

and only struggled for $\frac{1}{2}$ an eye. The
 more tight rift (I thought C9 was supposed
 to be B/G11) & finally a break for turn
 & chocolate at 'No More Throes'. Then on
 to the new shift, found this gear. We found
 'Well Jim' - quite nice & and bottomed 'Walter's
 Not Coming'. And finally to the ~~pitch~~^{10m} pitch
 'I ain't natural' which the rigging ain't.
 Rigged with a natural as backup & a piece of
 tape around very sharp popcorn as a belay,
 I was a bit nervous to watch Alex descend.
 So I stood back for a bit and BOOM!!
 And the cave lit up like day light as a huge
 flame appeared from where Alex descended.
 The corbide, foolishly (hindsight = 20/20) left
 in a 2 Ziplocks, had opened & the pool at
 the bottom supplied the necessary fuel.
 Alex yelled that he was okay as we looked
 over the edge, hastily putting out flames.
 The tackle bag was flaming out the top &
 Alex was struggling to unclip it from
 himself & get it out of the water.

He threw off his helmet & generator
 & dragged the tackle bag dry, but it
 was still flaming & with every man
 would spout fire like a dragon and gore.
 Suddenly, the fumes got bad & Alex yelled
 for prussik gear. This gear, along with
 John, chocolate, hammer, survey instruments,
 tin opener, was in the tackle bag, nicely
 flaming. We hastily tied Rob's gear to
 the rope & Alex put it on, head now
 spinning. But he made it to the top where
 we all sat letting our hearts stop racing &
 let out a collective 'shout'. Alex was mildly
 burned & lost some facial hair, but more
 shook up than anything. We soon
 headed back to 'No More Heros', where
 we had a chocolate break (Rob had 1 bar
 in his prussik bag) & stared at the tin
 of peaches we left as a reward for our
 return. The tin opener was in the tackle bag.
 We began to wonder if the Dragon Man would
 repair it, but thought he probably would not.

Then we headed back through 'Cronely
 Fog' & 'Gotta Have Faith' to 'Deserestrato'.
 I ~~was~~ ^{won} the race to put on pressik gear
 & went up first. Hint - yell 'Rope Free' on
 the big ledge after ~~most~~ 'Cleave' they can't
 hear you beyond. Luckily they didn't wait
 overly long, but I had emerged, met Wlodek,
 Snablen, & a very tired Anette coming down
 'The Entertainer' & had some food before they
 arrived. Wlodek left (we needed more fuel
 since ~~our~~ 2 of our staves didn't work) &
 ended up calling a full ~~resp~~ rescue, well,
 have rescue as Dave & Paul decided that they
 could sleep before going down. Appears Wlodek
 arrived back at 3am. But, everything was
 fine & we ate merrily, Raven food included, and
 went to bed. Another day in the life of an
 ACC cover.

M, Ica

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28-8-95 Team Mike (Rob, Mike, Snablet)

Welcome to 'no More Heros'. The camp has been mostly moved. 8 tackle bags, 3 people, 1 Crunchy Prox & a bunch of rft. 4 hours traveling time. Not too bad, if I say so myself. So we're here. Had a bite to eat & settled in to push? Maybe. Stay tuned.

28-7-95

Mike

ROB + MIKE + SNABLET

VISTED LIGHTNING

TO CONTINUE EXPLORATION → "FAILED!!"

TO THE LEFT (UPSTREAM) REACHES A VERY LOW WET DUCT 2 1/2 cm AIRSPACE. TO THE RIGHT GOES INTO A VERY WET SUMPY LOOKING PASSAGE WITH 30cm AIR SPACE WE RECKON IT SUMPS ~~FOR~~ JUST OUT OF SIGHT, NO DRAUGHT AT ALL AT THE BOTTEM OF LIGHTNING. THE OTHER PASSAGE REACHES A SMALL CONSTRICTION AFTER 10M NEEDS DIGGING TO CONTINUE BUT THERE IS NO DRAUGHTS AND ~~IF~~ IT IS AN INLET. WE SURVEY

THE PITCHES, THEN SEARCHED FOR ANOTHER
WAY ON, NO LUCK YET.

SNARET

It's just gone 1pm and we are cooking
we find meal before the ascent; hopefully we will
be out by sunset. The new campsite is pretty
good and way better for pushing. I hope the next
team can actually find something to push. I suggest
looking high up in the rift just after "You know I
don't think Walter's coming" because the cave appears
to make a U-turn somewhere around there (probably
at the obvious corner!).

Rob

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Mon 31 July

Team "enthusiasm overload"

Pauline, Will, Dave and Chris D.

With the news that the cave had snumped arriving just as we were getting up at ~~the~~ sunny top camp, the preparations for camping took second place to making eggy bread. A despondent Dave ~~to the~~ set off to the entrance on his own at midday and was just going underground as the rest of us arrived.

He zoomed down to the old camp at T3 where he spent 3 hours shivering ~~as~~ until we got there. A 3 hour shiver followed by 2 hours lugging tacklebags through a rift not designed for tacklebags lugging and Dave became all beaming smily and cheery. Some people are ~~unfathomable~~ unfathomable!

There is an awful lot of ~~camp~~ useful stuff in this cave, at both camp sites. We

brought with us the 2 tacklebags packed on the surface and also packed 2 more ~~at~~ from the Old camp. We decided that the most essential things were: ~~these~~

- * the 4th sleeping bag
- * the radio
- * ~~carbide~~ carbide
- * rope (otherwise Wodek will tell us off)

Chris reported a surreal moment - having the radio, playing Dire Straits, passed through the Crunchy Frog.

On the way Dave and I tried to think of 10 reasons to carry tacklebags through the nasty rifts, but ~~only~~ got stuck after 3.

1. ego.
2. they contain something useful like food.
3. the rift will never seem so unpleasant again.
4. ...
5. ...

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~~we~~ we had lots of food, ponché and sleep and are feeling good now, although Will is ~~still~~ warming himself over a candle again ...

R.

Hello James and Wlodek.
Left here at midday-ish.
See you midnight-ish.

Good morning Dave & Paxton.
Hope you managed to get some sleep. Please can you take out some BDHs with rubbish in + t bags.

Managed to use all the pythons
hurrah - with Chris

11/8/05 (at No More Heroes)

↑ August + Wlodek is
ready for his 1st pushing trip
this expedition!

Yesterday, James + Wlodek left in the morning and got to T3 in under 3 hrs.

Pauline + Dave,

You need to change deviation on Snab in the Park (it rabs).

(Take 2^d feet of tape).

Edgar

We found traverse from top of Cascade pitch in Big Varnos to ledge of Entertainer - needs rigging in the future.

At T3 we picked up an extra full tackle bag each and carried these to No More Heroes - an excellent campsite.

I went for slow delivery
on Refenestrator while
Wlodek went express.
(United Parcel Service)

Left in Cave — half tin of
octopus at start
of 'Gotta Have Path'.

And where's the Ponché???

Well done Will, Chris, Pauline &
Dave for finding the
way on.
Hope we'll extend it.

See you this evening Will &
Chris.

Pauline — Have a good journey
back. Love + Peace,

James

Dave — a 2 person team
(Sablet? Alex? Pivo? Harvey?
John?) could come