tacklebags are terrible for getting through the rifts. Dave went into rigging mode at 'Grahams Todger bastard pendule' now renamed 'Grahams reborn Todger'. Swiftly followed by numerous traverses. 200m by some miracle was untangled + Pessimists was slaughtered, whilst I snoozed at the top. Kitted Pessimists to give a better top and bottom, put in a new bolt at the top of Sirg to the Dant then ran out of battery power and homegs so I went out. Lynn says we came down in a thunderstorm which was very exciting. P.S. Really enjoyable trip - cheers Dave.

Quote -

++ Dave (M) "everything you've [Dave] carrying in your rucksack would fit in your pockets" Horby

THE BRITISH CAVER

- A species guide for spotters

The Dave H.

This comes as two subspecies that are in fact completely different:-

- 1) The Horsley (Genus OUGC-us) ♂



← seen here in its usual sci-fi mode. A marked aversion to domestic activities (esp cooking/washing up) & is rarely seen underground. Usually found near the expedition supply of sci-fi in reclining position. Likes carrying large quantities of bog roll about (but not much else).

- 2) The Helmenyem (Genus NPC-us) ♂



This rare + timid species is rarely seen above ~~the~~ ground & being of the NPC genus has a fondness for rigging (knitting) that is uncommon in the OUGC genus. Often seen with a bosch drill & or carrying large ropes about (or encouraging others to do so).

Lynn Smith

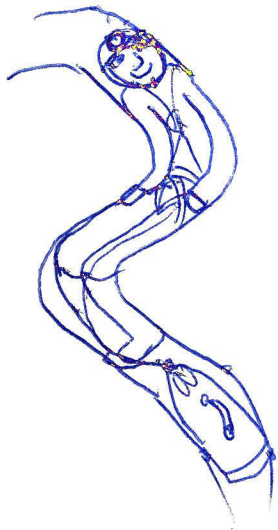
(Genus OCCC-us) ♀



Presumably native to warmer climes since is usually seen wearing warmes of clothing even on hot days. Is distinguished by small pigtail and willingness to carry vast amounts of tackle thru rifts. ~~of~~

Iestyn

(Genus ~~exxow~~ Welshus) ♂



Small & Welsh (CW=1.00) & mathematically inclined so is good at small tight caves (using topology theory I expect). BE WARNED - This caver is very silly & may cause giggling.

Tony Seddon

(Genus OCCC-us) ♂



Fondness for ex-army gear + ^{big} sharp knives. However the camouflage effect is somewhat offset by a pair of bright red ears. Similar to the Hetherington in that it has bright red hair & a ~~is~~ liking for carrying large ^{weights} ~~weights~~. However this species will ~~not~~ ^{put} ~~refuse~~ anything ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ his rucksack regardless of his ability to actually carry it.