

9/13. Under Jim's expert guidance, this provided me with valuable rigging practice. The cave is an 8m drop to a bouldery floor, with a small dip down at one end, which is choked. No apparent SIE making, but the cave corresponds exactly to SIE cave no. 32, Pozo de la Cembra de Joulaguo. At the bottom of the cave we found an intact and well-preserved sheep skeleton.

While the Hungarians, Chris and I looked around the cave (which didn't take long), Jim and Rob wandered off into area 13 to look for new entrances. They failed, succeeding only in nearly dying of heatstroke. When they had returned and we had emerged, some of us rescued a sheep trapped in a hole in the ground. This made us look so silly that the only thing for us then to do was to return to Aris, which we did, showing the Hungarians some of the entrances in area 11 on the way.

Steve

29/7/93

Pat, Kubby, Moho

20/11 - Entrance # 4

- 'Cueva del Sierra Fucada'

Important - 8/11 is now derigged down to pit 4 (inclusive). Use 20/11 instead!! (else it may hurt!!)

Well, we made a typical lunchtime start,



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Losted only by the sound of approaching thunder.

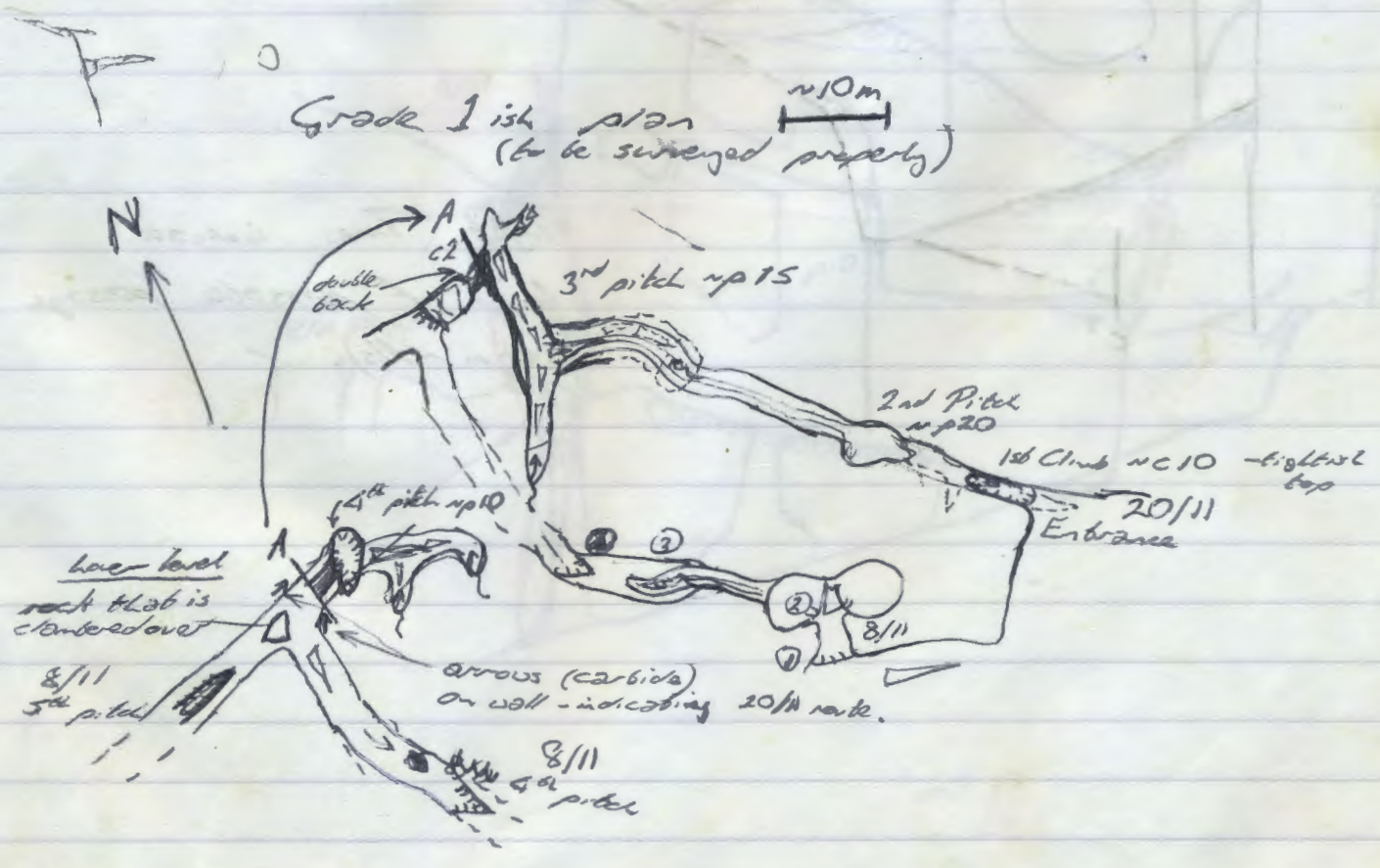
Whilst the Hungarians (inc Andi, who walked over with us) engaged the 120b at the summit, I rigged the first climb, and ~~added~~ placed a bolt at the head of the second. Once done, I was joined, and the restaving began. We followed the rift (nice wide climbing ramp over narrow rift) until the third pitch was set. Here the chore of bolting was shared between me & Krubyn, who descended the pitch first. The way on was less obvious here, the two inlets were down the boulderslope, the outlet up it, a not quite obvious 'squeezeable' to the left being the way on. The two Hungarians staved their exhaustion for gardening here, "stabilizing" the boulder slope, and enlarging the squeezeable. Reaching the head of the fourth pitch, I shared I was an equally able gardener, removing much choss before bolting and ascending. On leading, I recued I was in 8/11, but on looking round realized things weren't quite right. I fumbled down the bouldery floor, to find two inlets. Meanwhile, Krubyn had descended, walked 5m upslope, and declared the place to be 8/11. I walked upslope 100, and rapidly recognised the boulder at the passage junction just before the <sup>now</sup> 8/11 fifth pitch.

I considered the situation - there wasn't time to survey, as the gear was on the surface, I was cool only really shorts & b-shirt under my oversuit, ~~and~~ a few more bolts needed placing in 20/11 to improve the hang, and 20/11 was a damn



side easier than 8/11. I formulated a plan. I, for my sins, would design the 8/11 entrance, while the other two worked up the 20/11 rigg. This we did, I didn't have a good time at the top of the third!, and by 6:45pm we left the 'crows' in the entrance shaft in peace. We arrived back to find Tony raving to go, I put a through grip - I ~~recommended~~ <sup>recommended to</sup> him - that a change of plan might be ~~more~~ advisable - so he set off to do a 20/11 → 26/11 through grip to intersect the photo squad.

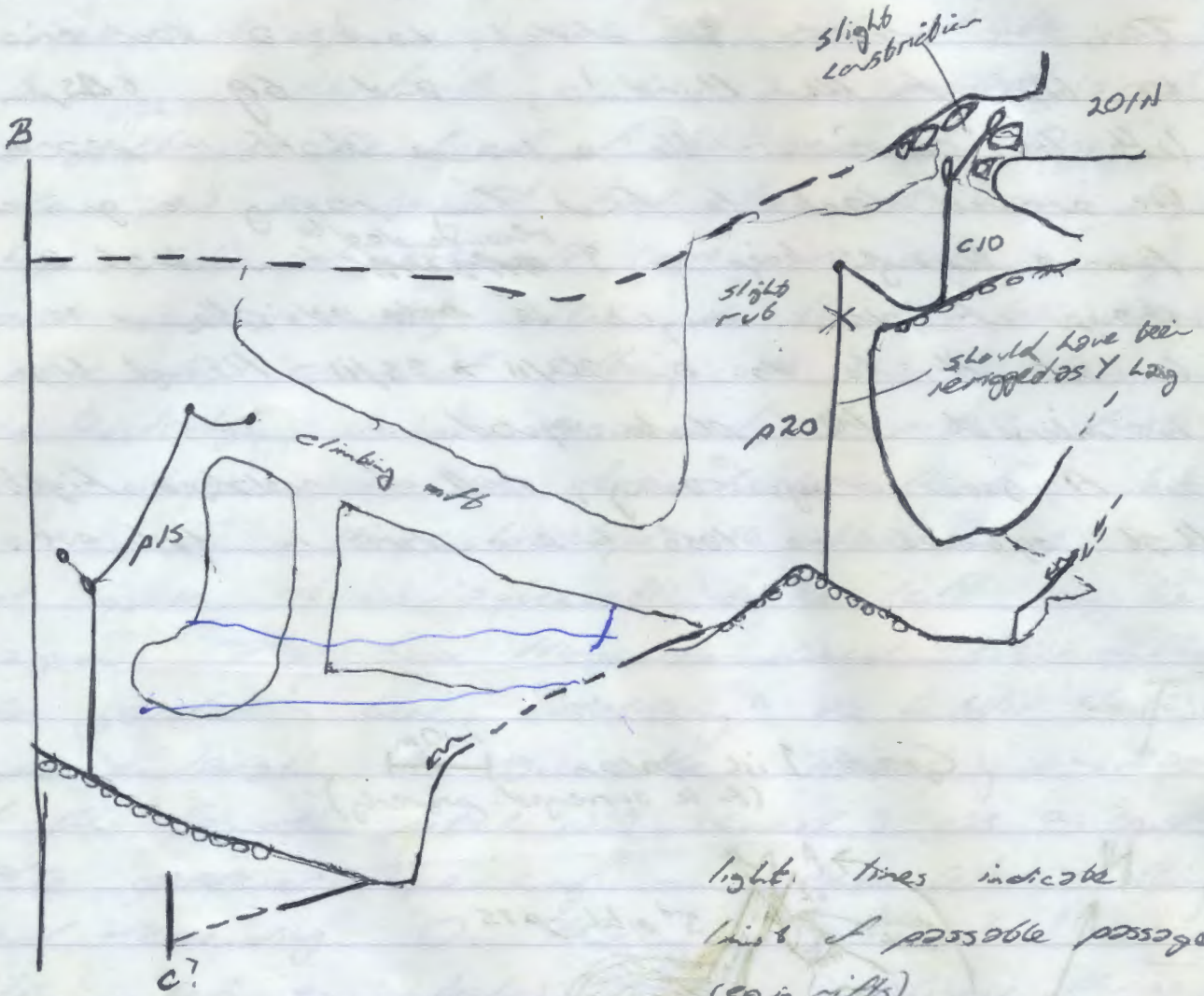
A good days caving, full of nostalgia fighting that square on last line - first in, last out.





20/11 et-el - top

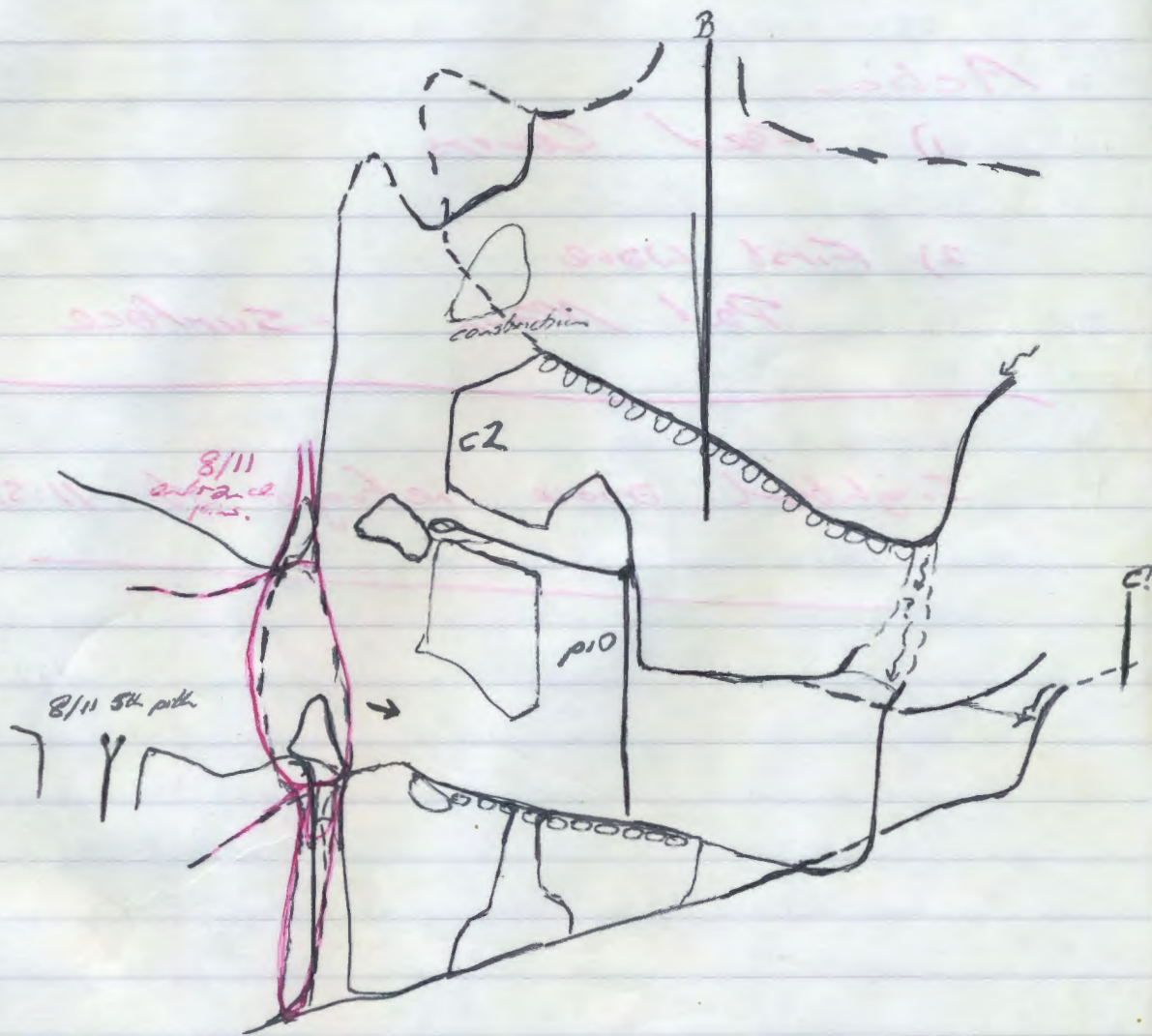
- Grade 1 ish



light lines indicate  
 limits of possible passage  
 (eg in rifts).

20/11 ex-el - combined - Grade 1-24

30/2





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1150 29<sup>th</sup> July

Possible Rescue - Overdue Party

Pozo Optimista 30/5

Chris Denton } Overdue covers  
Pevo }

Action

1) Feed Covers

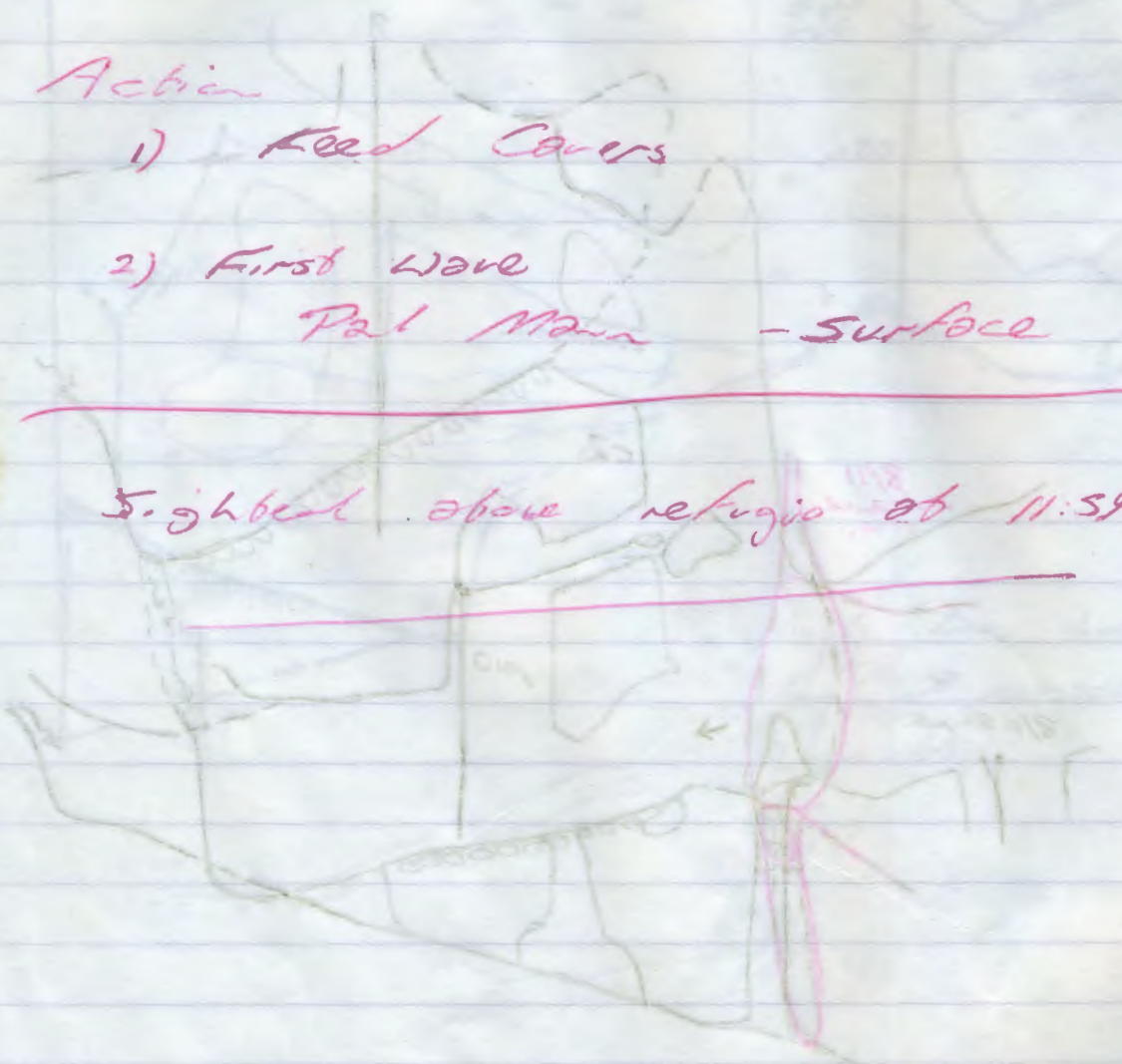
2) First Wave

Pat Mann - Surface

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Sighted above refugio at 11:59

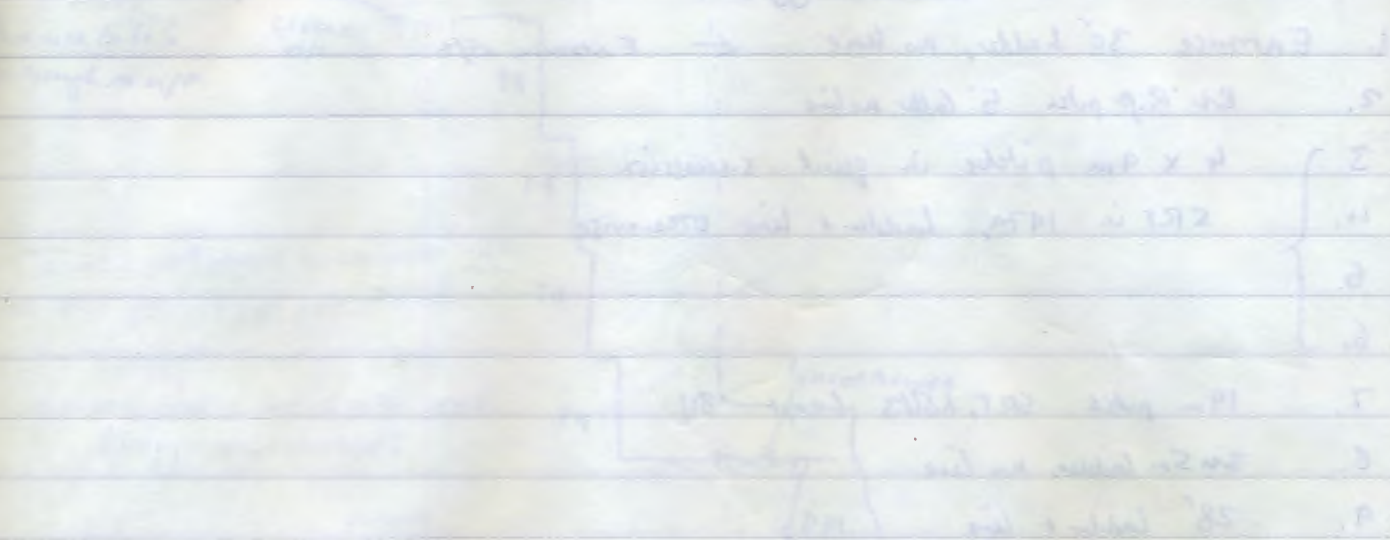
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Field notes

Site for dig

1. Excavate 20' below surface  
 2. 4 x 4 m grid of post markers  
 3. 10' x 10' grid in 1981  
 4. 1980/81 dig



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 15. 1980/81 dig

NEW  
 PART  
 FROM HERE  
 (1981)



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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Xitu for beginners

WARNING: I am relying on 12 year old memory - details related here shouldn't be relied on! Jim Sheppard + John Forde did a LOT of re-rigging in 1981

List of pitches etc:

1980/81 rigging

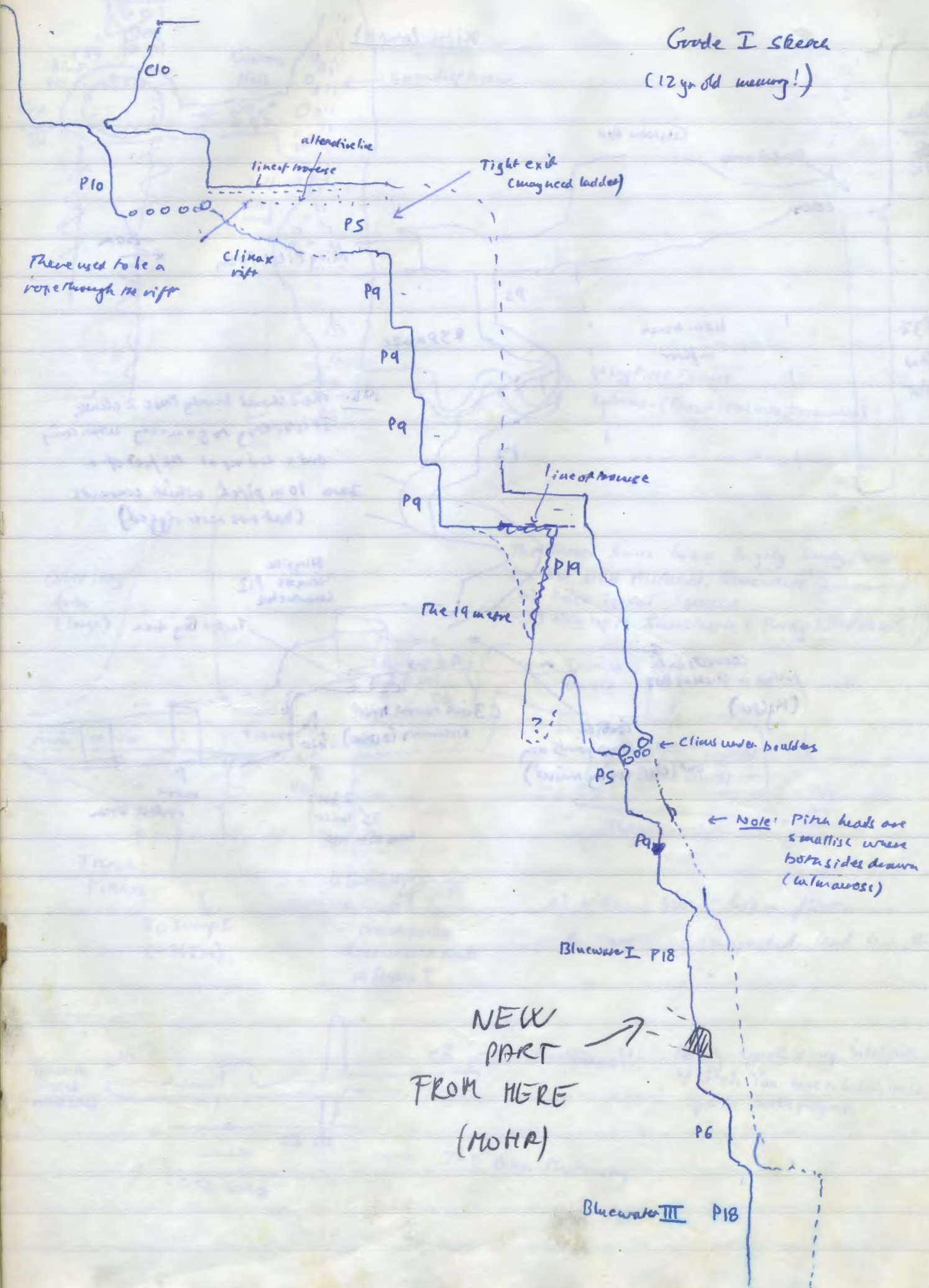
1. Entrance 30' Ladder, no line ← Entrance rift
  2. Blk Rift pitch 5' ladder, no line
  3. } 4 x 9m pitches in quiet succession
  4. } SRT in 1979, Ladder + line otherwise
  5. }
  6. }
  7. 19m pitch SRT, holds (except '81)
  8. 2m 5m ladders, no line
  9. 28' Ladder + line
  10. Bluewater I, <sup>60'</sup>SRT (except '81)
  11. Bluewater II 20' Swothy
  12. Bluewater III 55' - downwell.
- } All follows in quiet succession. Rigger on some length of bluewater

Remark At the bottom of bluewater III is a 120' shaft. Puddle off to a bouldery shelf. Then crawl through to Customs Hall. Chamber with a very deep trench. Crawl round a dodgy traverse (unlined).

Continue to a junction. My piece passage goes left, but instead go down a hole in the floor (5m wind climb) + down a vertical maze featuring one very nasty 5m climb (lined in 80/81) to reach the stream. Coarse arrow pointing outwards at stream.



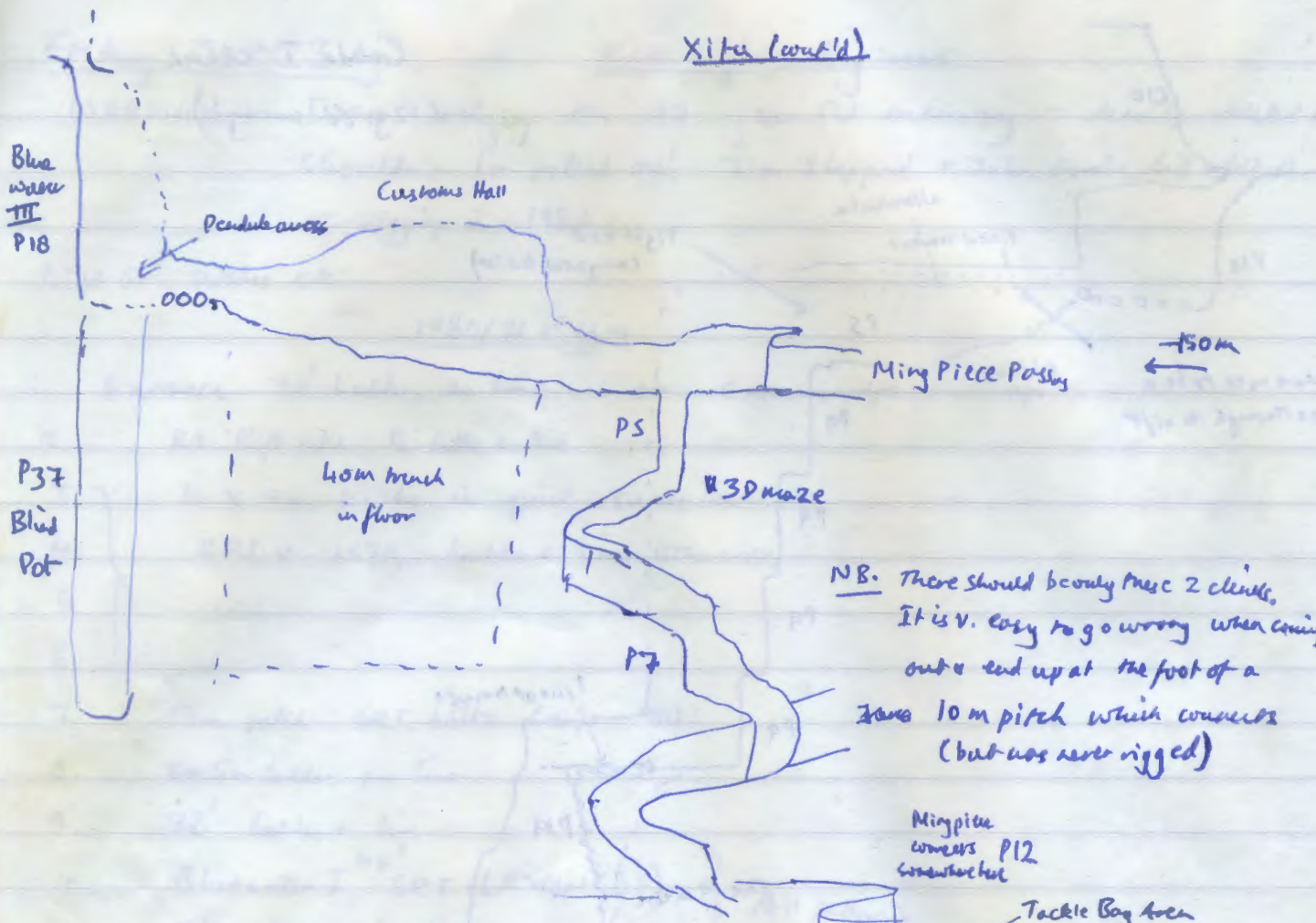
Grade I sketch  
(12yr old memory!)



Xitai (cont'd)

Blue water  
III  
P18

P37  
Blind  
Pot



NB. There should be only these 2 climbs.  
It is v. easy to go wrong when coming  
out & end up at the foot of a  
zone 10m pitch which connects  
(but was never rigged)

Connects with  
track in Customs Hall  
(righter)

Coastline  
arrow points way  
out (else easily missed)

WEST  
WENT  
FROM HERE  
(HORN)