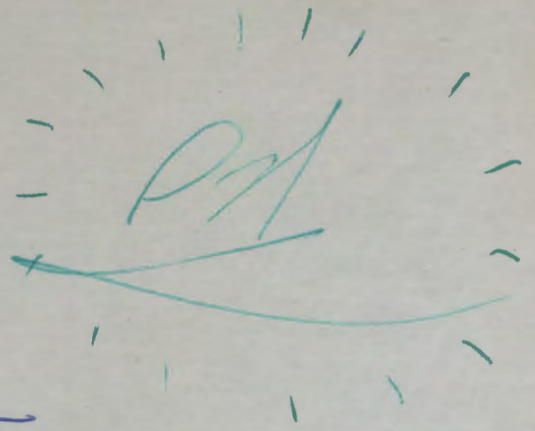


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**Black n' Red**  
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**A4**



Paul



Sean

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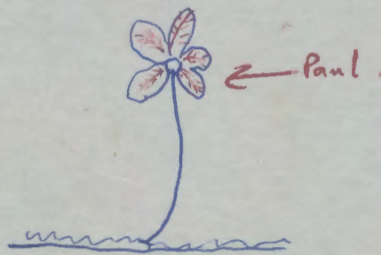
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Richard · Wilkin (again!)

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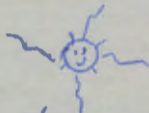


Steve

Katya

Tony

Steve



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pp Chris (he's at Arco.)

29/6/93 Expedition arrives at Los Lagos at 8:00pm, with the ferry arriving at Diepe at 12:30am.

30/6/93. Sam and Paul go shopping, everyone else re-builds the camp. 2:30 the shopping has still not arrived, so we assume that they forgot to do the shopping before the shops closed. Time to go to Arica and write in the logbook. Scan

30/6/93 We went to Arica first, filled the gas bottles (395 pts/bottle) + then to get train & coach times for Santiago.

Coach 9:05 (departures from Arica)

11:35

17:05

19:00

Arica

Santiago

Train 9:46 → 12:59

17:07 → 20:20

20:08 → 21:10

Liones

We then went to Conces, did shopping etc, left for Rio Grande & the Ice Cream shop knew that we'd arrived, and showed David M to let him know we'd arrived safely (& to find out Juan Jose's telephone number.)

We were back at ~ 2:50pm! (Super markets open until 2:00pm, then 5:00 - 8:00pm.)

Everyone but Sam then did a carry to Arica, it started raining, and the bar had closed before we'd finished our dinner.

It rained all night, and all morning for a brief spell at 11:00am, when everyone got up.

It is now 12:10 pm, and it is raining more.

Water, water, everywhere ....

Rob



Sun.  
4/7

Well, many days have past and its still raining. It paused briefly, the sun even shone for about 3 hours, but now its raching again. There were lots of tourists here yesterday and today, but I can't see them anymore because of the mist. On Friday some tourists tried to go boating in Lago Encina but the ICOWA man waved his radio at them and sent them back. There was a Guardia Civil landrover here today with its blue flashing lights on - but he went away later. ICOWA hasn't visited us yet - they have looked at our tents twice and driven off without talking to us. Perhaps after 32 years they know who we are...

Dave

Sun.  
4/7

Rob would like it known that he has carried the following to Ario...

1. Tomatoes, whole, tinned, 2, small
2. Sugar, caster, bagged, 1
3. Milk, powdered, bagged, whole, 1 \*
4. Oats, tinned, 2
5. Notebooks, some, writing, counts for the use of
6. Pencils, ditto
7. Calculator, accounts, for the doing of ... no sorry, surveying
8. Survey Instruments, 1 set, new
9. Tape, 30m, new
10. Himself + various bit and pieces of his own

Dave

\* This a milk-POWERED carry?



Sun.  
4/7

In case everything else gets lost I'll put the survey instrument calibrations in here too...

Set 1 New Clinometer 0 Compass 0

Set 2 OK/OK Clinometer 0 Compass +1

Set 3 STIFF/OK Clinometer +1.5 Compass +2.

Tape 1 and 2 are New Tape 3 has some marks missing but has been remarked

To get accurate result Subtract these figures from the readings in every case.

Dave



To avoid confusion, don't even think about using this information until you come to write-up the survey. All you need to do is note down which instruments you are using.

Important notice on the next page.



## Callouts and other related matters.

For the second time I have arrived at Aris in thick mist after going caring to find an apparently deserted camp. In the mist, it is only possible to see the tent when you are standing about 2 meters from it. Fortunately, we all had whistles, so we managed to find Harvey, who was on his way to Ica, and regroup. By chance we stumbled across the tent.

It is much easier to see the tent if there is a light on in it. It doesn't need to be very bright, and it won't use much gas, but it will save you from being woken up by whistling ears.

This morning, after our 9 am call-out had passed, and we got up, I was shocked to find that the only other person at Aris was Rob. Did it ever occur to the more experienced people on the Expedition what might have happened if one of us had slipped and been injured. Even if we had only been slowed down, we would probably have run-out of light and been forced to stop. So, in the morning, Rob would have got up at 11-00 am, not knowing about the call-out system and probably started to worry. By now, Sam and Paul, the only other ears capable of doing anything about a rescue, had gone shopping. We would therefore have been underground for at least another 12 hours.

This means two things.

First, there should always be enough people at Aris by the time a call-out may occur to carry out a satisfactory rescue. This can be achieved by

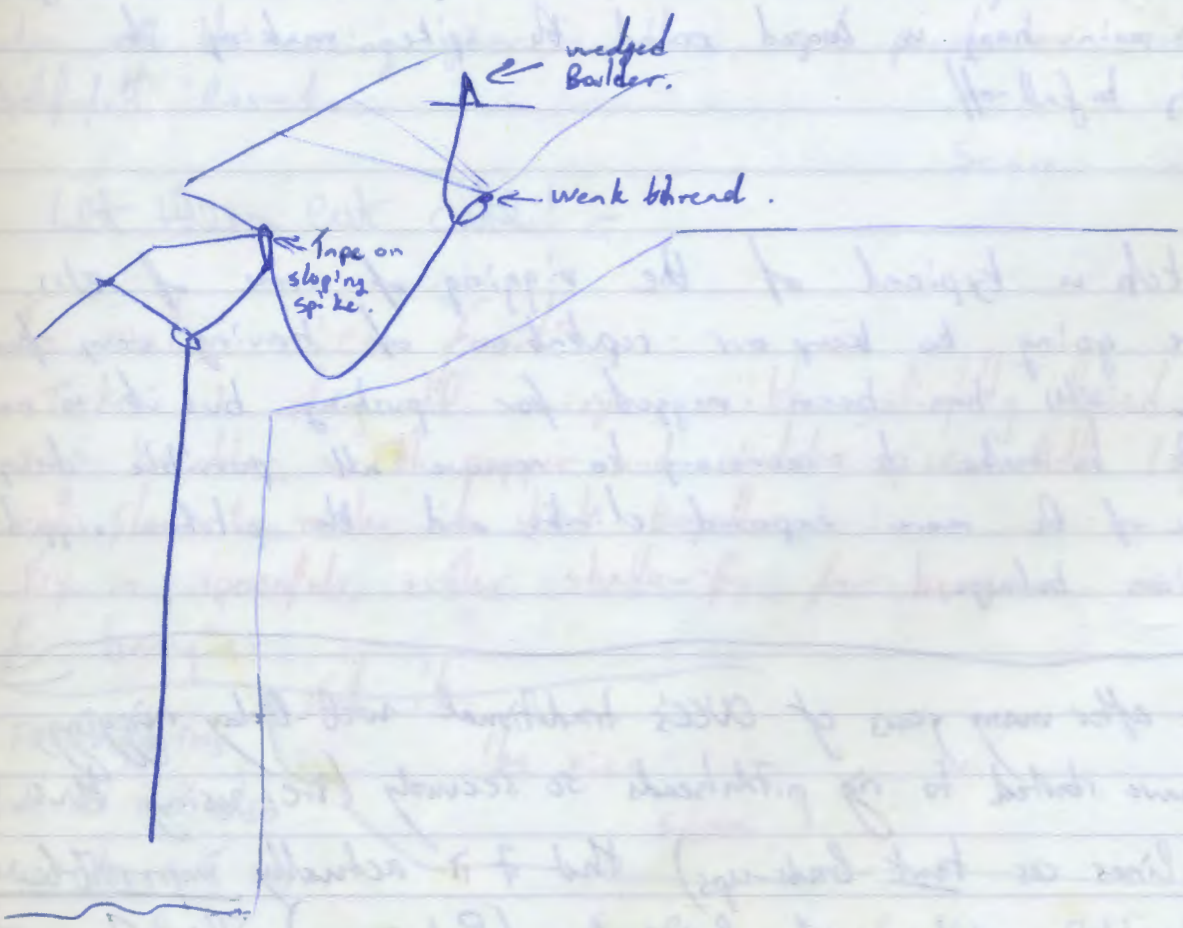


making sure that there is a team prepared to go early the following day.

Second, there is no point in writing down a 9 am call-out if you don't have enough carbide to last this long.

Everyone ought also to read the Rescue Guide, so they know what to do.

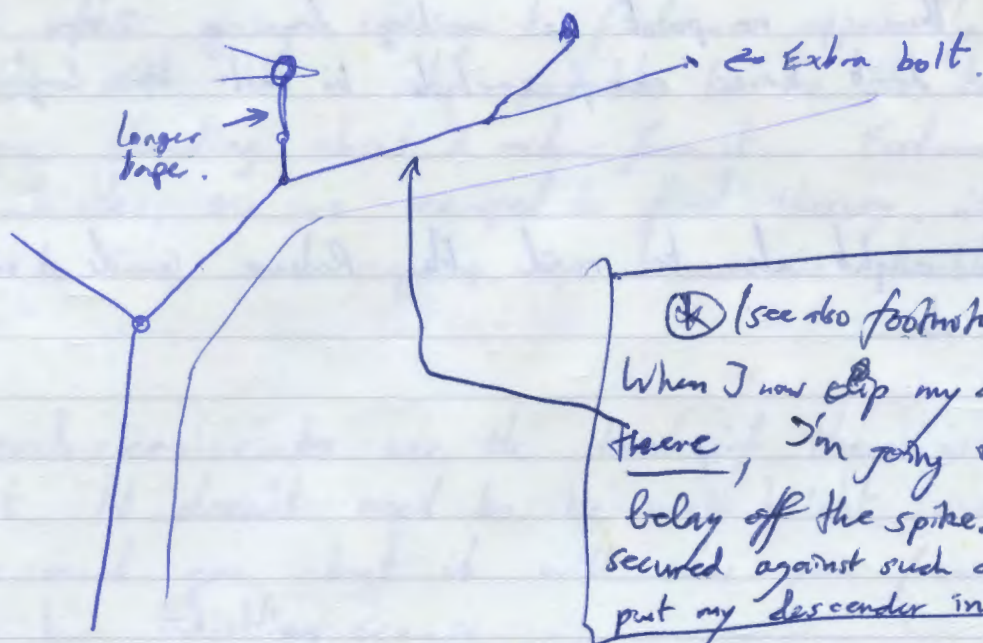
How to rig a pitch, by Paul Mann.





(b)

How to rig this pitch safely / although it can be improved with more rope.



This way, there is no slack rope above the main hang, the backup, also used as a descent over a steep slope is a Y hang, and the main hang is looped round the spike, making it less likely to fall off.

This pitch is typical of the rigging of some of 8/11. If we are going to keep our reputation of having very few accidents, 8/11 has been rigged for pushing, but it is now big-enough to make it necessary to remove all possible dangers, like some of the more exposed climbs, and the pitches rigged from dubious belays.

(\*) Comment - after many years of OCC's traditional web-belay rigging, people have started to rig pitchheads so securely (i.e. using the approach lines as taut back-ups) that it is actually impossible to go down on most types of descenders (Petzl e.g.). This of course makes the pitches very safe. Nevertheless I'd like to be able to go down a pitch from time to time. Remedy - install backups /



Yet more common sense from the Treasurer.

Over the past couple of days, it seems that 3 people have been unable to carry enough food to Aris for 3 people underground. This may be related to the eating of Cobs of vegetables for lunch at Aris by people carrying food.

It should be obvious that food is in short supply at Aris, especially at this stage of the expedition when there is a lot of carrying gear which who needs carrying up. In short, for those who haven't been told or don't know any better, try and avoid eating much at Aris, especially if you are only walking up and down. This can be easily achieved by eating either before or after walking to Aris.

Second, eat things like soup and pasta (i.e. dehydrated food) which is easy to carry, and don't do stupid things like cooking chips. It is acceptable to be more extravagant at Aris only when all the carrying gear is there, and people are walking up with half-full rucksacks.

Sean

Let them eat cake! a.

To make nice food:-

Take 1 day-old curry, with slightly dried-up rice-mix together, with pepper and vindaloo spice. Add 1 egg per person and flour to make it stick together.

Fry in spoonfuls, either shallow-fry for burgers, or deep fry for bany'ns.

eat it.

lbs nice.

Sean

→ secondaries that do not also have to act as

traverse lines or even as abseiling ropes for the pitchhead ramps.

15/8/93

Uchard



(8)

Wed

7/7

Well finally the sun has come out at Lagos.  
Not a cloud in the sky — but it's still cold.  
I have moved some carts and moved the trailer. I have  
reorganised the Big Tent, moved the guy ropes to  
force people to avoid the worst mud, moved the van  
a bit — this was very difficult.

No matter why think very carefully before trying  
to drive the van over the grass when  
it's wet.

My washing is hung out — well not washed just  
wet. The puddles are almost gone, I have 'stolen'  
2 pallets from the building site — there are 2 more  
for someone else to get later — they are quite  
heavy.

The puss from my ankle has dried up — it only  
hurts now it's not infected and septic — so I'll walk  
over to Haja La Madre to see if I can find it.

Dave

Note on helping stuck cars:

If you offer to help pull a car out of the mud  
and they want you to push it further on to the  
mud — do it, at least you can have a laugh.

If someone has genuinely tried to avoid getting  
stuck but failed they might as well get some  
help

If you see someone drive deliberately and straight



into the small pool - (not the cow trap, but the small one next to it - some people may remember the very very large German Motorhome which was sunk in it last year) - then don't help, just laugh. It took about 20 people to get them out again, but the dozy woman driving it had gone straight toward it with out a care in the world and the front wheels had sunk in 24 inches of sludge.

Done

How to make a pan of something really disgusting looking:

Take the basic ingredients for Curried Lice Burgers, put into a pan, leave for 24 hours, open pan

Its horrid, wash it up now.

Done

Notes about cows

8.7.93.

- (1) They're better than English Cows
- (2) They are stupid and deserve to get eaten
- (3) They are quite tasty
- (4) They don't like being milked
- (5) They get lost and have horns or do dent
- (6) They protest a lot
- (7) They don't help much up
- (8) They require all British who were

rather  
real conditions in a private manner prefer to eat grass than kill them with their horns



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What we did yesterday at Ario:

Paul and I did a surface survey for 8/11 while the two new tape measure and things while all the tourists sat and watched what we were doing. Got sunset but not very much. Also 3 people not coming but I've only seen 1 of them since.

There is a big dragonfly sitting on my tent guylines

The day before, Freda, Paul and I dug out some big boulders and dropped the down a new hole in the ground with a Gopher and some rope etc. Below was a most Sarskey sized cave about 20 m deep with a slightly larger boulder chink at the bottom

Go

To have fun with tourists and cows, line up a suitable quantity of covers, behind a cow, and make a buzzing noise, while chasing the cow towards the tourists. Once the cow is convinced that it is being chased by a giant cow-eating-fly, leave it alone and it will happily work hard in the campsite.

Fri

9/17

In the back of the van there is a very big obvious pile of gear and food which should be carried to Ario today.

Done