

then Mike lost the end of the tape at the bottom of the next pitch, and then just when we thought the survey was going well, at the bottom of Tony's pitch in the bypass, we met... The bottom of the pitch again! While surveying our loop, Mike had fallen in a pool of water, so we went to the brew point for some Oxiaion soup, and to try and warm up. Here we were joined by Dave, who had given up with James & Vladik for company, and decided to ~~give~~ come back out with us. We started surveying, but after a few legs Dave ~~was~~ earned himself dinner in Conyers, by making Mike stop surveying and go out as quickly as possible to keep warm. We got to the surface at about 5.40 am just in time for a good view of the ~~sunrise~~ sunrise as we walked back to camp.

Survey "who's the queer, is me" Smith. John

5/7/94

TOP CAMP - ARRIVED AT LAST - GOT DROWNED  
Pete

6/7/94

100 GOT A HANDECKER

Mmm crunchy frog.

Pete

5/8/94

**F83** (X) New cave 10m (true) right and above Brown Gully, opposite the F34 rist. Bearing  $350^\circ$  to jump on route to Ridge Cave. 8m shaft then 4m climb down rist with fossils.

**F24** (X) See shaft backing guide for location. 10m shaft to boulder floor.

**F27** (X) 8m ladder down to rock bridge. Continuing ahead leads to further 5m descent to passage floor leading after a few metres to a choke. Alternatively, doubling back under pitch leads to stow (also reachable by doubling back from rock bridge) and choke.

Today is the tenth anniversary of caves F20-F27 being discovered by Andy Ribley, so it is appropriate that two of them have finally been described!

Alternative version: Gavin zipped up and down lots of shafts. Sharon carried gear around and kept falling over.

S.S. ENTERPRISETHE JOURNEY CONTINUES.

EPISODE 10

WLOPEK + JAMES

TIME WINDOW

STAR DATE

5/8/94.

We woke up at 8:00. We left at 8:00. We got back at ? 8:00. After a knackered 12 hr festering and a "quick" 24hr

trip.

It was mine my turn to carry Bertie. Switching controls to automatic I met Wlodek at the Enter tainer. Tea and brandy wa needed. Tea and brandy wa got. Fortunately the Primus was coaxed back into action. We made a little room out of tape and survival bags and I arranged things, coiled rope and cooked some Chitte while Wlodek hung the meat cleaver, a precariously perched loose bolder, using bolts, wires and tape.

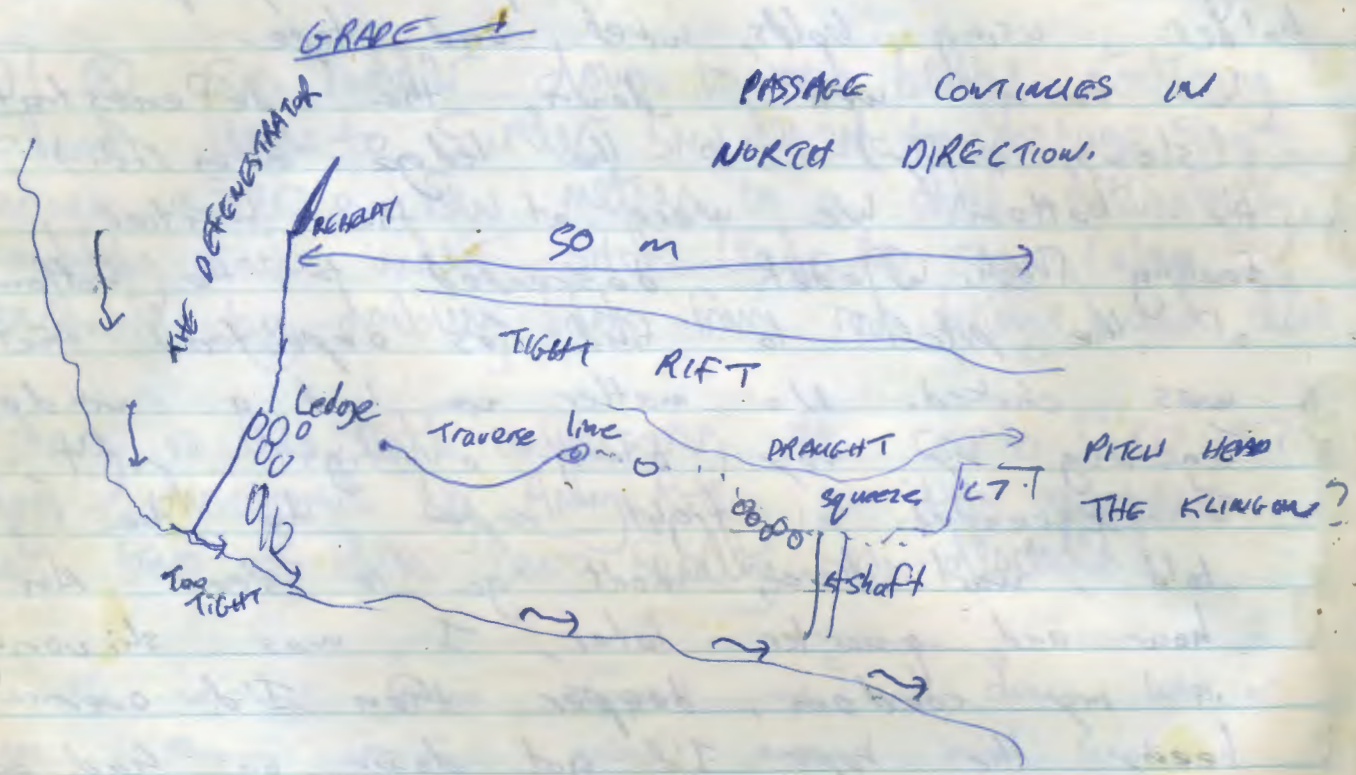
We then went down the defenestrator (slowly, slowly) to the ledge 20m (ish) above the bottom. We were at the frontier.

Feeling fresh, Wlodek descended to the bottom of the pitch to find (as expected) that it was choked. No matter we had a window!

Inching my way along a tight rift, I descended a tight rope to be told, "wait here, don't go to sleep." An hour and quarter later, I was shivering in my condom, deeper than I'd ever been, the rope I'd got down on had gone.

Free climbing out I re found Wlodek who had found a tight way on through about 50m of rift (horizontal). We found a shaft but it wasn't draughting so Wlodek tried a draughting squeezer. We had left our hammer a while back and Wlodek could not get through without it. I had a go and in five minutes was through. Ahead the rift closed down again but after moving balanced boulders from above me

I climbed up 3 meters to find another squeeze. Are you still reading this? I hope so. Any way through the squeeze 3m horizontal the rift opens up and a 7m climb leads to a pitch. THE KLINGON. 6 second rattle with the sound of water at the bottom and draught. After looking for windows I rejoined Vlodak. We surveyed 29 stations back to the meat cleaver had a brew and then went out, meeting Steve R, John and Pete in a Snublet oversuit at the bottom of death wish.



Dave: 'I've been asleep all day & I'm still tired. It's James' fault for not letting me sleep all last night.'

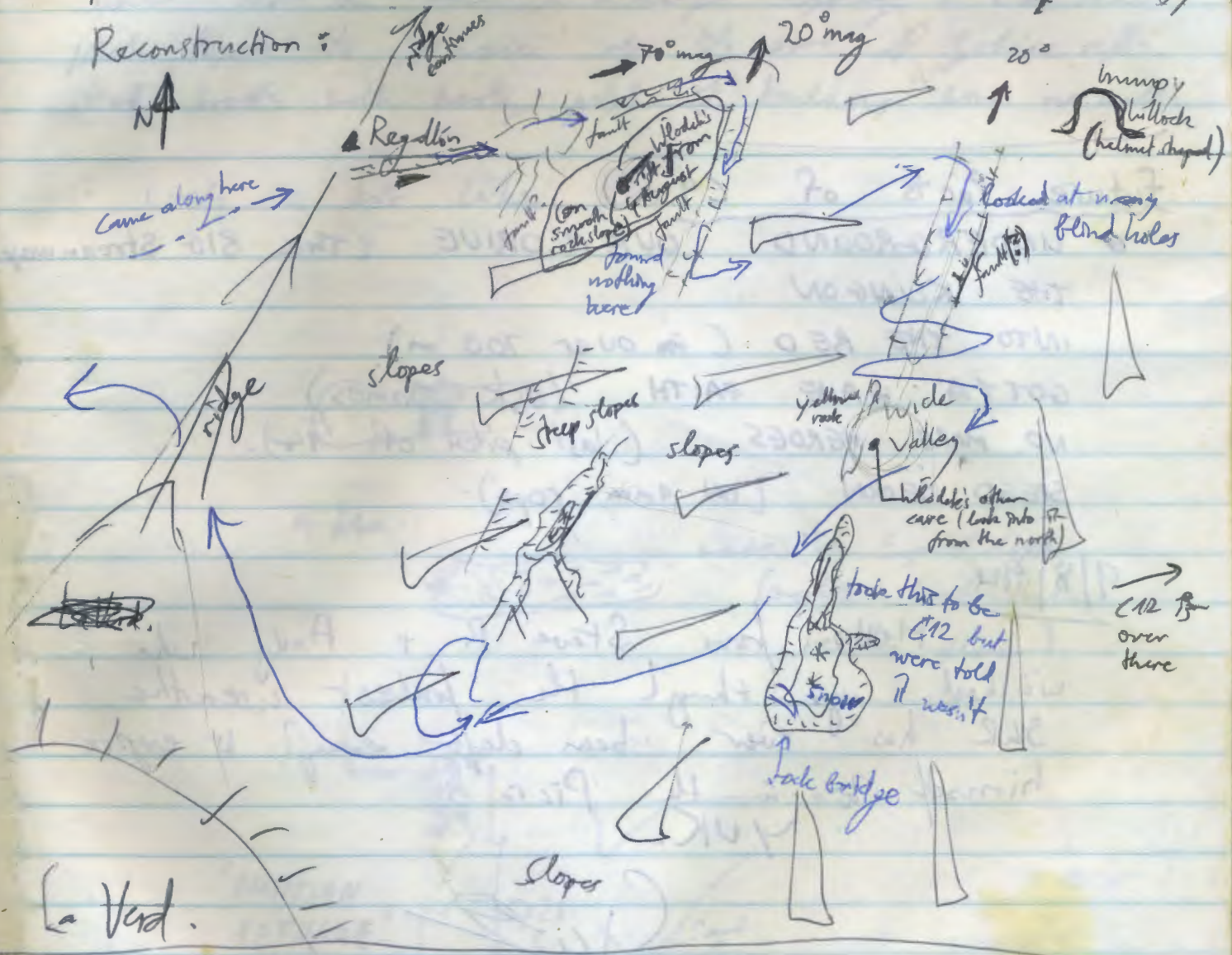
CAVING LESSON N<sup>o</sup> 4

Always cave at the speed of the slowest person

7/8/94. Xitu

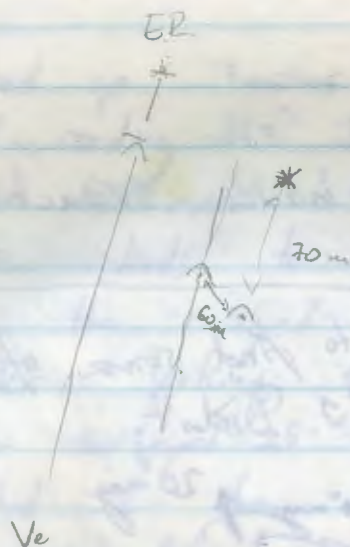
Anglo - Spanish relations have reached a peak. James.

8/8/94 Ilka & Gerhard trying to find some of Wladek's potential lower entrances to C9. Didn't.   
 towards Tras la Joyada



Assuming that C9 = C3, the name should be 'Torca de la Verde = Alucaya' rather than 'Soma Verd.' The word 'Simra' (abyss) is not normally used in this part of Spain, it belongs further south. 'Torca' is the local equivalent.

yohand



### Future Parts of C9

- UNDERGROUND OVER DRIVE (The BIG Streamway)
- THE KLINGON
- INTO THE RED (4m over 700 m)
- GOTTA HAVE FAITH (ask James)
- NO MORE HEROES. (last pitch of '94).
- SPEED DEMON. (ON 9mm rope).

9/8/94

Hello from Steve R. + Andy who  
walked up thru the funnest weather  
SR has ever been daft enough to expose  
himself to in the Pica.  
YUK.

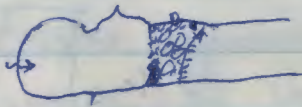
Steve

1944-08-09-10 Wookay & Ben 14 hrs

The end of F64.

Booied on down, amazing wookay with the  
resilience of the small kits. Lots of star pikules,  
And water of rift got us to the snowing peak.  
A cold house or so had us at the end of Abcase.  
Spent about an hour & a half rigging a 25-30m  
pitch beyond the 'Moraine' at the end of Zodiak rift.  
Had trouble with heavy pile of boulders down one wall.

Looks a bit like this:



at bottom:



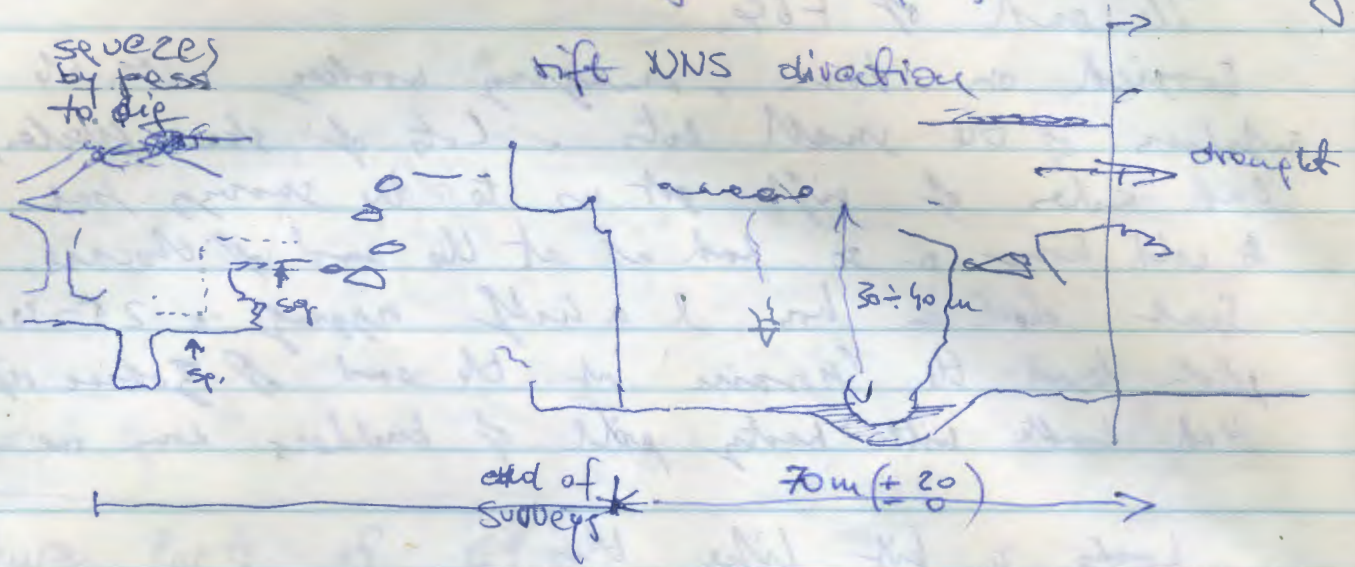
around the top of slope  
(worth a look but  
needs glass)

'AUSTRIAN  
REFUGEE'  
PITCH

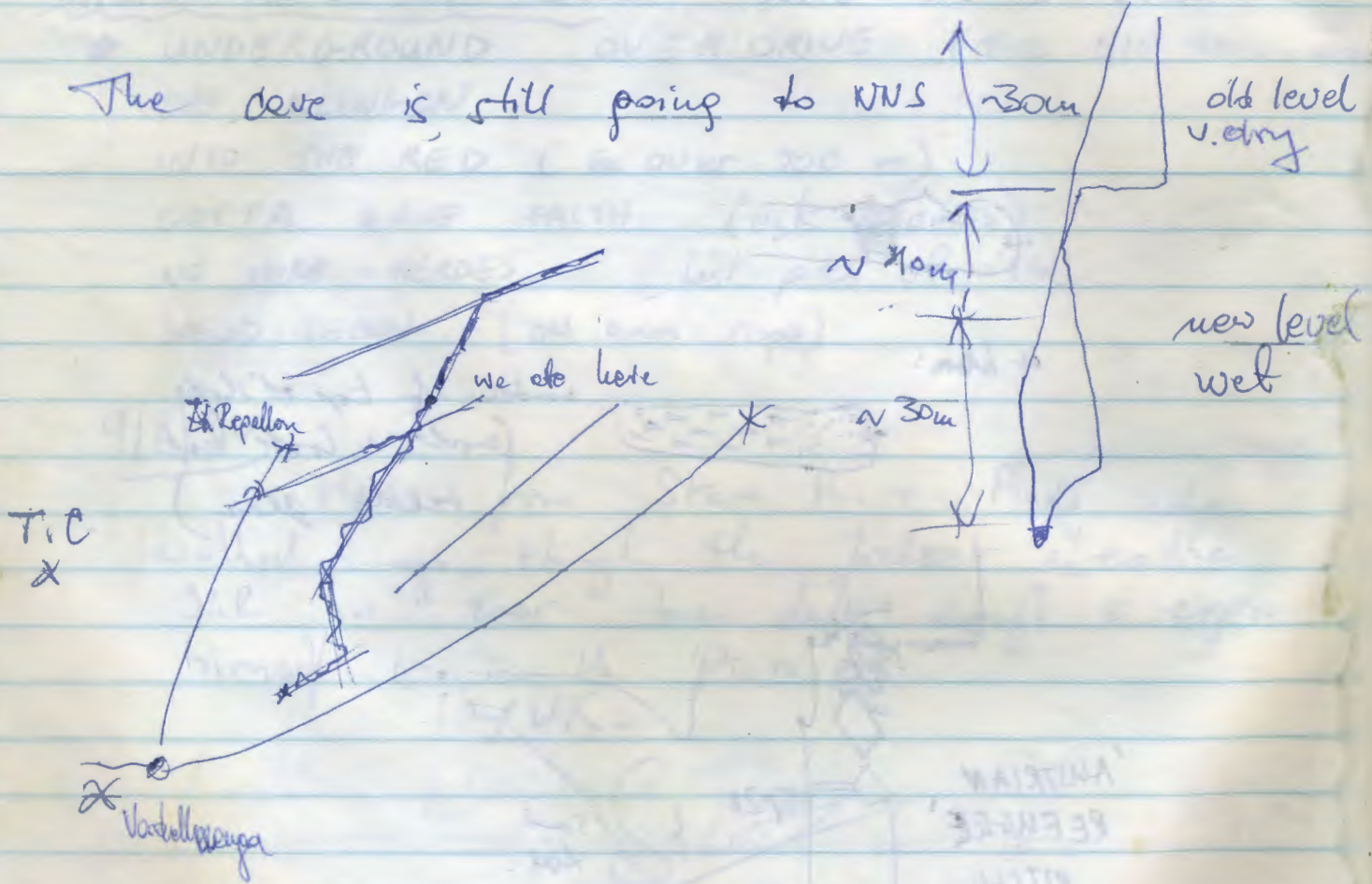


8/9-08-95

CP pushing + surveying + detailing



The cave is still going to NNS 30m old level v. dry





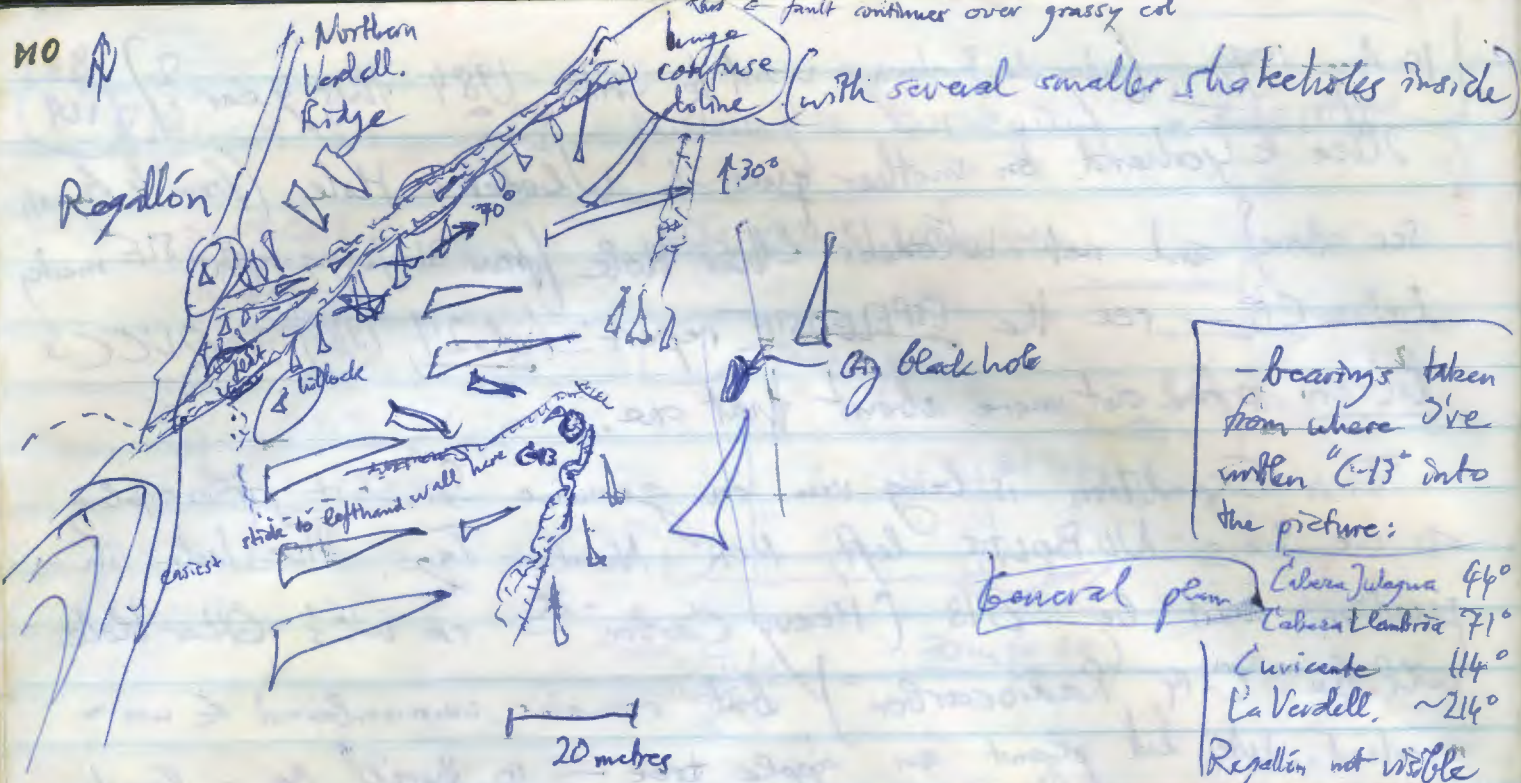
10 Aug 1994 July do I always want to write 1984 this year? (109)

Ikea & Gerhard on another quest to Włodzek's Hole (from 4 August see above) and not Włodzek's Other Hole (from 31 July, with STE marks below C12 - see the ESPELEOSTE report (vol. 27, 1989) in DUCC's library to find out more about that one.

This Expedition is being run on genuine Socialist principles, so we have NO BOLTS left, NOR Number Tags. The hole in question must be C13 ("Heavy Carbon"\*) so WE's Other Hole will be C-14, "Radiocarbon" but remains unnumbered & unmarked. We did plant an apple tree - so there'll be a landmark in years to come, unless the large black mouse living near the entrance devours it first...

Location. Easiest approach is by walking across & up to the Regallón (the hump on the Verdelluema → NNE ridge), or more precisely to the flat little col just up the ridge. Two fault-controlled scree gullies on bearings about 70° may leave the ridge at an acute angle on the far side, uniting ~20m downhill from the Regallón. Cross both gullies to the south, climb up the next little hillock to get a panoramic view of the Jaltaya - Curicente - Verd. ridge, and descend the 30° slope towards Curicente for about 60m until a pretty obvious NNE-SSW rift bars your way. This is already part of C-13 but it is best to follow it (down & left) to where it is joined by a 4m by 2m shaft, separated from the open rift by a 0.5m wide, 1m high rock bridge. Easiest access to the depths is down the near end of this shaft. Joining it from a 280° direction are the eroded remains of an inlet, at present surface/hillside level, with a fossil shaft bottom discernible ~8m away; in one wall of this, a phreatic tube starts out 30cm high by 15cm wide, closing down to 10cm diameter. (The Mouse lives among the boulders there.)

\* seriously, it should be 'GRIETA DEL REGALLÓN',  
\* grieta meaning 'rift'.



-bearings taken from where I've written "C-13" into the picture:

General plan	Cañon Julagua 46°
	Cañon Llanura 71°
	Curicante 44°
	La Verdell. ~214°
	Regallón not visible

Enlarged view (surface features)

(identity confirmed by WE side)

