

UBSS LOG BOOK ^①

JULY 31st 1943

TO

APRIL 22nd 1946

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University of Bristol
Speleological Society.

Camp Log:

July 1943 —

CAMP RULES

1. The logbook must be written up after each camp and all work done recorded.
2. Carrying clothes must not be left in the hut. The clothes shed was not made to put bicycles in. LEAVE BIKE BEHIND THE HUT. The clearing is not a car park.
3. ALWAYS refill the kettle after making the tea.
4. Put all porridge, flour, fat etc. that is left out here into the tins provided. The rats are not registered here.
5. Whenever you come out to camp make some addition to the fuel store: do not use any more firing than necessary.
6. The wood in front of the hut belongs to Lady Wills, the wood at the back of the hut does not belong to us. Dead wood ONLY must be collected.
7. Do not use paraffin for lighting the fire. Used candle ends are kept in a pie dish by the door for this purpose.
8. Do not take whole candles down a cave unless you have to. There are usually plenty of ends about.
9. The seat was constructed to stop people from throwing chud feet outside; throw them over the wall. This also applies to USED CANDLE
10. ALWAYS do the washing up & leave camp CLEAN & TIDY before you go.

August Camp - 1943.Sat: July 31st.

Goddard + Pearce arrived in camp
 10.30 p.m. after leaving Bristol on bikes at
 5.30 p.m. Called on farm for milk + Mrs. Brown
 for vegetables.

Sun: Aug 1st.

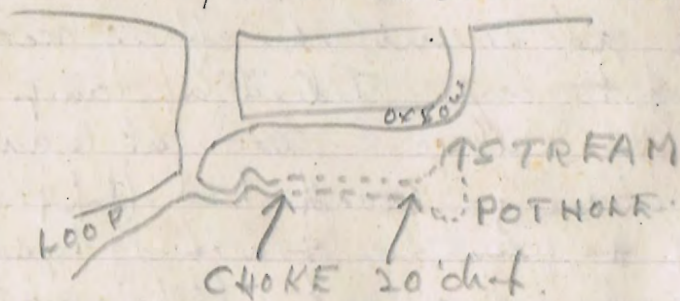
Got up 9 a.m. had breakfast +
 got away by 10.30. Arrived at
 Eastwater after a wet ride + found that
 Paul Dolphin, Jack Jorrett + Mac
 had gone on down. Met the way to
 + party at top of cave + saw Jack Duck
 at the stumps.

Went down Eastwater at 11 a.m.
 + found cave ladder. Met Dolphin + Co.
 up the top of a rift leading off to the right
 below the second vertical. Explored
 the top of the rift to find a way through
 but were not successful. Went down
 to the bottom of the cave + up the pots
 + reached the top at 4 p.m. Much
 decision poured on W.C.C. ladders
 which nearly resulted in a sad loss
 being sustained by the Society.

Returned to find Dr. Cook + two other
 members in camp. Went to Poulton
 + got Francis on the way back.

Mon Aug 2nd

Got up 10.30 a.m. Had first
breakfast. Settlement spent the
rest of the morning relieving himself of
some. 5 other members arrived & a
party of 7 went down C.B. Dr. Crook
Wearer & Pearce dug in a hole at the
top of the rift joining the Ox Bow &
the loop. A slab of stalagmite
2ft. thick and 3ft. wide was cracked
up & removed & the party went through
into a rift about 8ft high & 6ft wide
in solid limestone leading down to a large
pot, with a 20' vertical. Two members
returned for a rope, & the chief negotiated
only to find that the stream disappeared
to the left in a small crack in solid
rock, in the direction of the main chamber



Party returned to camp at 8 p.m.
Very fine stew cooked by Goddard.

Tues. Aug 3rd.

Got up 11 a.m. had breakfast
 + mended bikes. Deemo went
 down Sidcot to photograph + Pearce
 went down Reeds to collect bugs
 spiders + worms. Remainder of party dug
 at Bath Hole. The shaft was
 continued to a depth of 13-14 ft. +
 rock encountered. Drift is being
 followed between limestone blocks,
 about 2 ft apart. Some upper wall cuts
 removed. Four members left in
 camp. Went to Roubenow.
 Pancakes.

wed. Aug 4th.

Har Trass + Har Sec. in camp
 Cleared out clothes shed + burnt
 a large pile of rubbish. Hung rest of
 clothes up to dry. Tidied up camp +
 went to the village. Too wet to work.
 Made cribbage board had flapjacks
 for supper + went in search of liquor.
 Found some excellent whiskey at the
 Star + walked back through Handif
 Lodge woods. Rae Pancakes
 Fire still alight at 12 midnight.

Thurs. Aug²⁴ - the team, cultural camp - the car left in afternoon.

Tested entrance cement to prevent water and entrance.

Friday Aug²⁵. G.B. visited. 2 photos taken of 1st part up to summit of Mtto.

(Review of Downman article - v good - will require re typing & correcting otherwise publishable the present version. - re Downman article - a little problem & could be re written but contents good - not quite up to standard of present in English etc. - requires also a good deal of further references & information to be putted together - suggest the we get busy with this).

Sat

Review of camp - everything clean & Tidy.
memo - 3 leaks in roof.

(1) where lamp is fixed

(2) over center of fireplace. - suggest repair.

(3) over Trip.

Sat. Sept 25th. Weaver & Pearce arrived in camp at 11:30 am, traversing the Rock of Ages en route. Collected two soft ropes and set off for Eastwater Swallet on bicycles. Walked half way up boombe & managed a hitch as far as the miners' huts. Bicycled as far as Poiddy Pool & then investigated a supposed swallet in the old

mining ground opposite the pool. Situated 200
 feet out in direct line with forestry camp, but
 surrounded by wire fence. "Swallet" proved to
 be an uncapped mine shaft about 40ft deep. This
 shaft has ^{only} recently fallen in & not hitherto been
 logged. Shaft not decended but can quite easily
 without any tackle.

Arrived at Hunter's Lodge had lunch &
 beer (or cider). Left at 1.50 pm for Eastwater.

Arrived Eastwater & entered cave at 2.10 pm.

Traversed boulders and arrived at top of
 380ft way. Descended this to point where water
 disappears into rift on R.H. side. Ascended 350ft way
 and traversed the "Dravese" to the parting. Left
 tackle at the parting & continued on down the
 stream passage to "Mrs Johnson's" squeeze. Squeeze
 very wet & muddy. Pearce investigated same getting
 wet in doing so & decided to try it some other
 time. Retraced stream passage to parting & went
 on into Rift Chamber. Had a thorough examination
 of all known passages etc here & then decided to
 have a look down the first pitch, with a view
 to climbing down. This can be done quite easily
 but it was decided to leave it & have a
 look around the top of Dolphins Passage.

Dolphins Passage can be reached by
 going up the R.H. side of the canyon & taking the
 first passage on the R. At the end of this is
 a fine chimney descent of 90ft (blimable with no
 tackle) This drops out into a very loose chamber

which is in effect the floor of a great aven. Straight on is a small opening under very loose boulders & great care is necessary. Once through the boulders one passes through a low archway to the head of a magnificent soft rift pit. It is climbable with the aid of a single rope.

Great care must be taken in this area as the roof has recently collapsed & the soft pit is DEFINITELY NOT SAFE. No attempt should be made to descend it as a roof fall recently made it very dangerous.

Having examined the possibilities around the passage, we returned to the Canyon & went up as far as the "Wind Tunnel". Next the chimney known as "Baker's Chimney" was climbed into the top series which lead (a) into the Drawse, (b) into the Boulder Chamber. The passage down to the Drawse was descended for investigation. Return via descent of Baker's Chimney.

Voted at a day a left cave via Boulder Chamber & Ruckle of Boulders. Time of leaving 5.45 pm.

Cycled back to camp via Plantation Swallow arrived in camp at 7.0 pm. Pearce once again ascending the Rock by the "back".

Sun. Sept 26th

Pearce, Bill Weaver & M^s Weaver arrived in camp at 5.0 pm & lit fire. Hon. Sec commenced to clean up camp after passing many caustic

remarks about other peoples dirt etc. Language simply terrific, but quite warranted.

Raining hard. Cleared up about 6:30 pm.

Sat. Oct 16th

First arrival Dr. Cooks, followed by Dembo, rather damp. After some time Mike John washed in by floods. After supper had been disposed of, Pearce, Alms, Hugh Jones arrived very late & very wet & forced us to cook another stew. Dr Cooks' pancakes were a flop. Pearce & Co. brought a large amount of bottled beer of which very little was consumed, except by Dr. Cooks. Went to bed before midnight except for Dr. Cooks & Pearce who played cribbage.

Sun. Oct 17th Wake 9 am, arose 10:30 a.m. Breakfast good, but pancake mixture still failed to respond to cooking.

1st party left camp at 1:30 and went to dam. Beer took the ladders and rope down to the bottom of the steel ladder to be followed by the 2nd party and 3 Bridgewater C.C. continued to main chamber and whole party went down except R.P. Party rambled around bottom and went to water chamber and various other muddy holes. Party were finally hauled up at considerable velocity. Party finally came out about 6 oc. in pouring rain arrived back at camp in 2's + 3's about 7 oc to consume a small amount of passable stew. Party finally washed up and left about 8:30.

Amendment: majority of members considered stew good. Everyone except.

Dembo left by 8:45 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 18th Rained most of morning. Left camp 1 p.m.

Oct. 28th Thursday

Pearce, Hayden Davis, Ruth Breen, & Doreen Poyley, arrived in camp 11-30 p.m. Had lunch & left for G.O. to survey area immediately in the vicinity of the entrance of the cave.

On arrival the limits of the Plane Tableing method were shown by the difficulty of obtaining unobstructed sights, owing to the presence of trees & logs, & the undulating nature of the ground. Traversing was also found impracticable owing to the impossibility of accurate pacing.

Eventually a base line was taken along the wall at the N. end of ~~the~~ Gully Field, and sights taken on 3 sink holes in the Haystack field on the W. of the wall, the Crest Swallet, the swallet at the sink of Typing's stream, & the Entrance to G.O.

The Plane Table was then transferred to the point above the entrance to G.O., and a spot near the disappearance of Typing's stream pin pointed for future reference. The entrance of G.O. was also pin pointed.

Returned to camp for tea; left 7-15 p.m. O. Pearce

November 5⁻⁶ FRIDAY

{Mukowski} of Polish Army
Delegat
Wittana

Cradock and Dick Butcher arrived at 6.30 PM. Stew and bed

Sat. 6 Sutchurch and Reels cleaned.

Jeffy Charles & Co arrived 9.30 PM. Cold & wet.

Sun. 7 Whole party cycled via Parkmore to S.B. starting at 11.30 AM, and arrived S.B. 12.45 due to poor time due to call for liquid refreshment. S.B. very wet, David Elbow a regular tube. Took colour photographs in White Passage, Ox Bow, and lower part of main chamber, also set up Rumba Mley. Surfaced at 7.0 PM, fine starry night. Cycled back via Buntington Combe and arrived at Camp frozen.

The journey out was heavily messed by all the party being sent rather quickly to Heaven (or the other place) by a spigot mortar shell fired with great abandon by the local H.C. in the valley below Reels.

In the evening a party down the Axbridge Water Co's tunnel, the gate of which was open. Tunnel now about 800 yds long, only sign of water being a small stream about 10 yds from face which had 5 bore holes in it ready for charges. Toked at 12.30.

Mon 8 Apat 10. AM.

Descended Sutchurch 12.0 AM and a few photos taken. Large army of small boys clanking about armed with cradles caused some trouble. Back to camp at 3.30 PM for a cup of cocoa

and then down Read.

The party entered Reads at 4:30 p.m. and took some photographs in the grotto. Bill Craddock left at 5 p.m. to collect bread from the village, and the rest of the party led by Geoffrey Charles went down the passage through the conglomerate of boulders at the W. end of the Main Chamber. Descended to the stream at the risk of everybody's genitalia, and then re-ascended miraculously finding the way back. Outside Reads a spring was noticed ~~which~~ was belching forth air and water rather like the members of the party did after partaking of the excellent stew prepared by Bill Craddock.

Retired to bed at 12:00 p.m. midnight with heavy bellies & very light hearts.

Tues Cleared camp 10.15 + 17. All cleared.

~~***~~ Friday April 14th

Called up by Toffy Pagan 2:30 a.m. Roused Bertie + Amaradis, Pearce, Pagan went out to camp in Dr. Hutchinson's car. The sidcot boys down Reads since 2 p.m. Thursday. Bertie + Charlie, Rollio + Parjoris arrived 5-15 a.m. Had breakfast + went down cave. The Parties explored Z-alley + Boulder chamber. Found two boys in dark in boulders below Z-alley. Came back to camp + had breakfast. Left 7:30 a.m.

R. Pearce

Saturday Nov 20th

Arnold & Pearce in Camp 8 p.m. hit fire & retired to Rickford. Pet Johnson. Returned to camp to find Dembo in occupation. Made pancakes. To avoid sticking use no powdered milk & plenty of egg powder. 10 cut. coal delivered.

Sunday Got up 10:30 a.m. Cut wood: had large breakfast. Arnold, Johnson & Pearce went down Goatchunch. Descended to water chamber by third way down & got Johnson stuck into egg-shaped hole. Returned to camp & found Bill Weaver had paid a visit. Left 6:30 p.m. Too wet to dig. R. Pearce

Dec 31'

There are 6 unexploded bombs in the Sudlet - third from the Youngs Farm (Laney Farm, Velvet Bottom). W. B.

Jan 1'

New Year Camp: usual formalities & ceremonies duly performed.

Sat. Feb 5th

Pearce + Wetherham in camp 10-30 pm
via Bill Weaver's + 'The Plum of Feathers'
Cooked + ate stew after making camp via Parkoff g.

Sun. Feb 6th

Goatchurch visited. All orifices
thoroughly explored. Party of two encountered
at top of entrance to 'Mail pipe' + lined
up 'Purple Way' much to their disconcertion.

O. B. S.S. proceeded to bottom via Egg-
shaped hole + out via the 'Coal chute'.

Appeared at the entrance as the other
party emerged, causing considerable
confusion.

Retired to camp + consumed rest of stew

Owing to mental confusion on the part of
Hans see. 6-50 h.m. he was missed, which
enabled liquid refreshment to be had
at hand. before catching bus home R.P.

Sun Feb 27

Party of 5 arrived in camp at 11.30.
prepared stew set out over the top and
arrived at G.B. at 2.10, snowing, had a
trip lasting 3 hrs still snowing on back
over the top and consumed a good stew
left camp at 8.10. R. + S. Litterington

Sat. March 4th

Pearce & Dumbo arrived in camp by 6:30 hrs.

Found hut nicely warmed & stew on.

Bertie arrived after a short time & remainder
of stew & pancakes were prepared.

Retired to Rickard where Bill Weaver was met
& much beer consumed. Retired to hut &
consumed stew & pancakes with lemon.

Sun March 5th

Got up 9 a.m. Had breakfast by 10:30.

Open camp & removed woodmen's hut. Then
clearing & provided light entertainment.

A party of Yanks, under Capt. Dennis
& Capt. Blumenthal arrived from Henley.

Party of about a dozen arrived later
on bikes. Yanks, Bertie, Johnny &

Bill Weaver Dumbo & Pearce went down

West Nook G.B. Good trip completed in 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

& Dicks Party of 10 went down Coatchurch &

Gloves at care. Reads. Retired to camp to find

two warbouts & two saucepans full of excellent
American stew cooked by P.D. & J.B.S.

which was eaten with great gusto after
a wash parade in the clearing. Followed
by fruit salad, coffee & tea.

Camp cleared up, & some members
left by 6:30 hrs & bike remainder getting
to Bristol by truck. Very successful camp.
P. Pearce.

Sat. March 18th Dembs arrived with two guests, Brooks (B.N.I.) Douglas (N.S.C.) Had some cider (which later proved to be very laxative) at Rickford, arrived back rather unsteady & discussed Metaphysics till 1:30 a.m.

Sun. March 19th Party of 4 descended Gootchuck & excavated at bottom of pit at end of drainpipe. Shows some promise, but very tight fit. Good stew. B.M. Dembs.

Sat March 25th.

Party of 4 arrived about 8:30 to be closely followed by Bertie Brook, Molly and John Field who immediately started out for Rowberrow. Party left for Rowberrow where Bertie treated them to a double scotch and a couple of pints each. The locals were considerably entertained by the singing of bawdy songs accompanied by one of the party on a Ukulele. Returned to camp about 10:30 and partook of scrambled Real Eggs and Bacon, saw Bertie off at 12:30 to the accompaniment of loud remarks from Bertie not to forget to bring out the rope from G.B. Went to bed at 1:0.

Sunday. Arose at assorted times between 8 and 10 and prepared stew were joined by 10 others who arrived from Bristol. Party of 6 went to G.B. and the remaining 4 to Gootchuck & Reads.

Returned to camp and consumed Stew. 4 members elected to stay in camp so a radio was got working and party then left for Plum of feathers, returned 10:30 and had chips and chips. Bed at 11:0

Monday. Arose at 8:11 precisely (radio check)
 Had fish and blips. Left camp clean and tidy
 at 10:30
 R. A. S. Ottington

Sat. April 1st.

Peace, Dembo + John Parkes arrived
 4 p.m. lit fire + cooked stew. Axe + sledge
 reshuffled. Wood cut. Picked up Bill Fenn
 + Bill Weaver + retired to Bedford. Puck
 liquor consumed. Returned to camp + ate stew
 + played cards. Parker + Peace descended
 Goatchurch. Bed at 11 a.m.

Sunday April 2nd.

Got up 12 noon after losing this
 sleep. Started work on sledge 3 p.m.
 a waterway passage between two rocks
 entered + waded with great difficulty.

7-30 p.m. cave entered. Descended
 into a small boulder chamber out of
 which led two main rifts. Right hand
 one descended by Peace + then a Dembo;
 the latter found that rocks at top were very loose,
 so returned + descended the other rift.

Unknown ~~at~~ drop at end of first rift.

The second rift continued to the
 head of a drop. No active stream.
 Peace descended 25 ft. on a rope +
 refuted a large oven 60-70 ft high.

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Undercut at the bottom and very water
was. Returned to entrance with bones
collected on way. Ran down to Rickford +
celebrated + went on to collect Bill Weaver.
Returned to camp. ate stew.
Left camp for cave 12.30 a.m. with tackle.

Monday April 3rd. 5 a.m.

Party descended with 40ft. ladder + ropes
Entered boulder chamber + dislodged loose rock with
good effect. Tethered ladder + descended
vertical - over 50ft. deep. The total height of
aven which is in solid water worn limestone is
about 80ft. at the foot of the shaft is a
small chamber, the floor of which is covered with
water worn stones + sandy mud. another series of
undetermined height drops into the far end of this
chamber which is about 20ft. long. There is evidence
that water comes down both these crevices in considerable
quantity, although no active stream was encountered
in any part of the cave. The streamy continues
through a small crack in solid rock the right hand
side of which was blocked by a mud choke. This was
partially cleared by means of a crowbar, but a large
sandstone rock barred further progress. This can
be removed with tackle and a further passage
entered. Stones dropped down can be heard to
fall a considerable distance. Two members
explored a passage leading off to the right at the

top of the chof. Past the entrance to this another
 area is entered but was not climbed. The
 passage continues upward to enter the Boulder
 chamber via the first passage, explored when the
 cave was entered on the first occasion.

No stalactites were found, but a number of
 bones - probably sheep - were found, and a complete
 skeleton found at the foot of the vertical.

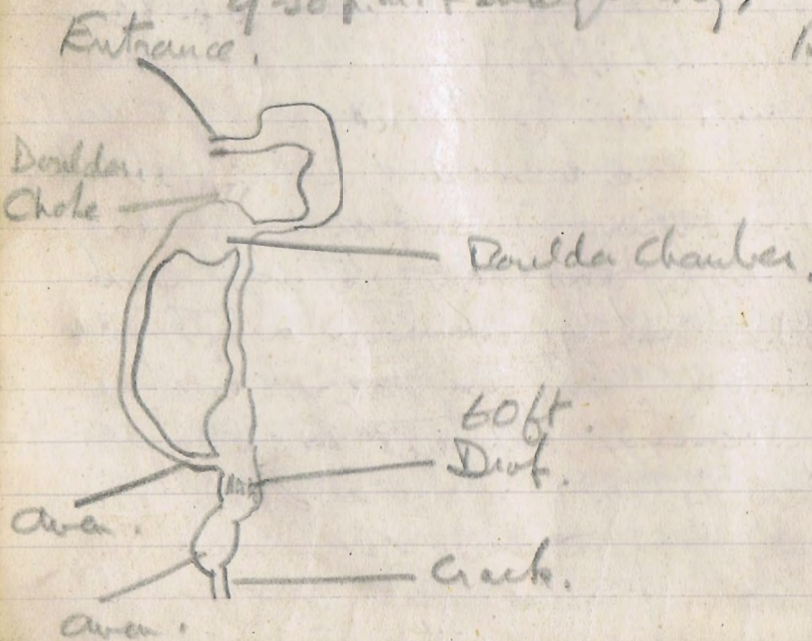
Party returned to camp at 3 a.m. + consumed
 boiled eggs, tea, + pilchards.

It is hoped to meet Bill Weaver at 7-45 a.m.
 for transport to Bristol - if we wake up,
 the rope ladder + cables were left down the cave.

Note

Considerable difficulty was encountered in getting
 away from the Blyden telephone exchange at
 9.30 p.m. + subsequently,

R. A. J. Pearce.



EASTER CAMP.

Friday. Mr. Purdie, Johnson + Pearce arrived in state
 5-30 p.m. One other member in camp.
 Wood cut. Stew burnt; Went to Rickford. ate stew
 Went down new cave. Drop descended
 + wind choke at the end of chamber
 at the bottom removed. a narrow rift
 ended in three small wind choked passages.
 Not on the digging. Whenever + Pearce
 ascended the aven + found that the top
 communicated with the top of the drop through
 a boulder niche. a large rift passage
 descended to the left + was followed into the
 top of a large boulder chamber. This contains
 many fine curtains + stalactites and a
 large pillar joining the roof to the ceiling floor
 many holes + passages explored + the
 aven descended again.

6 members in camp

Saturday Joined by two members of B.C.C., De Helle
 + Burtie + others. Went down new cave.
 one passage explored. a very fine
 stalactite curtain discovered in a rift of the
 main chamber. agreed that the only way
 on was down a similar rift to the right.
 The top of the drop was traversed by several
 members so that the main chamber could be
 reached without descending the vertical
 + climbing the aven. This is an easy

roof traverse, but should not be attempted unroofed, as there is a drop of 66 ft. below.

Had stew & retired to Roubenow where a good time was had by all. Retired to camp & ate cantines. Both cleaned out.

No stream noticed coming into the passage at the top of the drop when water was let out of the bath. 10 members left in camp.

Sunday ⁹ All tackle brought out of cave.


Parkes descended G.D., Reads & Seicat & Soatchunch. Penicillin cultures taken from

Reads. Considerable subsidances noticed in Reads near 2nd ally and lower. 4 members left in camp, went to Wrington, and discussed astronomy, cosmic rays, relativity etc. on way back retired at 12 oc.

Monday

Arose at 10 oc and fed well went down new cave at 1 oc and Bett went down and up the chow and fixed a static line across top of traverse. 2 members went on to end chow and returned brought out ladder and tether but left static line fixed in place. Drove back to camp and ate stew and saved some wood. left camp clean & tidy at 6:30

Sunday April 16th

John Parkes, A.W. Taylor, David Boothman, 

Bill Weaver & Dembo arrived in camp about 2:15 pm. J. Parkes, Taylor, Boothman & Bill Weaver departed for new cave; In about 30 pm straight down via traverse to new chamber. Passage forced to by-pass traverse. On down to stalactite chambers with large crowbars & small sledge. Attached jammed boulders in rift in floor & finally forced a way on down to a large rift. This led into a stream passage choked with mud. J. Parkes forced a way thro jammed at head of 20ft pitch. This was descended by Parkes & Bill Weaver on rope. No way on here! This seems to be the main drainage system of the cave & several rifts & passages remain to be explored. Approx. 180ft in depth added to cave. Out by 7:0 pm in a 'muddy' awful condition. May had come up & prepared tea as Dembo had left by 7:0 pm bus. I leaved up hut & left by 9:5 bus.

Sunday April 23rd Bertie & Mrs. Brooke, Roddy Pearce, N.B. Rogers, Dembo, John Parkes, Dave Boothman A Brooks & Bill Weaver arrived in camp at 2:0 pm to work in new cave. Live-lit & stew prepared. Down cave at 3:0 pm. Dave & John first to open out by-pass to traverse. Rest of party on to work in new part of cave below boulder floor.

Bill & John finished exploring the two
 rift passages leading up from the sump.
 No go. Bertie, Roddy & Dave began digging
 in sump - good prospects for further work.
 Dembo & Rodgers photographing curtains &
 pillars. Out of cave by 6:00 pm. Washed
 in bath. Stew & coffee in hut. Washed
 up & left hut by 8:30 pm.

(See over
 for April 30th)

Saturday 6th May

5 members in camp brought out. Radio especially
 built for the occasion also a .22 rifle. Radio worked
 efficiently 1st time. Had tea and retired complete with a Uke
~~to R~~ and .22 to Bowberrow. Use of considerable .22
 no results so far. Had a good time and were asked the
 words to "Roll 'Em Over" by a R.A.F. corporal, needless
 to say we were able to supply him. Returned to camp
 at 11:00 very merry. Had wood and went to bed.

Sunday 7th May

Arose very early and went out with .22 still
 no rabbits. Had breakfast at 8:30 then went up to
 wood and reground axe collected some wood on way
 back. Wasting up done milk & vegetable collected from
 village

By lunch time all ammo. expended with no result.
 Three more members then arrived & we went down the
 new cave. By the time we were at the bottom of the
 drop Dembo caught us up. Three of us climbed up the
 over & the others returned up the ladder. We then
 proceeded to the bottom, where Dembo enjoyed

himself greatly lying in the mud. Returned to the hut
& bathed & ate stew. Cleared up the hut & returned
to Bristol, leaving at 8.45.

RTW. R.A.S.

Saturday 13th May.

Bill Craddock arrived in camp, at 3pm and laid on stock of food. Got
stew going. ~~Mosses~~ Charles, Whittan and Selouch arrived in camp 9pm. After
an excellent stew, descended new cave as far as 70' drop. Tried to descend
small hole in chamber at bottom of 70' drop - but all attempts were unsuccessful.
Returned to camp at midnight. Got up at 2am to watch aerial display
over Bristol; saw plane picked up in search lights but gunners must have
been on the bear as nearest shots were 2 miles out.

Sunday 14th May.

Camp joined by Dennis and a number of Wexsex. Went down New
Cave at 2pm. Descended as far as the choke, taking black and white and colour
photos of the drop and of the stalactites in the Boulder(?) Chamber. Came
out at 7.30pm and had black photographs of entrance and of bodies disgorging
themselves. Bill Craddock departed at 11pm for Bristol.

Monday 15th May.

Got up 9.30am and after a heavy breakfast in which the porridge was
the day, descended Roads. In the boulder jam at the far end reached a
depth of 140' by aneroid and could't descend further. There are definite signs
of a subsidence since last Nov. Took colour photographs.

Left for G.B. at 3pm and went down as far as the surge taking photos,
including one of Selouch who risked his life by climbing on to the Bear.
Came out of G.B. at 9pm and then down Roads again for more colour photos.
Returned to camp at midnight, and stew was best ever.

Tues. 16th May.

Broke camp at 11am after a very enjoyable week.
T. J. Chaston

Sunday April 30th

Pearce, Parkes + Boothman arrived by 2 P.M. bus to find Synars, Cole, Kerby, Bodman + Co in camp, + in addition a crowd from the Bath Coffee Club.

Bodman + Kerby took them down Reads + Goutchuck, + Parkes Synars Boothman + Pearce went down G.B.

Found some large cave pearls in Train Gorge not seen before. Sun very dry + the stream can be heard dropping over a fall at the end of the passage down which it disappears: the fall can also be heard from the end of the passage which has been dry out.

Some of the loose rock in the floor of the streamway was removed manually + it might be possible to force a way through here, as the rift widens slightly at its base.

More promising would be the line of approach through the choke already begun, but much preliminary work would be needed to make room in which to dig. There cannot be more than 2 or 3 feet to go at the far end before the streamway is reached.

Party completed a round trip in 3 hrs + returned to base + eggs returned to Ruffin + Remainder left on bike $\frac{1}{2}$ hr later.

R.P.

Sat May 20th

Have seen in camp spent 1hr in tidying

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ALL
MEMBERS
PLEASE
NOTE

up Why the hell can't people use camp without rooting everything about, + if they must do so, why in the devil's name can't they put things in order again before they leave. Blast their black souls + may their guts freeze in hell. In future any member who brings a party out here + leaves the place in disorder will be therefore denied the use of the hut.

Wood cut: put crabs: bed at 11-20.

Sun May 21st

Got up 12 noon: large breakfast eaten. Walked up to Reads. Noticed firing was now not across the path onto Dolbery, but in the other direction up onto the hillside.

The face of the scallet above the new cave shows signs of coming down, but the large water run slab in the roof of the entrance seems stable.

David Boothman + friend turn up at 4pm. Made tea + left at 5-30.

Left camp clean and tidy 6-20pm.

R.P.

Whitman 1944.Sat: May 27th.

Looked in at camp in afternoon. Found stream stopped, & bath very turgid, with boys Scouts disporting themselves therein.

Sun: May 28th.

About 12-15 people dropped in at camp during day. Two separate trips made down Pearce's Pot, & one down Goatchurch. Pearce, Weaver, & Parks dug in fissure at bottom of P.P., breaking into very small & tight chamber after much work. This appears to be the end of this fissure.

Party later adjourned with Bill Teat to Plume of Feathers for quick drink before most of party caught bus. Two members in camp overnight.

Mon. May 29th.

Up by 9 a.m. Cleaned hut, scrubbed, gathered wood in morning. Frank Frost (Hon. Sec. Wessen c.c.) turned up about 1 p.m. Took him & David Patterson down P.P.. Bone found in bedding plane just above last fissure. Camp left clean & tidy 6:50 pm.

B.M.D.Sat June 3rd. Har Sec. in camp. Tidied up camp.Sun June 4th. + Johnson in camp. Worked.Sat. June 10th. Parkes & Boothman visited Pearce's Pot. Explored possible communication with Bath Smullet stream. N.B.G.Fri June 17th. Elterington, Collins, & Portbithwaite arrived in camp midday.Sat. June 18th. Dumbo arrived in evening. Party got bogged at Rawbenow & Dumbo thrown in pond. Portbithwaite picked range flag area which would work later. Blast him.Sun June 19th Etz, Collins, & Pottle left early, leaving washing-up. Dumbo took Eliz. Monro down Goatchurch. Camp left tidy 6 pm.

Sat. June 24th

Rence arrived in camp to find some
Settlement people returned from Reads.
Cycled to 'Hunters hedge' via Castle of Campat'
meeting Maurice Whittington at Priddy Pool.
Met Jack Duck + Bert Russell in Hunters +
discussed dig at Plantation. Slept in Jack
Ducks Cottage.

Sun. June 25th

Whittington + Rence left Naini Barn for
Surdans 12.30. Met Wyn Camanda Blake
+ party of Yanks at top of 40ft. After some
difficulty the party was passed + U.O.S.S. proceeded
with R.A.F. ladder to 20ft. Left R.A.F.
+ proceeded to bottom via New 20th Grotto, after
a repellable incident in which the seriet nearly
lost two nice & active members. Watched
the Wyn + chabbling in the sunf + returned
to surface cumma celebrate. Bath to the
river for tea + crawled home.

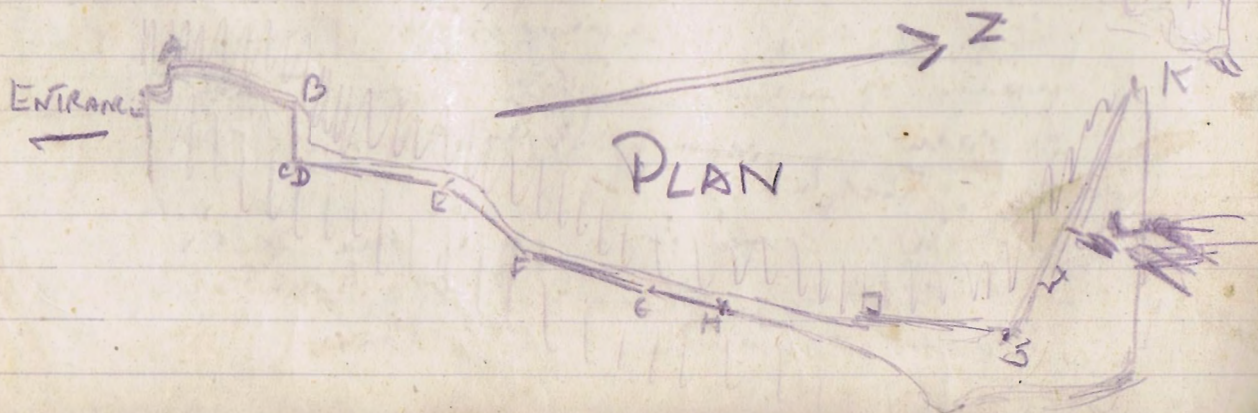
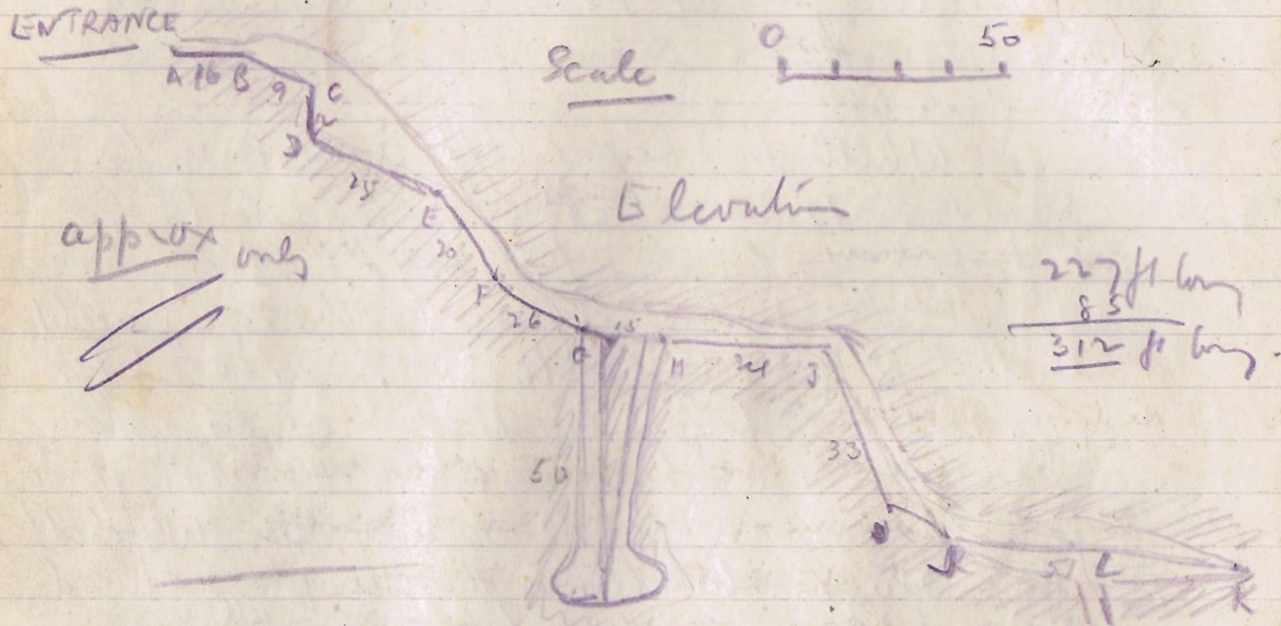
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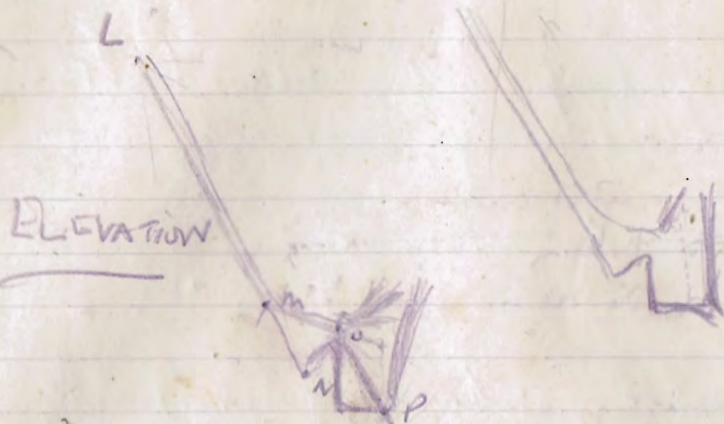
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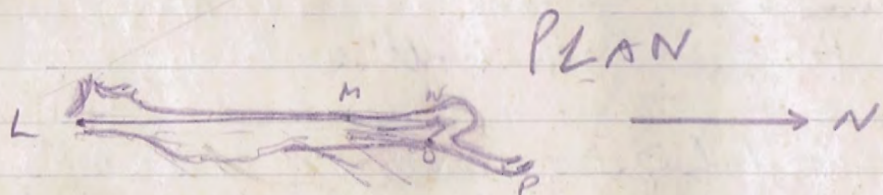
2 men visited Kent's camp.

2 men started survey of Rood's Pt.
down to main channel





Very
rough
sketch



Monday July 3rd

Bertie took party down Rod's Pot + completed survey. Dento collected glass from Williams, brought it back to camp + broke it.

Qutie, Pearce + Haulbig's went to Puddy + saw Bert Russell, Mr. Beecham + Mrs. Duck, + made arrangements for digging plantation.

The sink hole on Fannie Beecham's land must be fenced off before digging is commenced. One member swam in Puddy pool + party returned to camp. Dento broke two lamp chimneys.

Tuesday July 4th

Dr. Crook took party down R.P. + took photographs. Alms + Pearce hid up Beth Hole. Went to Roubenaw. No shots.

Wed July 5th

tidied up camp: canned all food + drink + left at various times.

R.P.

Sat July 15th

Har See, Johnson, David Boothman G. B. Wilson + friends in camp. Went down Peaces Privy + took photos of Main chamber formations + Bacon with wide angle lens here.

There is a water worn boulder at the top of the curtains over a small fissure down which rocks came to be heard to fall several feet. If the mud floor was cleared out an old stream passage might be entered. All tools except

are shovel + scoop brought out.

Stew cooked by Johnson. Retired to Ruckbad. Bacon on return.

Sun July 16th

arrived 10 p.m. by Wing Commander Blake's party. Entered Peaces Privy 12-30 p.m. Johnson + Peaces ladder pitch + party descended.

Boothman + Peaces joined party by going down the oven. Johnson + Wife started excavating a passage down the hole at the bottom when a large boulder

subsided about 10" + nearly sufficed the wing
 commander. He extricated himself rapidly
 + Hanson went down to inspect. The boulder
 was balanced precariously on its edge + liable
 to fall into the chamber + to outside further
 so it was decided not to pursue the dig until
 the boulder could be securely wedged with a
 bar. Boothman Johnson + the Wingle
 ascended the Aven + Bent dam into the Main
 chamber whilst Pearce + Boothman pulled up the
 ladder, after much accumulation. Another
 time the drop will be descended on a rope
 lifeline. Returned to camp 4 p.m. + left
 by various means by 8:30 p.m.

RP

Sat. July 22nd

Boothman + Radley arrived 4.15 p.m.
 on bikes. Had tea and then had a look at
 G.B. field. Met Dumbo who arrived 7.30 p.m. at
 Plum of Feathers with Bill Weaver + Bill Fear

Sun. July 23rd

Rae 11 a.m. Cooked breakfast and then met
 Bill Weaver's job, beams and slant, and
 took them down G.B. Descended 3.0 p.m. and
 party more steadily with one of fellows,
 Bill's job giving a little trouble, until he
 got stuck at the top of the 10' pit. After

a period to get through and we pushed
 onto the main chamber.

Met Edgar and Bridgwater carrying light
 in chamber by Bridge and after exchanging
 greetings carried onto top of last ladder.
 Returned. Bills put giving a good deal
 of trouble and delay but got out by 8 p.m.
 Could not find quilt for cover anywhere
 and so could not put on over coat.
 Returned to camp, had stew for meal.
 Left camp, clean + tidy 9.15 p.m.

Sat July 29th

Pearce + Barber in camp.
 Stew - Rickford. Went down Peaces
 Drivvy 1 a.m. Out at 3 a.m. Did a bit of
 abortive digging + lost a chisel down the
 drop. Out 3 a.m. Bed at 4 a.m.

Sun July 30th

Up at 10.30. Had breakfast + put
 gear ready for arripat camp. 2 females
 + 2 males arrived at 11 a.m. left camp at 8 p.m.

Mon July 31st

Two females in camp. Found
 new bell tent which had been chewed
 by mice. No other details at present
 available.

D. P.

August Camp.

Friday: August 4th.

Bertie, Charles Barber, Johnson, Alms + Pearce in camp. Rented old bell tent.

It was found that 1 lb. of dinitrotoluene mixed with 1 lb. of Potassium Chlorate + detonated electrically in a hole 3 ft. deep was an excellent means of constructing a new convenience if this is tried it is strongly recommended that spectators stand at least 50 yds. away. Paterson visited; Hon. Treasurer found to be var. self sufficing on the way home.

Saturday: Aug 5th.

Got up 9 a.m. Party arrived 11 a.m. with Bill Weaver, John Parker + two R.A.F. Globes. Piled up gear + called at Mr. Blair's for veg. + farm for milk + reached Priddy by 12 noon. Camp pitched in Farmer Blackburn's field behind the old mine workings.

Plantation Swallet perfected + fencing put up. Alms went to Wells. Deambo + friend arrived. It was found that the boulder which originally blocked the way at the bottom of the wet swallet had sunk + it was now possible to gain access to a small chamber beyond whose floor was composed of mud + than the roof of which led a small rift presumably leading up to the sink hole in the field which it was proposed to dig. It was therefore decided to make the main effort

On the wet swallet.

Sunday. Aug 6th.

Work commenced on a pit for carbide covered covers outside camp when a small rift was entered. This was disappointingly small & the rock found to be very hard, so that work on it was temporarily abandoned.

Much excitement was removed from the wet swallet until it was found that the boulder was hindering work. A 5 in. hole was drilled in the top of it & $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of R. D. X. with a 20g. pellet of Nitro. was inserted & fastened as & detonated from above. The rock was satisfactorily shattered & helped it removed. Subsequent digging revealed a small crack in the N. hand side of this boulder, but it was too small to enter.

Mon Aug 7th.

Digging on Plantation continued; a rift on the far side of the boulder, which had previously shown great promise was found to narrow on all sides; the back of the boulder was shattered with 20g. of Nitro, but there was still found to be too little space in which to dig. A crowbar driven 3 ft. into the mud choking the rift was found to encounter solid rock in all directions. All other possibilities of gaining access to the cave having been thoroughly examined and found unfeasible it was decided to give the dig up.

The shaft opposite the old mine workings was also examined and found unfruitful. Several members left camp that night Tues Aug 8th.

The site of the dig on Plantation was cleaned up. Bertie, Johnny + Charles + Dan Coase (of Binster C.C.) did a rapid swilldar. Alms + Pearce cooked a breezy stew + finished fencing. Still no beard worth speaking of. I worked in the convenience + opened it out considerably at the bottom, the whole of which was choked by loose mud + rocks. Roof very unsafe, + little evidence of water action. Pancakes as usual.

Wed. Aug 9th

Visited Sandpit hole; very promising for a concentrated effort. No tools found but many stringy nettles encountered. On return to camp the effects of a small 4g charge on the hole were found to have been to heave up the left hand wall of the rift, completely so that the rift could be seen leading away to the left. Still very loose + requires much work + will need propping. Hope to get some beer tonight.

Thursday Aug 10th

Broke camp in ~~very~~ wet weather. Left Tools, Tin, Tents + Tables at Farnes beach camp.

Returns to Burington

Friday 11th

Two men visited G.B. The steel hatch covering the entrance was missing and could not be found. The pump system at the bottom was inspected and it was confirmed that the sound of water falling could be heard both in the passage to the right where the water runs away in water wheel and at the bottom of the excavation straight ahead. It was thought that the tunnel at the end of this excavation could fairly easily be enlarged sufficiently to permit entrance and it is suggested that an attempt be made to dig this before winter weather increases the flow of water.

Water fall.

Sat Aug 12th

Blake camp.

Note. Farmer Beecham was found to be very cooperative + the camp site was suitable. 13 members were in camp for some days + 9 tents were erected. Milk can be obtained from Hains + they will take in hand on Star + wood. Water can be got from the spring by the pool.

Sat. Aug 19th:

6 members in camp. I visited Coitchurch.
Retired to Richford + thence to the Queen, the George
+ the Seymour Arms at Blaydon.

Sun. Aug 20th:

Arose at 11oc, had breakfast
weather boisy all but 2 members left by
8oc. Remaining two went via Youth Hostel
to Blaydon. No Beer, Wandered across fields for
miles and eventually arrived at Bill Weaver's
House. We talked caves till 11.35 and then
came back to camp in absolute pitch darkness

Mon Aug 21st:

Arose at 11oc and had breakfast
Visited Orveline's, the Ashbridge tunnel, East
Twin Swallet and Coatchurch. A's charge
noticed in East twin. Foreman at tunnel
quite co-operative but very reticent. even when
pumped severely. He told us that they finished work
on it today in a tone which suggested that the
tunnel was completed and not abandoned. The tunnel
was found to be well lit, absolutely level
except for a very slight rising as it went in
just sufficient to allow excess water to run
out. The tunnel was also practically straight
and as far as could be seen was in limestone
and limestone shales only the extreme end being
in limestone. It has been stowed up with
concrete walls and heavy gauge corrugated iron

at several points its overall length, being about 250 yds it contains a light railway a pipe for compressed air and another pipe not yet completed of about 8" diameter.

On coming out we suggested to one of the workmen loading equipment onto a lorry, (thereby verifying the foreman's statement about the work being completed) that the tunnel had been abandoned because we thought they were going through to Cheddar but he merely laughed, in a tone indicating desision at the thought of ever going as far as Cheddar.

Tues. Aug. 22nd 1 member in camp. Camp equipment & tools brought back from Pridly, per Mr. Ward's lorry.

Fri. Aug. 25th Two members in camp. Descended P.P., & found some damage to stalactites. The members (including Hon. Sec.) in camp overnight.

Sat. Aug 26th. Deants went to Uffington. Five ~~members~~ members arrived & went to Rowbenon & got drunk: much beer & cider spilt - Pearce & Stratton walked to Rowbenon & visited Rowbenon Cave. Thence over Blackdown to Tynings Snalett & on past G.B. to the head of Velvet bottom. No Snaletts at all seen on this line & no surface features indicate that G.B. might continue in this direction. Descended into Cheddar Gorge & returned home via Lay bottom & hay Wood. The Snalett in Lay Wood looks very loose & is off a side a sewerage ~~from~~ ~~from~~. No trouble experienced in

penetrating the defences of Blackdown.
Sun Aug 27th

Thursday, Aug 31st K.M. Cook & M.W. ^{Lee} Thorburn Longdon
& Peter, David, Brian Cook, Michael Longdon & Malvina
Wicks went down Goatchuck. Some members of party
went up & down coal chute (with rope). Peter Cook, Malvina
Wicks explored small crack leading from terminal
chamber - almost opp. Tunnel exit. It ended in a T-junction
two small to penetrate in either direction.
Wood chopped & stored in hut - filling entire space
under one seat in inglenook, & half the other.

Friday Sep. 1st All eye camp.

Sunday Sept 3rd

Four members came out arrived 12 o'clock. Visited New
Cave in afternoon and walked over to Rowlierron
in evening. Returned about 11 very wet and a
little the worse for wear. Rained all night.

Monday 4th

Left late in morning - still raining!

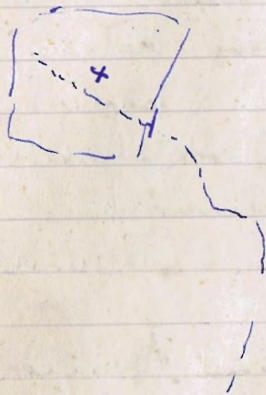
Sunday Sept. 10th

7 in camp. 4 descended Barce's Privy. Quite damp.
Stew reasonable... Bath running, but rather cold. Camp left
clean & tidy 8 p.m.

Sat Sept 23rd

Mr Dobson reported that a 'new cave' had been
opened up in field in front of Y.H.H. (Bunton in)
3 members investigated since _____

- Site of Hole (up lining off Rickford to field in front
of Y.H.A.



an obvious mine shaft about 20 ft deep
- no sign of rift or natural cave
present.

Further work not advised

Rickford

Rickford

Friday, Sept 9th Peavey + Johnson in camp at 1 a.m. arriving on
Sept 10th, Sat. Lubes via Eutelsic ans, Neulosa.

Left camp 1 p.m. for Puddy. Pitched camp
by foot + joined at 6 p.m. by Johnson
Parsons, Bill Weaver + Mr. Pudge. 3 descended
Katherine Hole + dug while Mr. Pudge worked down.
Much loose rock + debris from previous blow
removed; + one or two large boulders hauled out.

A round, water-tight tunnel was entered
which choked by wind. A car passed in a effort
to become free at its distal end, and on
withdrawing it it was found that a straight
way existed, as proved by the fact that the
rectal mechanism of Johnson no longer created
a serious hindrance to the man working at the bottom,
but rather tended to pollute the air at the entrance.
A candle flame was also bent by the breeze (from the tunnel).

Party retired to hunters.
Sept 11th

Wok captured on tunnel. Parkes unguidedly
 loosed a large boulder in the middle of the passage
 which took $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. to shift. after that the mud
 choke was rapidly removed and a passage forced
 into a rift. This was about 5ft wide and
 18" high and choked with friable mud which could
 easily be removed. Another narrow rift led down
 to the left, also choked.

Some gear was left at Trains and permission
 granted to dump more gear there to establish an
 advanced base for working at Paddy. R.P.

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Sept 30 # 44

Dr Crook, H. J. Goddard, R. Pearce, Denbo & Parkes
 in camp. Stens prepared and rated good.
 Party repaired to Rouberron, where Pearce
 distinguished himself by buying the party to
 Churchill in search of 'shots' only, to find
 none available.

Sept 30 # 44 4 members in camp

A party of H. J. Goddard, arrived & was
 conducted down Gatchwood by Denbo
 The others (P. G. & P.) explored Rock pit
 finding a promising hole on the left
 just past the Avers.

A good bath was enjoyed
 by all. Left camp 9:30 p.m.
 H. J. Goddard

Sat 19th Oct. '44.

Party of 4 arrived. — 2 of same went down Rod's Pot to add suitable adornment (which see). Usual excursion to Rowkerrow in evening, from where an unusually ineventful return was made despite the moistness of the ground.

On Sunday aforementioned party of 4 went over Blackdown to G.B. where about 5 hours were spent in sightseeing. — Flares were lit at various places in the main chamber. — An ineventful though damp return was made to the ever-welcome fire.

Sun. 20th Oct. 1944.

2 members in camp. New keys tried indoors — one faulty. Found Bird Exploration Club in Rod's Pot. They seemed sufficiently respectful. No wood in hut — plenty of coal, but it burns badly. Camp left clean & tidy 8.45 pm

Sat 4th Nov.

2 members came out on 1.45 bus. - went for walk in afternoon and Rickford in evening. A semi unbracketed labourer reported the presence of a 'cave' by the Y.H.A. hostel - sounded more like a mine shaft. Being in suitably state of mind we went to look for some after closing time - without success.

On Sunday visited goat church and Read's and found a lot of water flowing, in latter, plus 1 bat. Left Sunday 8.30.

Saturday, Nov. 11th

Boothman, Strong, Kendall, Bendell, Gregory + Pitto arrived in camp 3 p.m. First 3 went down Pearce's Pnig to introduce Strong + Kendall to coming. Arrived out at 6 p.m. to meet John Parker changing in camp. John, David + Bill Strong then returned down the Pnig with tabs to dig passage on left just after fissure. Dimer found passage, previously unnoticed, on right at top of fissure and John went up there. After shifting a few small stones, he got into a sitting position with body in fissure + legs in drain pipe. Eventually got in, followed by David + Bill, and then proceeded to explore fissure. It proved a dud and was a great disappointment.

Returned to a meal and retired to Rikeford,
 after seeing John onto bus. Other 3
 wafers ^{dropped in} around camp and prepared meal - 13

Sunday, Nov. 12th

Rise around 10 p.m. and 3 parties
 eventually set off for G.B.

1st party - Barthman, Kendall, Strong,
 who reached camp, + explored side
 passages. Luch Luman and beyond
 just nicely met with good stream.

Met $\frac{1}{2}$ of party 2 at top of Gorge
 + escorted them out

2nd party - Bendall, Pitts, 2 other blocks,
 + 2 women, 1 like + 1 woman returned
 $\frac{1}{2}$ from Luch Luman with Pitts + other
 3 carried out to be met by party 1.

Party 3 - Gregory + $\frac{1}{2}$ John River bank.
 Met by party 1 on way out at 10 p.m.

not
 All returned to hut for meal and
 home.

D.R. Barthman

~~Sunday~~ Nov 18th Saturday

Barthman arrives 5.30 p.m. party 1

+ the rest - Luman at 7.15 p.m.

Parkes arrived 9 p.m.

Sunday 19th Nov.

Bostman + Parkes descended G.B. at 12.30 p.m. with bucket which had to be pushed out a point just past Devil's Elbow.

John commenced digging down dry hole at sump and rock face on rt. hand side flaked away + opened up hole. Daird cleared loose stuff at top + formed slump.

Changed places + John commenced to dig channel in direction of stream down hole while Daird continued digging. The hole was now nice + spacious + further digging operations easy. Finished by directing stream down hole. The water was not to flow through the hole on the rt. hand side at the bottom + did not flood the dig.

Reached surface at 4 p.m. to meet Dembs + 10 Y.H.A. ready to descend.

3 Speles at 7 Y.H.A. descended G.B. just before 4 p.m. Very wet + iced, had trouble with lights in waterfalls. Slow progress owing to water, & emerged well after dark.

Failed to find road in pitch darkness & fog. Wanders

about Blackdown for over an hour in storm & eventually reached Tynning's. Given lot of trouble & redirected.

Reached camp 9.40 p.m. to find big fire & stew

Five people returned to Bristol by car (Martin of Wrington); seven stayed overnight & cycled back early Mon. morning.

An enjoyable time was had by all.

Blair

Sat. 25th Nov.

3 members in camp overnight. Wet clothes hung up to dry. Visit to Plume, where one member mixed beer & cider & suffered inevitable consequences.

Sun 26th Nov.

~~to~~ Camp tidied in morning.

Messrs. Weaver, Parks, & Borthman arrived after breakfast (2pm) & left for G. B.

Party down G. B. cleared out hole which had been filled up by stream. Down 3 1/2 hrs.

Sun 10th Nov.

Borthman, Kendall + Strain arrived Sat. today went surface walking as weather lousy.

Dec 31st - Jan 1st. New Year Eve Party.

Mammoth meal consumed: 1 turkey + 1 chicken, went to Barberians. latter sober in spite of 9 gallons beer.

Mon 7th Jan

2 Members arrived 3 o'clock. Tidied camp and got in wood. Went Bush food in evening.

Tuesday 8th.

Rose late. Descended Red's Pot about 2 p.m. Started to clear a choke in hole in a small chamber on right of main chamber. worked for 5 hrs and succeeded in removing a quantity of gravel and a few large boulders. Enthusiasm high!

Wed 9th.

Continued work in Red's Pot. Chizzled at a rock for 2 hrs. Lost one acetylene lamp in hole. Enthusiasm not so high.

Left camp about 8.30.

R Bendall.

Sat. Jan 13th.

Parkes + Pearce arrived by 4-15 bus. Had meal + went to bed 11-30 p.m.

Sun 14th

Got up 11 a.m. + had breakfast of 2 eggs + 3 slices of bacon. Left camp 1-45 + descended G. D. Work continued on choke at bottom. This was quite dry + several bucketfuls of gravel + stones were removed. Good progress was made until a rock in the floor of the passage caused delay. This was eventually moved but needs a rope to haul it out. The H. hand rail should not be undermined as the rocks here are supported by faith. The next party, which should consist of three should take a rope down. M. B. There is now no doubt that the stream can be heard in the Passo.

Sat 27TH

7 members in camp. Much snow about (1-1/2 ft). Spent afternoon getting in wood etc. 5 members went over to G. B. about 8:30 p.m. - took several photographs and returned at about 2 a.m.

Sunday 28TH

Rose comparatively early - (9:30) because of cold. Had large meal. 5 members returned to Bristol about 12:30 p.m. the remaining 2 going to G. B. Descended to sump and removed large boulder from dig - continued to dig on the passage. Returned about 6:30. Too cold to wash. Left camp 8:30.

R. B. B. B. B.

Sat 17TH

11 members in camp. Got in large quantities wood etc. Went for walk and returned to Robinson for evening. Have, with regret, to report that the bath has "land" it; The frost and much erosion has caused it to break in two.

Sunday 18TH

Rose latest and reached G. B. about 2:20. One Simon Parkes arrived as we were leaving and joined the party. Descended to sump. Devil's Elbow and beyond nearly wet. Did a little, very little, digging in sump and returned about 8:30. Two members returned to Bristol.

the remainder staying the night here

Monday Left early in morning in an endeavour to get 9.5 Bus.

R. Bendall

Sat 3rd March.

Messrs. Pearce & Parkes in camp.

Sunday

2 extra members arrived 12 noon. ^{Left for} G.B. Were joined by party of R.A.F. blokes. Descended to camp and continued dig.

Later joined by Dr Crook and W/C Blake. Much progress made.

Returned about 7 to excellent stew. Main party returned to Bristol, two returning to Redhew.

Mon

Left early (2.0 pm)!

R. Bendall

Sat 10th March.

Lewis + 2 others arrived about 1.30 on bikes. Made tea lit fire. Made off over Blackdown approx 7.30, quite dark. Looked down to Cr.B. (campers observed in same field)??? Cycled on to top of Bonke, down Combe at 30-40 m.p.h. in pitch dark with

52.
little or no light [3 abreast]; - made off to
Rickford to celebrate; returned 10:40 in comfort-
able state of partial inebriation. Discovered about
1/2 of large loaf eaten.

(RATS ??????)
No woodlice !!!!!)

Retired 1:20

Sunday March 11th

Arose 9:20, Had breakfast,
went outside and cleared mole-hills!! Washed
numerous utensils + plates etc. Fried sausage + much
potato; - considerable fat spilt, - resulting in mighty
blaze + remarks appropriate to the occasion.
Hut thoroughly swept out. Went out for stroll
through woods, returned to find hut rickety by
1 acetylene lamp - !! - showed in through shatter,
which was not bolted since we were not going
far. - no other signs of entry - the plot
thickens? Cleared up + left 6:30.
A. J. Lewis,

Friday 16TH

6 members in camp (5:00 pm). Got in large quantities of wood and 1/2 of same did Ruel's put about 80' each. Returned at 11, had meal and went to bed.

Sat. 17TH

Rose about 10, had meal, three of party going to G. B. about 2:00. Remainder went for walk to Reddar. Found water seeping thru dam in sump, Dig unpleasantly wet, (3-4 inches). Also quantities of gravel had been washed back in. Endeavored to repair dam without much success and re-cleared out dig.

Returned about 6 and went to Rowbenon and celebrated:

Sun. 18TH

Rose early - many hangovers. Had meal 4 of party returning on 7:50 bus. Other five remained to clear up. Left by 3:35 bus.

R. B. Bandall.

Saturday 24th March

Party of 6 arrived at camp in 2's and 3's
Went to bed early so as to get early
start.

Sun. 25th March

Party of 4 set off at 9.30 a.m. by
Priddy. Descended Sanklorio at 11.30 a.m.
and had uneventful trip to bottom seeing
usual sights. Returned quickly until 40' feet
which I ascended with a lifeline, 2 more
ascended a lifeline and the Dumbo attached
to Dumbo's lifeline and then himself +
commenced to ascend. At projecta tackle
struck and then one of ropes of ladder
broke Dumbo fell to bottom losing lamp.
After much hunting + trying to get tackle
up at top, unaware of cause of Dumbo's
fall, I decided to descend + find out
what was wrong. I descended with a
lifeline (none available) and when I got
to the ladder break I tried to return but
my runs were hung and I dropped to
bottom. However I had a light with
and as Dumbo hung up on the lifeline
reaching top safely and I followed,
leaving all tackle at the bottom,
let broken ladder down to bottom of
pit and returned to surface with me

rope reaching Priddy at 6.45 p.m.

Reached hut at 9 p.m.

MORAL: Tackle at Mainie's Barn, Priddy is unsafe and must not be used

Parker and Weaver descended G.B. with extra bucket and cleared 25 buckets of dirt. Make quite good impression and look more promising. I left camp for Booth.

Mon. 26th March

Boothman + Dembs left camp clean + tidy at 12.30 p.m.

D.M. Boothman

Thursday, March 29th 1945

Bertie Holly + Bill Weaver called at huts & collected ladders en route for Swildons to retrieve tackle left in by Boothmans party last weekend. Arrived Mainie's barn at 8.30 p.m. changed & entered Swildon's at 9.15 p.m. Out with all tackle by 12.00. Sit fire in barn & had tea & toast. Left at 12.45. Note left in barn to effect that Wesssex ladders are unsafe for further.

use, this also applies to ropes & tethers.
Bertie has notified Frank Frost to this effect.

N.B will all parties descending Suddon. please
bring out their own tackle (or ~~or~~ make
arrangements to do same. BUC

N.B will all parties descending any cave please
— test their tackle before use BUC

~~Full~~
~~—————~~
Easter Camp.

Friday: 30th March.

4 members in camp. Went to Roubaux

Saturday: 31st.

2 members walked to Cheddar & had
intercourse with the manager of George's

Panini. Met Bill Weaver in the evening
at Richford.

Sunday: April 1st.

Visited excavation in West Turin.
Work stopped & little water coming out. A dam
has been constructed about 80 ft. inside &
thereafter the passage is 1 ft. deep in water.
Returned to camp via Rock 7 eyes to
find Bertie & Dolly in occupation.

Friday April 7th 1945

First exploration of Long Wood Swallet
Blackthornhouse-on-Mendip

The swallet was dug out + upper part of cave, as far as the pitch in the main chamber, explored by R Stride of the Sidcot Speleo. Society, who commenced work there during the Spring of 1944.

Subsequently as stated overleaf a small party of Speleos. visited the site & as a result Stride was approached with a view to conducting a full trip. However, due to some misunderstanding, he (Stride) did not join the party.

On Friday, Roddy Preece, Bill Weaver + Johnny Parkes met at hut at 7.30 pm. to collect tackle consisting of two ropes, Coft ladder, hammer, chisel + crowbar + an assortment of blasting equipment. Left hut at 8.0 pm + after walk over Blackdown arrived at Long Farm 9.00 pm. Expected to see Bertie + Molly, but were disappointed. Before entering cave it was noted that entrance was very loose, however the descent to the squeeze was made without incident. Bill Weaver succeeded in removing rock flake thereby making things a lot easier + also opened out the short passage thro' bedding plane to where it falls out in first large rift.

X.P. Cave leave

The cave opened out here, but after a tight R.H. bend another crawl was reached leading to top of first pitch - about 15ft. A rope was attached to a stalagmite, this proving helpful in negotiating the drop. From here the system developed into soft formation of fairly large dimensions culminating in what we named the Rift Chamber. This is about 90' high & the walls are covered in splash deposit. The way on led down a tiresome passage at floor level on the Right this eventually opening into a large chamber - the main chamber. Here a pitch was encountered. Pierce however, belayed, & made the descent ^{over a precarious boulder in the rift} ~~via a narrow passage~~ & soft climb down on the R.H. side. When down on the terraced side of this chamber water was heard falling from a passage. This was subsequently found to be coming from a 10ft pathole reached over very loose boulders. A rope was fixed at the floor of the stream passage entered, & followed for a matter of some 150 yds. This passage was a typical example of erosion - meandering through joints in very soft rock. The stream finally sunk away thro a passage of very restricted dimensions. Party then withdrew from cave leaving it at about 2:30 am. Reached camp at 3:30 am. Bill Weaver left for home & John Parks & Roddy stayed in hut.

Note. Cave is very loose & is classified as
 - DANGEROUS. - CP Weaver

Tues 10th April.

3 Spelacos in camp. 1.30 - descended
G.B. - returned about 7.30. Departed, leaving other
2 in camp. Arnold Lewis.

Tues 11th April.

other 2 departed 7.15 a.m.

Tues 17th April

John Barrett, Malcolm Wiles, Peter & David Cook &
K. M. Cook went down Goat chum.

3 workers still engaged on? Axbridge water boring -
building ^{concrete} tank & ^{cement} concrete lining.

wood chopped & put in heap.

Wed 18th April.

Members of party left camp 9 a.m.?



Swallet 1



15' climb down

90' Rft Clamber

10' Pt pot

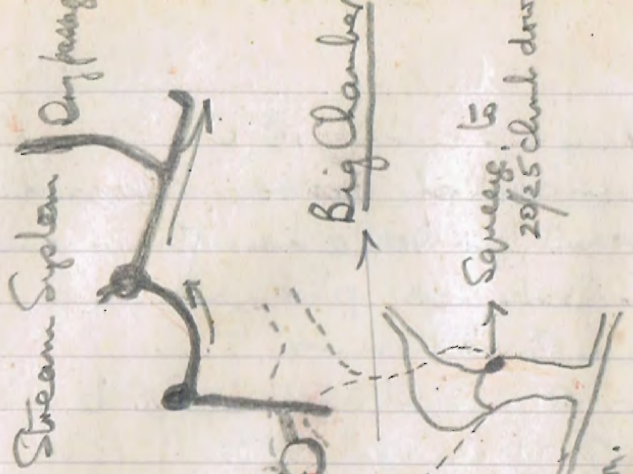
Stream

15' climb down

climb down

Squeezing to 20' x 5' chmb drs

Big Clamber



Rough Sketch Plan of
Long wood Swallet
Charthouel

Discovered by
R. Stuide
Subsect Speleo. Soc.

22/4/45

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Monday 23rd

Bendall and two women in camp. Took one downer Pot in morning and went for strolle in afternoon. Ditto arrived about 5 and we played in goatchuvah for a couple of hours. Women went home 9.5 and we went to Rickford.

Tuesday 24th

Rose late had large meal and got in wood. Spent rest of afternoon cleaning out clothes shed and burning the more useless garments. Left for G. B about 8.00. Descended to sump and commenced clearing out tunnel. Continued dig over a foot but it got very narrow with a solid rock floor. So started deepening. After removing several large stones and much gravel found that passage divided and forked left. The fork looks more hopeful and descends at about the same gradient as the tunnel. Due to labor shortage couldn't get much further because damn hard work dragging out buckets. Inevitably have bust handle off new smaller bucket. While I was, comfortably seated in bend and large 'boulder' and much gravel fell on me from roof of dig - I've peered about and don't think there's another but - ! Got back to camp about 2.0.

Wed 25.

Rose late - loafed around a bit - tired
up hut and clearing - left early.

R Bendall

Tues 1st May.

Pitts, Bendall, Drew in camp. 2.30.

G. B descended and further earth removed from
left side of dig. Back in camp 7.30 left 8.30.

John K Pitts

Sun 6th May.

Found catch down on inside of front door, so had
to make burglarious entry to camp. Walked over to Long
Wood, & brewed pot. Large stone suspended precariously over
entrance from wire attached to Heath Robinson Tripod. Walked
back to camp in pouring rain. Left camp 6.35 pm.

Bendall

Wed 9th

5.50

from camp 2.45. Descended G.B. Left

A.S. Lewis

May 8th V.E. DAY

Bonfire duly lit on Blackdown after
visit to Row Brown. Seen in C. Wales + from Watford.

9 members present. i.e.

Roddy Pearce. Mally Hall

Dave Boothman. Ken Puddy

Bertie Brook (Paralyzed) Johnny Johnston (Paralyzed)

Bill Weaver. (got made Lembo.

John Parker. (good cleaver)

very drunk. "

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May 12th

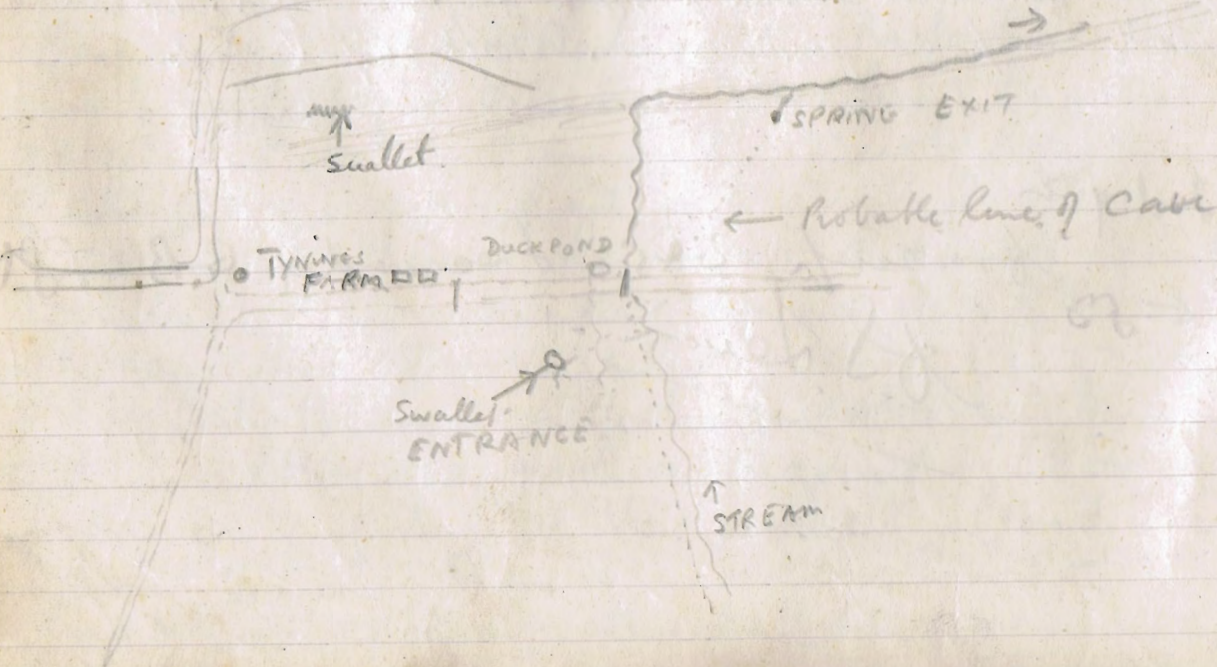
Party of ~~four~~ from Wells taken down 9B

- Brown Tucknott, Dumto + 2 others.

- great appreciation shown. (but

May 13th

Visit to Longbottom near Wympy



This findlet should prove to be a Pre-Triassic
Cave in limestone with ^{present} exit further down hill
- original cave much deeper, requires digging
& removal of debris (trees grass etc etc).
B.C.

Red

Sunday May 13th (evening)

Visited hut to complete log of trip down L. Wood
also pinned up rough sketch plan of cave. Will
all members who intend to visit this new cave
please approach one of party who has visited
it, in order to get some idea of difficulties which
will be encountered. It is definitely classified
as DANGEROUS & must not be visited by
inexperienced persons.

Ello

26th May Sat. Party of 3 - Ily Charles - Capt. Z. Sefonch - Capt
G. Jay Alf. arrived in camp at 9:15pm after tortuous journey from Baunemath.
Made supper and retired late.

27th May Sun. Breakfasted at the remarkably early hour of 9am, went
down Rodo Pot to take photographs and the lining in of two
open ladders extended considerably the range of the English
language. Made a trial trip down goatchuck going all the
difficult ways. Retired to Roderms where two very cordial members
of the WAAF were to be liased with. Journey home on bridges
in total darkness with that mishap was afterwards
regarded as inevitable.

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Monday 28th May. Breakfasted at Nam and proceeded to
 passage at Long Bottom. Man hole has
 recently been completed over entrance. Entrance
 via stream bed does not appear safe, but string up
 appears to be in progress. Capt. Jay a man of
 giant proportions was unable to get through the "squeeze"
 but Jelouck participated in the Boulder Chamber.
 The cave was placed as "difficult" but earmarked for
 later photography.

H/C

Tuesday 29th May.

Stayed another night. Just had some rest and
 cleared the hut. Leaving Wed. 9am. Thanks.

→ Jelouck

Whitson

Sat. Charles Barker in camp.

Sun. Charles Barker visited East Tarn. Found cave
 as before; passage at end of main chamber
 excavated 3 years ago now completely choked
 again. No future in this cave.

Mon. Bertie, Wally + Pearce arrived. Went over to
 Chateaux in Bertie's car, Pearce driving.
 arrived safely at Chateaux + perfected along
 junction line of shales + limestone with 6" waf.
 Started at head river and went up Velvet
 Bottom to look at alleged scullot. Found
 sewage installation but no stream or sign
 of a scullot, wet + dry.

Mon. cont.

Proceeded to Typings Farm. Examined swallet on N. Side of Blackdam 200 yds west of Farm. Appears to have been dug before. Dentic thinks steam reiserer about 300 yds. down the valley. This could be tested with Fluorescine very easily.

Also examined a possible dry swallet in field south of Farm. This is in a little rock outcrop about 30 ft. above the floor of the valley, and is exactly on the junction of the shales and the limestone. These two swallets might well be dug out during the summer camp if no other sites found. (See previous diagram)

Went back to camp in pouring rain & made stew.

Spent the evening at Parkers. Barber remained in camp. Tues. Charles Barber left camp without visiting up the log. Black Kingpts.

Sunday, June 3rd 1945. Trip down Eastwater Swallet - first to be made with return of Basic Petrol Ration. Pearce, Boothman, Bill & Parkes called at Bill Weavers at 2.30 pm. Left cars in quarry opposite Rock of Ages & walked up to hunt for tackle - two ropes & two lengths of steel wire ladder. Decided to change in maines barn a walk over - raining hard. Arr. barn at 3.15 pm, changed & walked over to Eastwater Farm for key. Roddy decided to go for walk over to Plantation & hot cave. Entered cave at 4.0 pm. Uneventful trip to bottom via traverse, 2 pitches & eschaw, exit via pots & canyon. Remained dry throughout until

entering rubble of boulders, here everyone got wet, as, owing to continued hard rain, stream had risen & was flowing through the main entrance.

Trip conducted without any hitch - no lighting defects & no unruly tackle (time well spent in coiling & lashing ropes & ladders so that they did not become untidy).

The new ladders (steel wire & wood) are very convenient for transporting, being light in weight & not bulky, thus it was agreed was, however, their one & only asset. They are damned awkward to climb owing to: (a) being too wide (b) too much overhang of rungs & (c) wire cutting ones hands. A further point is the unsatisfactory way the rungs have of remaining hitched up two at a time. One must however be thankful for small mercies! The ladder problem is far from solved & much could be gained by pooling ideas & thus evolving the most efficient ladder for all purposes. - this ^{applies} equally to clothes & lighting.

To return to Eastwater! Party left cave at 8.0 pm & started out for Priddy meeting Roddy en route. Found nice fire lit & hot soup ready, - dined, had meal & left at 9.30 pm. Called at Hunter's for a pint & hurriedly left for castle. - this was found to be shut! dashed down

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(yes! we can now, thanks to B.P.R!) to Blue
Bowl just in time for a final. Party split
up at 10:30 pm after most enjoyable afternoon.
C.P. Weaver

Sat. June 16th.

Rute Cook, Holly + Pearce in camp 2 p.m. Party
of two went down Sidcot. Went to G. B. sidcament
staple an entrance; had tea at Typings + returned to
camp. Found Bill Weaver, Dave Boothman + Benbo
there + later Bendall + two other members arrived.
Proceeded to Rouvenon; Played poker.

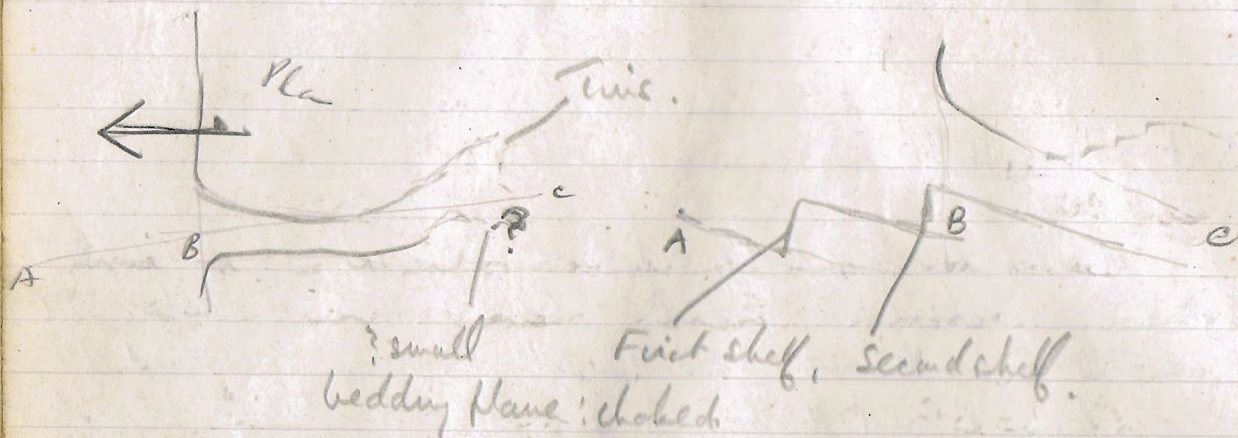
Sun June 17th.

Got up 10 a.m. had breakfast in sun + went
over to Priddy 12 noon to retrieve tools. Rejoined
others at Typings + started dig on Swallet (see
previous entry)

A trench was started about 2 ft. deep 10 ft. from
the swallet entrance, but after advancing a short
distance a shelf of solid rock was encountered.

The top of this was cleared until another shelf at
the level of the swallet. banded papers at a deeper
level. The swallet itself was then cleared out, but
the mud floor was only a few inches in depth, so that
the passage could not be deepened much before solid
rock was reached.

Many times were cleared out and the passage inspected. It is about 8 ft. long and only just large enough to get into. see diagram.



Suggest B be blasted, until sufficient entry can be gained to work at C, which may prove to be the beginning of a small bedding plane.

The floor cannot be cleared out any more as it is composed of the same solid rock as B.

Main party returned to camp + next went to G.B. + cemented staple as again it having been knocked off by the Bridgwater C.C. party in the morning.

Went back to camp + inspected bath. There seems to be enough material to construct an end wall for the intact remainder, and the foundations of this bit half seem to be sand.

Rendall + party remained in camp Sunday eve. P.P.

Described by B. Sunday night

no work left camp 3.50
 no more fire, long written with
 22 cart work

Wed 20th

Bendall and two others incamp.
 got in wood had meal and left
 for B.B about 8.00. Came nearly
 damp, looked at dig and decided not
 to, wandered about a bit and returned
 to camp about 2.00. Had another
 meal and retreat. Also two left at 9.0
 but I stayed on to eat sleep and tidy
 up. Left 12.30.

R Bendall

Thurs. 21st

Dents arrived in camp 6.30 pm., after cordial chat with
 Mr. Balch at Wells, & unsuccessful trip to Cheddar for
 information re Gough's caves. Visited ~~Phillips~~ & Mrs. Weaver at
 Butcombe late in evening.

Fri. 22nd

Lewis arrived shortly after breakfast.

1 bottle 'San Dyal'	} - purchased in village.
3 lbs. Washing Soda,	
1 carton Scabbing Powder	

There appear to be no shortage of these articles
 - except in camp!
 Lavatory & refuse pit liberally denuded in disinfectant.

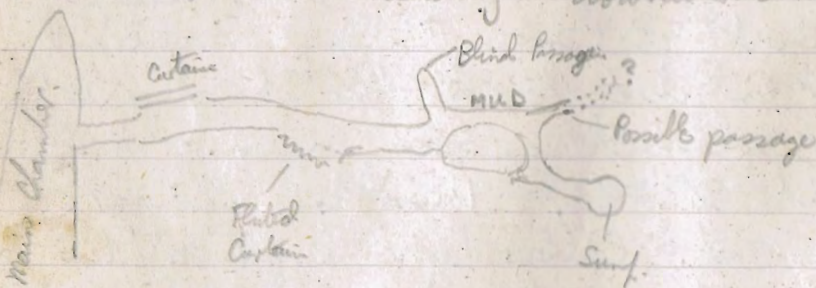
Union Work Party:

One party of 3 descended Rod's Pot, & then tried to descend Dronkards, but found entrance blocked by loose debris, so looked for stonewares instead.

There seems to be a possible continuation of Rod's Pot, but it will require probably one blast. Continue past fluted curtain to bottom of pitch, crawl through mud patch, & then instead of turning right to top of pit, go straight on. There is here a large boulder stopping passage, but if one side of this was blasted, it would probably be possible to pass the narrow tunnel that can be seen leading downwards beyond. - Also pres.

R. J. Menslow,
Rough Plan E. Hours.

Arnold S. Lewis



22nd June '45 A second party - Lewis arrived 11.0 with
2 pts (milk) - followed by 3 others. - D. M. Massey, B. Harris
and B. Norfolk. - descended G.B. (unsuccessful barring deck static water).
- returned to camp - gorged heartily and caught 9.5. bus (we
hope) -
Arnold S. Lewis

23rd June '45. Owing to rain, I changed my mind and
stayed in camp with Dembo. - in short dry spell we went for work.
Returned to coffee and cake, after which we washed and dried
the three paraffin - lamp glass chimneys giving much-improved light.
Somebody has shattered the "Bladdin's" mantle, making the lamp
unusable. No pickers remain in the hut, primis consequently rather
constipated - also hut is dry of paraffin (except about $\frac{3}{4}$ of

reserve stock. Arose 5:30 - (purely by accident) - having
resigned myself to the fact of rising in the middle of
the night I washed, cooked breakfast, and awoke Dembo,
who likewise made suitable remarks concerning cannibalistic
hour of rising. - cleared up and left for 9:5 (a.m.) bus
Arnold S. Lewis

2-7-45 The Freeman + Cliff Blankinship visited
Camp:
with all members please bring paraffin
to camp - Paraffin is not necessarily supplied
from W.B.S.S fund; the usual procedure is
to charge 1st (one penny) per person per camp
for paraffin. N.B. (See Cook - 1st Freeman)

14-7-45
Visit to Banwell Bone Cave (by
committee of the fossils - 3 bones H. Benington)
Piles of bones noticed in Bone cave
Deep cave also visited - large chamber
100 ft x 30 ft. Museum at Hill, Newport

15/7/45.
Large Y.H.A. party entertained at camp. Some shunted off
down Coatchuck; party of 8 descended G.B., & did about
110 mins. digging in choke at bottom. Dug about 2ft. straight down
where cleft to right fork off. Water falling into pot heard much
more clearly after dig. Bertie arrived at bottom with two

Barnwell people, & made rude remarks about amount of work done - but did not do any himself. Arrived at top to find Bill Weaver & Molly awaiting the parties on the road, & called left back to camp.

B.M. Decker

Sunday 29/7/45.

Party of 3 taken down G.B. on sightseeing trip. John Parks & party arrived later, but did not descend. Milk supply from farm less plentiful than usual, due to visitors in district. Camp left clear & tidy 8 pm.

Barnwell Decker

Saturday 4/8/45

August camp command.

Sunday 5/8/45

Party dug and blasted a small dry saddle on North side of valley running down to Ward from Tynings farm.

A second party dug in the dump of G.B.

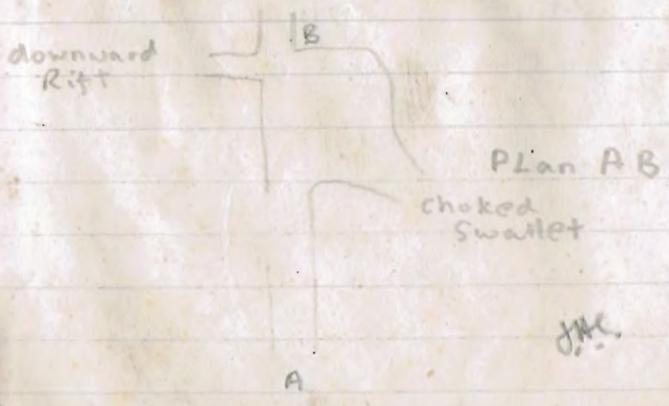
Monday 6/8/45

More blasting at the dry saddle near Tynings farm by one party and more digging at RB dump by another.

Tuesday 2/8/45

Deline chand from last shot find in Tynny's Dry Swallet. a further two shots are required to remove the fat left wall before the entrance of a bedding cave under the right wall can be determined.

Same party then visited Plantation Swallet and dug at the Bog Hole. The floor of the Stampeffs at the Dalton was chand and much of the floor of the small chamber beyond. The roof is well water worn and the chok in the floor easy to remove but 5 people are required to form a bucket chain.



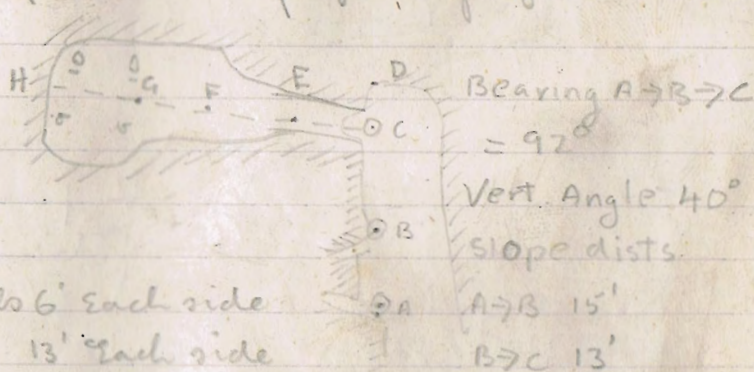
Wednesday, 8/5/45

Barker and Peavey visited R.B. A small passage about 30 yds from the Pump on the right hand wall at floor level was excavated. A few foot drop then occurs to a bedding plane calc. sloping at an angle of 30° from the horizontal and checked to within 10" of the roof. Excavation possible but difficult.

A charge was fired in the pump to raise an awkward load. The blast blew the lights.

Thursday 8/8/45

Bardle Pitts, Crickmay and Barker visited R.B. The Boulder slope at the top of the gorge was roughly surveyed.



Bearing C to H 346°

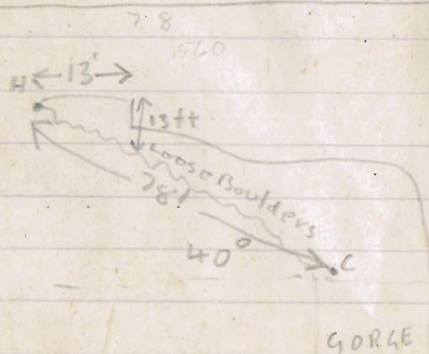
Vert. Angle 40°

dist C to E 22' at E walls 6' each side

(slope) E to F 10' at F = 13' each side

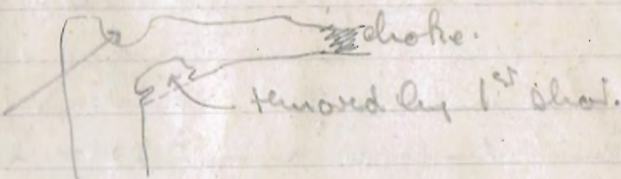
F to G 26' at G = 8ft Left 10ft Right

G to H 20' at H = 8ft Left 10ft Right.



JHK

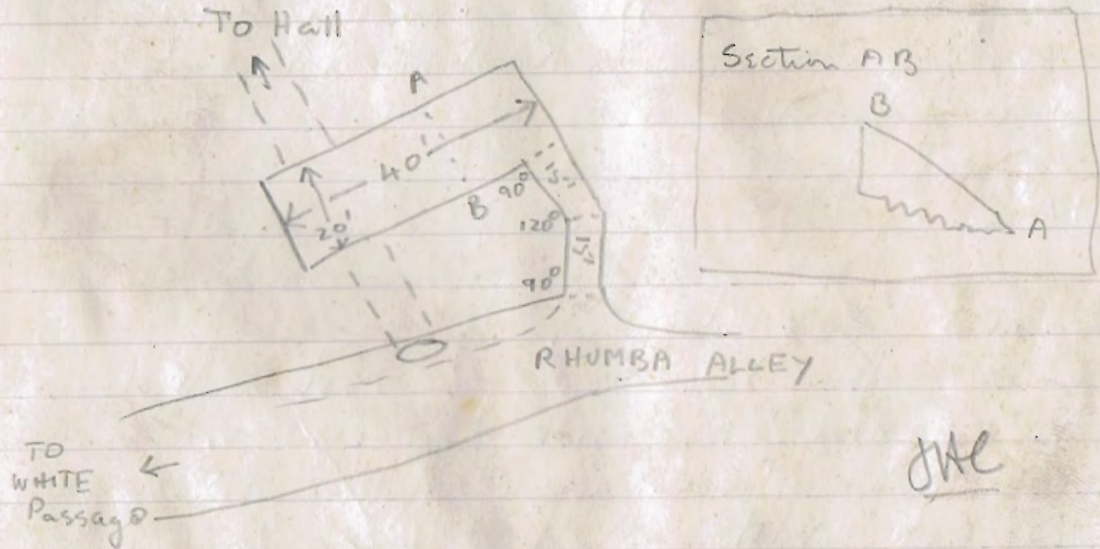
a further shot was fired in the ramp.



Charge put in 3 1/2" bore hole.

Remains not yet blown.

The roof supports have probably been blown away and will need replacing. CSB



JHE

Sketch plan of chamber and connecting passages at junction of Rhumba Alley and Loop.

Friday 10/8/45. Clearing up camp. - much packing

Sat. Two left in camp - worked a few local caves in evening. Ato & I went to Rouberon

Sun. Rose late cleared up left early
R Bendall

Sat 11th

Dembro, Bodtman + Mogan arrived in camp

7.30 p.m. + retired to Rouberon where met Bendall + friend.

Sun 12th

Bendall + friend departed 2 p.m.

Remainder descended G.B. and noted that the last visit had not dislodged much rock but had done some effective shattering. Cleared out lotta of hole for 2 hrs or so. Left camp 9.30 p.m.

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Fri 7th

Bendall & Crickmay in camp 7.30.

Sat

Spent afternoon removing a few cut of gravel from likely depression in scumbe above Avelina's hole. - chief amusement kicking rocks on trippers - reached more or less solid rock so gave up at 6.00.

Three other members having arrived went to Robinson.

One Wilkinson arrived about 3 with 4 friends (3 and a dame). They apparently did roads in the evening and C.B. left 10. They stayed up most of the night and left early Sunday morning - 2.

Sun

Rose early (9.30) and walked to Pridy. B'lowell
Had ~~no~~ decanted Swilsons but was confined to upper series due to lack of tracks with glacially met and then walked back to camp by 8. The other three left by 9.5 pm. Monday.

Bendall and Crickmay left 8.30

R Bendall.

Sept 22nd Sat,

Pitts Bendall, Murhead, Williamson
Harris in camp.

Pitts Bendall & Harris descended
Bend's Grotto and G.B. Stream had
leaked into dig thro' dam and washed
gravel down.

We left on Sunday after noon.

H. Bousoan Arrived Sunday - 23rd
Rods Pot (photos + geological notes)
Went to see Whitcomb's Hole.

Thurs. 27th

Bendall, Williamson, Achialini, Janassy and
Prof Cozzano in Camp 7:00. Left for G.B in heavy
mist about 9:00 p.m. Had some difficulty in finding
hole. Made slow but uneven trip - saw
everything - visitors very impressed.
Had more difficulty in finding road in mist.

Returned to camp 5:30 a.m.

Visitors left 8 a.m. we slept til 12:30 caught 1000
but left but in revolting state.

Sat. 29th

Recruited my sister and Brenda Harris to come
and clean up hut - they made a good job of it
left 8:30

R. Bendall.

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Frederick's Week End.

Sat. Oct. 20th.

15 people in camp. Parties visited Lamb Leer (left ladder), and Aatchuck & Rod's Pot. Excellent stew fabricated by Molly, following which 7 people visited Rowberry. Nine people in camp overnight.

Sun. Oct. 21st.

Five people visited Lamb Leer, & removed ladders. Two went to Riddy to join party descending Sirdon's, and six descended to Boulder Chamber in a.b., which was rather wet.

Raining all day, but came back to good fire & good stew, made from ^{Pregnant} rabbit frightened to death by near miss.

Left camp 6.15 p.m.

Sat. 27th.

Bonadillo Dub.

Bonadillo Stride, Radical & Williamson in camp. - played bridge.

Sun.

Rose 10 isle left for Longwood about noon. Found stream at unprecedented height and dam on verge of bursting. Managed to get hd off with difficulty, but the stream down the first vertical made it unwise to proceed. Swallowed pride and retreated to G. B. which was not particularly wet. Have

Left two ropes at Yang's which will collect
next week

Left Monday morning.

R Bendall

Sat 3rd.

2 members in Cairn 3 descended
long way - 4 hr trip - retrieved
ropes left last week.
Sun 4th

Large party did G. B. Found
that stream had completely
demolished the dam - filling up the
original stream way and now
going down the dig. I decided further
work would be useless so
brought out all the tackle.

Left camp 8 30

R Bendall

Sat 10TH

Bendall & Stride in camp.

Sunday 11TH

Toilers arrived for breakfast (12:30).

Bendall, Forbes, Stride, and Peter left for Burgwood with considerable quantity of hammers and chisels. Make fast trip to bottom. Johnny commenced forcing a passage in active stream way. After about 1000 yards in passing 2 S bends and managed to get one's head as far as a drop which definitely opens out. It will need a shot in either A or B to get any further, preferably A which should come off quite easily.



Returned to camp 7:30.

Others had passable stay prepared having been down Pulpit & Roads.

Toilers left camp 12pm I went to bed.

Monday

Left camp in fairly good passable condition 12:30

R Bendall

Thursday 15

2 men in camp. No oil, no candles! only 1 oil lamp with glass. Spent rather a dark evening! Suggest that somebody suggests that whoever does it should replace breakages!

SAT Sun 17.18

Hi-camp + Bertie + Mrs Cook
 cut logs + cleared hut - deal parts.
 Tried new lamp + new sawing stand
 checked traps for next weeks day.

Professor Tritman showed us day for next week.
 ARDC tunnel in lower town brook valley is not unlocked yet.
 Left camp 7.30 Sun Nigh AFTER cleaning up.

~~12.1~~ ^{Strike}

~~SAT~~ FRI 23.11.65

9 → In Camp Nica, Benda, + Sister
 + Bertie + myself
 2 boys hospital Medevacs turned
 up - to go coming.

Bed at 4 pm

SAT

up at 12 pm - Margaret arrived

Party of 4 → longwood, 2 boys hospital to
 L.P. got lost in maze - could not find
 way on

In longwood, Brenda passed corner
 at Sun - followed by Stride - No continuation
 - only just road to turn - continuation of Brenda's
 planes - quite impossible to continue.
 Bertie + Bertie arrived with new kayak bags (2)
 Also Prof. Tritman.

Timed in at 12 p after exceptionally heavy meal by Mitchell (!)

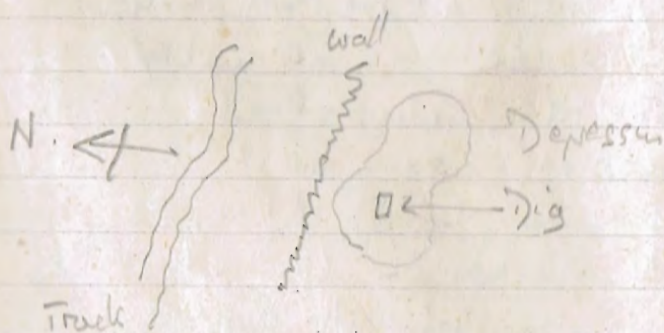
Sun

Walter & the boat arrived - Eddie took car back to Timber

Heavy meal at 12 - walked to East Tower & by comb - inspected holes, & decided later to dig original place near hut. (Tuesday)

Refused to eat B & B & jam & toppings & after preliminaries of clearing debris from water catchment & leveling it, we started dig.

Cleared trees in hollow & started dig - got down 3 ft in hole 4x3" - soft forest + clay + small rocks



As got dark - returned to heavy steas (Mrs Cook & Mitchell)

cleaned hut
very thoroughly

Non stayed night

27/2/52

Sunday 2.12.1945.

Redish + 4 others arrived about 2.0 pm.
 found Denbo, Stride & 1 other preparing
 to leave to join digging party at Pridley.
 Self & other 4 went down G.B. with
 5 schoolboys from Sidcot. Unpleasant
 trip, rather dry. Returned to vegetarian
 stew cooked by Molly, being disturbed
 by nattering between 2 members of digging
 party. 2 in camp overnight.
Monday. Rose 7.30 a.m. cleared up.
 left early. [Saturday's doings unknown
 to me, Rowboro's suspected.]
 KA Redish.

SATURDAY 1. 12. 45

myself in camp 5 pm - got fire ready & left
 to go to Reunion June at Cledder - all completed,
 30 of us (including Mr & Mrs Post, Willie, Rodney & Cecilia,
 Bill Weaver, J. Parks, J. Bothern et al - 30 in all)
 Bill & Johnny lit bonfire on top of hill - all
 followed him up & set (after fire going) - left a hour
 later - back to hut - after final drink, everybody
 except Dave & Dick, Curly & myself left - we
 bedded in at 2 am.
 "Curly" left for lunch at 11 pm after evening
 writings.
 Party left for Pridley in Bertie's & Johnnie's car
 (+ Willie) Arrived 3 pm - changed & descended
 into "Rods Pridley" - got through 4' of earth.
 - floor now descending. Rod's carting halted -

silt became more gravelly — layer of chert seen
 beyond which should be open passage
 — but no sign of open passage yet.
 Needs few good digs at regular intervals.
 Returned 7-8 pm

Stick
 in

9. 12. 47 SAT

Bummer — Nick out about 2 pm

Followed 1, Slide

messed til 6 pm

Aug 27 cut ft extra.

(break hub) from Treat. dig.

Dina Arrived 8 Over to Rickford. 9 — back

11 — 2 gatecrab w/ants ill — 1 w/ants broke +
 4th making another — all sunk into silt + sber
 + water to the morning after the night before — no more
 steady — but ate ~~steady~~ ^{leggy} meal. — felt better.

Dina + bumper car + ans to lug wood
 Alex + stick → Paddy with Bette + Johnie + Ann + Bruce + Pete
 2 Star arrived 2 pm — going down P.B.

Arrived at Paddy — Rod also came out. Johnny +

Ann went off on a driving lesson! (NOI)

Continued digging at Rock Prow — 1 ft further.

Attached rope to stone 1 1/2 x 1/2 x 1 — could not use it — rope
 broke 3 times (our best lifeline) at last shifted it 7 or 8 inches.

— note that this all occurred because Bette was not present

— got 1 lb. sugar but mad + water in floor — back by Hines + Ann

→ but — soap — Rodney's latest — left 10.30.

15/12/45 }
16/12/45 }

overnight

2 in camp (Strick, Tratten)

Various camp chores, Party Parties Sunday
to Eastwater + G.B. caves.

Double lock put on G.B. cave.

3 Primuses now in working order
SAT 16/12/45

Wed. 19.12.1945.

2:30pm 3 in camp. Goatshed visited. Nice easy trip.

3 in camp overnight.

30th 3 trees brought down. Rigford visited.
C. Bendall arrived 2:30. Longwood visited. Petried
defeated. Arrived back 12:10 a.m. Good fire &

meal ready. Evening disturbed by rattling
of Whiteford & Redish.

21st 2 caught 9.5 a.m. C. Bendall & myself
leaving for Red's Pot. For Reid's 11.0.
Trip very successful. Hat tided & wood cut.
Adequate supply of Bread in larder in tins,
2 Haversacks + 6 shirts & 7 prs of socks + oddments
on my bunk for general use.
K. A. Redish

SAT Sun 21.23

Trat & Strick in Camp - Ketti on Sat

Trat left Saturday night -
Sunday

out - ate - cleaned up + left good supply of
log) Strick

Strick

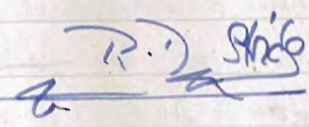
Dec 31 → Jan 1st '46

13 in Camp Jan New Years Celebrations
- 2 extra arrived later 2 geese + 5 puddings
+ much else. Many bottles, used.

In afternoon 'trat' started dig at 'fotes
hole' in comb - advanced 4 ft.

In afternoon of 1st Jan 'trat' + 'stake'
continued dig for another 4 feet.

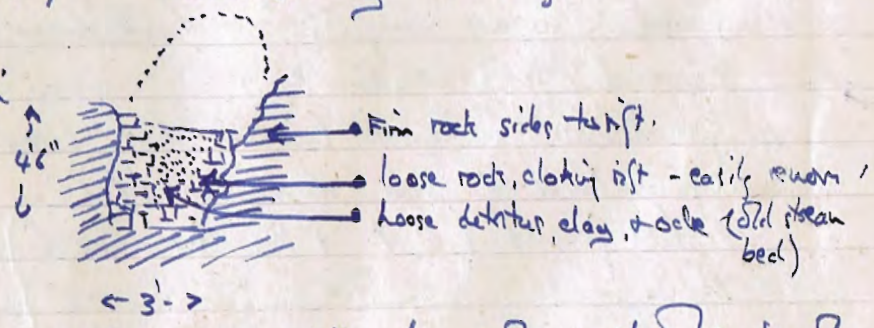
Jan 2nd, 'trat' early + 'stake' in camp during ft
- v. cold - cleared up diggating beer party mess
+ left 4:30 pm



Sat Jan 5th '46

'trat' + 'stake' in camp in afternoon - did 2 hrs digging
at Fotes hole (comb) advanced by 2-3 ft.

Cross Section



in a few more weeks, we will have got most of packwork
done, + will then get on to rock-shifting - then we will get to new
territory.

Note

Members of BCC including the Hon Sec. working both Sat
+ Sun aft noon in hole on left below the upper basin Brook → already got
in 25 ft in rubble

stride in camp overnight only.

Sun

stride left at 2 pm. Camp cleaned up.

Wed. 9/1/46

Had a talk to Mr. Painter, chief guide Gough's Caves, Cheddar.

The following points are worth noting: -

1. Marcal's Wood: land near has yielded many brooches of Romano-British date including some enamelled. All or nearly all sold to collectors by finders.
2. Many flint arrow heads have turned up by ploughing in war period 1939-1945
3. The ground next but one to the ground first ground between the fork of the roads at the head of Cheddar Gorge is prolific in flints; many implements have been found here at various times.
4. Great Oon's Hole. Mr. Painter has himself dug up a tooth of cave lion (4. Spl.) in this cave & has found E.I.A. + Romano-British pottery there.
5. In the valley running up on the lower, (west), side of Lion Rock, Cheddar, on the far slope from the rock after a washout by heavy rain a number of flints were found with the dense white patina of the flints from the Palaeolithic levels in Gough's. There were no burins

or other implements of dateable facies found.

6. In Great Oon's Hole are

- (a) Silhouette of hand on black background
- (b) Two or more figures, human, of Spanish cave types.
- (c) Outline drawing of a mammoth & perhaps by now other paintings

All these have been painted by some unknown person within the period of Mr. Painter's knowledge. The actual date is probably between 1925 & 1935.

Visited Visited cave behind house immediately below the stream that issues just below Gough's cave.

This cave has a lofty ceiling & the outer chamber is about 20' wide at the mouth & tapers off to about 8' at a distance of about 20' from the mouth.

Beyond the way is narrow, closed by a gate & leads down to the water where a boat used to be kept.

The floor of the entrance chamber has been levelled & the spoil heaped outside. The floor was then covered with cement & (? asphalt) & the cave used as a tea place. It is not now so used & is owned by the Bristol Water Works Co. It is probable that several feet of material still cover the floor, which would probably repay excavation. Disposal of the spoil would be difficult & it would have to be piled up on side while the other was excavated & then turned over again.

Visited Sun Hole. Some weathering has taken

Place & fallen material has largely obscured the steps of the old excavations.

- There is plenty of room for disposal of spoil
- (a) Stone can be split up & piled at the back of the cave
 - (b) Earth & small stones can be filled into the external pit & trench originally dug for that purpose.

In this way it should be possible to take a trial pit to rock floor.

The post-pleistocene material has been removed in the whole entrance area & platform.

The pleistocene material ~~is~~ ^{was} very barren in the old (1920's) excavations but was becoming more prolific in remains as each foot depth was reached.

The old survey marks are still visible, including the line marking the level of the Pleistocene.

It is desirable that this cave should be bottomed.

Walked over to Burrington. On the Hedder side of the Tynengo fm. - Hedder track & about opposite the large tumulus with the stone circle in it on the Eastern side of the track about $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the farm are two depressions in the field next to & next but one to the track. These appear to be old swallets & not quarries. The nearer & larger one is now an old metal dump.

Visited hut & so to Bristol. M.H. 12/1/46

Sat Sun 20. 21 Jan. 45

Ranunc Nicks & Strid in early Saturday - cut
Pine wood & cleared up.

Ranunc left about 6 & Jenko turned up 9 p.
all quiet overnight.

Next morning Trout arrived 11 p. Betty & Hollie
at 2.30.

left for Priddy - Platatin - Roff Priddy
- took out 25 buckets from side where it was deposited
last time.

Trout, Hollie, Nicks left & went back to get
dinner ready. Betty & Jenko "staked" (or?) in
Priddy Pod.

Attempt back & attempted to beat Hollie's
flow. Little success but did not best to save it later
- later ate Jenko's Pancakes. - then cleared up & left by 9 p.

- but today - plenty of fuel + 2 alladin waders (but to
some extent inefficient, lamps are damaged, the other waders, &
as a result nets wanted. NOTE IN FUTURE DON'T

MESS WITH LAMPS & WE WILL IRRITATE YOU.

17 D. 17/1/46
+ ask

20/21/46. Found new long burrow in
wood on S. side of road between
Miner's Arms & Castle of Comfort in angle
of 'L' shaped wood. Mound is oval, very
stone & is higher & wider at western end.
For proper survey later. Number will be

back to midday + the to hit by 7. Bitterwater
~~perhit~~ - good stew by Brad + Ann
 ate + talked. Pat left 8:35 AM
 Bill + Gunner.

left 9:30



Fri Sat Sun ~~1 2 3~~ Feb '66

~~Treat~~ out Fri - alone overnight
 NB he washed + boiled dishes after - as claimed he did

Sat Mike arrived 10:30 AM followed by
 Steve + 11. — ate Breakfast cooked by Treat
 + after sitting time, cleared away eat + leaves +
 stoves from behind back of hut where cursing arose (S)
 + general darkness to prevail

2 pm. Nick Hotel + Jack Lander arrive
 followed by Head + Watson (J) Steve + Mike to G.B.
 where no Sideset awaiting them as should have been the case
 — let it be understood that when in future
 we arrange to take Sideset load down the cave we
 do expect them to turn up — then walked over to
 Callow Oche cave. Full trip there with Jack + Nick
 + treat — returned to hut — an excellent heavy meal by
 our unpaid Chef (Hotel) + retired to refectory, where
 after an average of 3 puts game we left — return
 to hut + bedded by 12 pm to 7 AM

Note 1 padlock is missing from G.B. Cave — the other
 is still OK

Sun

Rose 9:30 (ie Hought that to)
 breakfast with ~~acc~~ of Hotal some 2 hrs
 late - Lily Hoto arrived about 1-2.
 Party of Hotal Nick. tang, Jack & Lily down
 Beatchurch. - back. 2 hrs late
 Glen White Pete Rowland, Wife Dena & unknown
 "sk" turned up - tested & returned
 Then all feel under Hotal care & left
 after dining at 7:30 pm.

9. afternoon Treat & Hotal cleared out
 stretched thoroughly - all useless things thrown
 away.
 Hotal & Jan cut wood.

9.10.11 8 Feb 46 Fri. Sat. Sun

→ R. Hotal 3. 2. 46
 →

Heta + David Parker out Fri night.
 - quiet - disturbed by Hotal 10 pm next morning
 cooked + tubed & cleaned up
 12 pm followed by Treat
 Party of Heta + David addressed Poley Pt
 → not slightly soaked.
 in rift near Poley Hote Barrington - only a 30" fall
 ahead - rock sticking out now from right side
 - bart at away
 Peter & Heta Jack & Nick turned up &

- sawntreped operation - viewed total hole
 - returned to camp - June by Hatch
 - well up to standard. Bertie & Willie left 7.30
 - after cursing that we had lecture dates (etc!)
 6 Chem Dept students went over to help us get
 - unable to get down - no way - later
 went down - R. back down. Returned by
 bicycles + bus.

We Rickforded + bedded between 11.30 + 2.
 Certain individual rose between 9 + 11 to rest
 rose at the Leipzig. Hotel chief
 but bet for a breakfast - turned out
 a magnificent affair. Even Nick laid out flat.
 R. Starbuck + breakfast also.

Party went down Rods - U. muddy
 - climbed vertical by ladder - snags + lower
 over blocked by boulders - made breaking by
 hammer or blasting.

That was "Rods Pot" - lot nice - too huddy".
 Returned elevated & dressed - Ate a rather heavy meal
 by the cook "Hotel" which by V. S. Ke.
 left by Jack + "Watts" cars
 8.00. pm

H. J. Dick
 U. 2. 48.

SAT SUN 16 17 Feb 66

Mike treat Terry down East town - difficult over leaving - chop difficult eye with aid of rope

late day 3 ft forward in rish new pots hole - removed rock of last week with Aid of Nick, John & Mae.

tray & slide arrived 7.45 pm - left after dinner by Nick to Borrow with Nick - 2 sbs & 1 not quite himself - all bedded by 1 pm.

Brought back tin sheet from pots hole & constructed chimney - worker splendedly (better than trap)

SUN

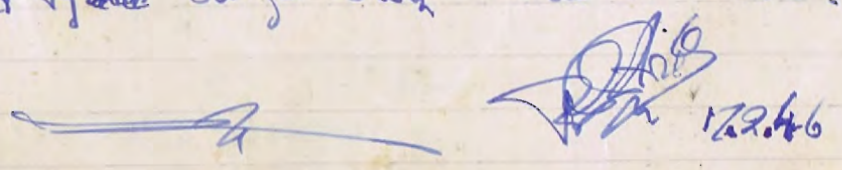
John Peter Brenda Ann out by 12 pm - ate Berro & 4 Physcylol -> G.B. stalked by Party of Treat Nick Cecilia Rodney tray Mike to G.B. Party of Brock Ann John Peter & stalk to logwood

Pull tin - nice & wet.

Batie & Beaumont worked in Plantation - advance of 1 ft with removal of ~~2~~ 2 rocks.

Party in G.B. meanwhile had accident - J. Wilkerson had large rock dropped on him - badly bruised shoulder with help of Page got him out after 4 hrs. sent to hut where stayed by 8.45 pm

Mr Alms + fiancee out for evening - also Bill Wears.

 1/22/66

Plan 18. Feb. 46

to Nick

~~McDerm~~

Denise Delia Lini, Boston, Blackett - Strick
in camp study night left by 11 in evening
having cleared up camp.



Sat. Sun 23.24 Feb 46.

Hotel Nick, Jack, Brenda Ann McDerm

Bethie Mollie + Trat. Peter Butler - Strick at celebration
of Bethie + Trat celebration 2 course dinner by Mitch

Camp corrected by Bethie (don't say with them).

2 new cushions by Trat. Mollie to sleep in

let overnight Brenda + Ann in Trats car.

Kewie + Mc Ara turned up at 9 - left 11.

7 of party are to Reheman + bars by 11
- happy.

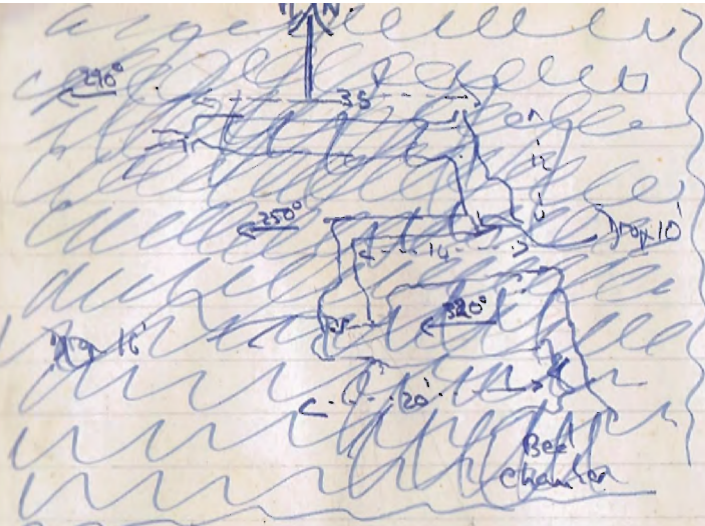
Party of Brenda Ann, Jack, Mitch, Peter
+ Mae are walking expositi at 1 am - back
by 4 am - text everybody awake

Sun up by 10 am - breakfast by 1 pm

Party of Trat + Nick to look at
hinged wood + Butts Quarry - later to
Plantation with Ann, Paul, Jack, Mae + Peter
- back by 6:30

Party of Mollie, Mitch, Peter + Strick down
Reach - surveyed exterior of 2. Alley

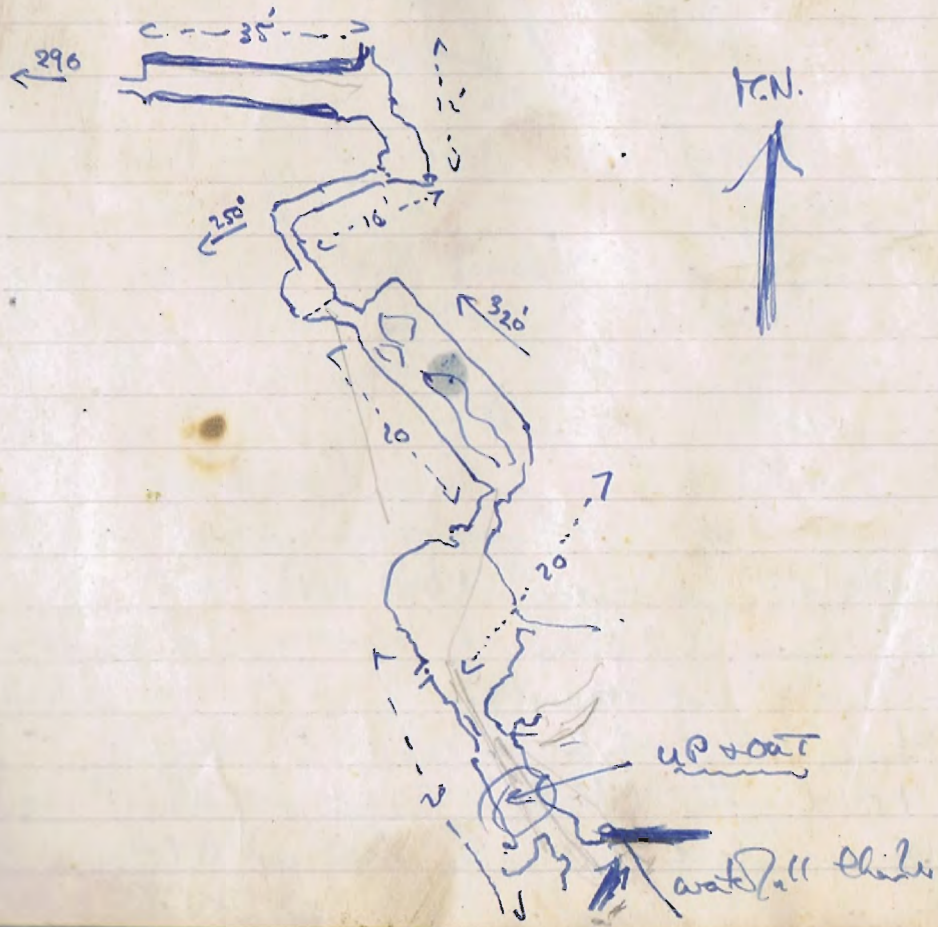
See across



EXTENSION FROM Z ALLEY

PLAN

Surveyed by Peter Kitch + Strick
24.7.46.

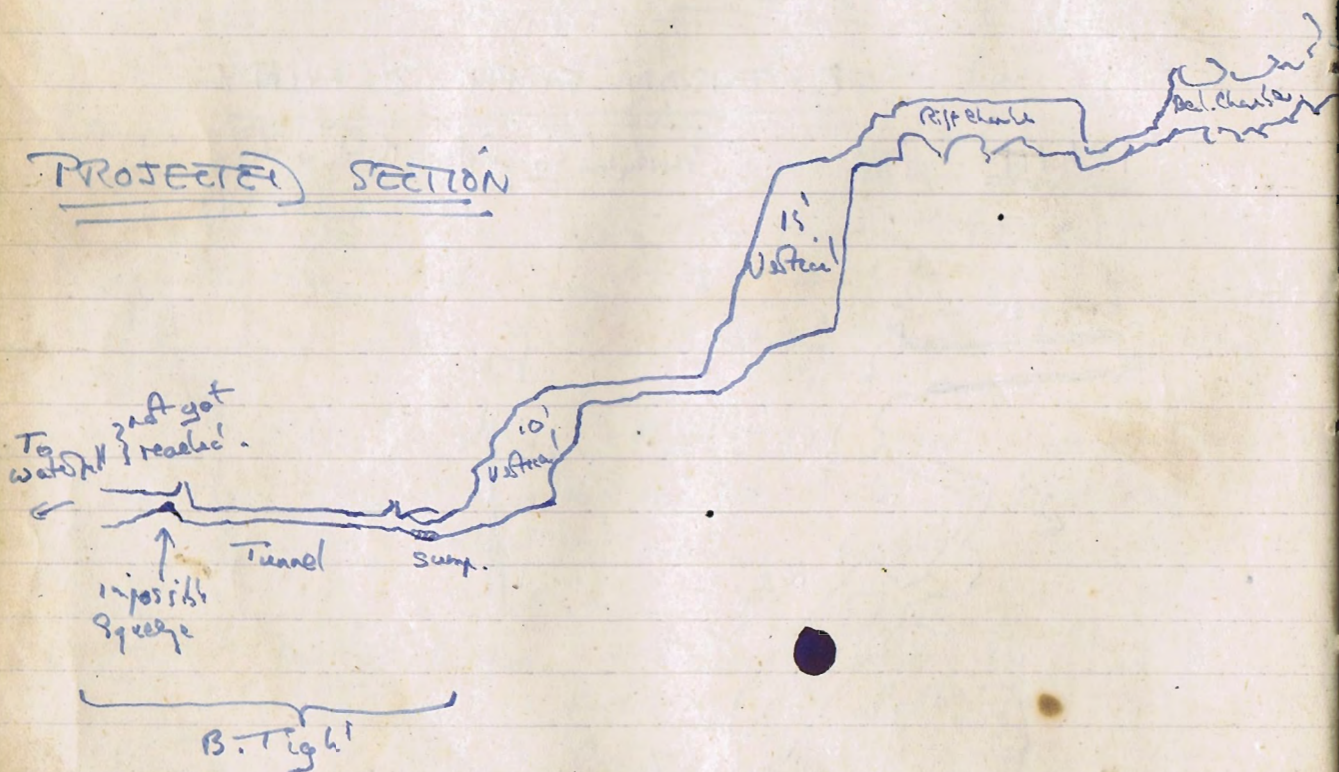


EXTENSION OF Z ACEY

Surveyed by Police Trial + Stone

24.2.45.

PROJECTED SECTION



Party at Platani record 10 buckets

water $\frac{1}{2}$ gravel $\frac{1}{2}$ down — no sign of floor
 on side — rocks not numerous.

After chicken clove + cables severed by the
 notable cost Hotel, the celebration of 1st + British
 B. A. days Buda on about 9pm after clearing on but

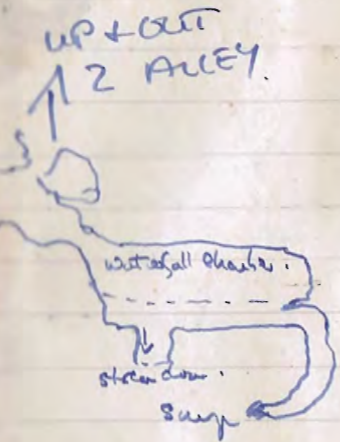
Dec 27 thru 28 AS 66

Rufus & Johnny out -
doing the rest work apparently - left
only this morning

SAT Sun Mon 2.3 + 4

Trat + Mike out in morning.

Nick + Hitch out Monday
A afternoon started destruction of Bath
- Brake off 1/2 of sides + placed 2
charges in end - shattering it
stack + debris out later. Debris
up at 0800hs + left 0900hs.



Rest all in by 1000hs.

3 course meal

by Hitchell - as usual very successful. tunnel rock
went over to back - finished breaking the complete
place up - laid foundation of floor - placed charge
in remaining block of floor, but failed to go off - left
until the next week. Better tunnel up + cracked up
break into pick! In afternoon R. Green + H. Dille turned
up + did some work left in evening. Brake went off
"On Business"! (when off)

Floor by Hitchell Area where a side of confidence was
passed by these assembled. Mike left 19.45hs.

RAF of Trat Nick Hitch, Dille + Green left 20.30hs -

Dale + Steve cleared up + bedded by 2300hs.

Up at 6.50 am debris left by 7.35

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bated out distiller - cleaned up but I left on Monday by 7.30 am

— me —

P. J. Price
11.3.46

Sat 16 - Sun 17 Karl 46

Sat Evening 'Pebble Party' at Cliff Eddard
- good dinner + party well pleased. Retired
to hut together with Banfire. People in various stages
retired at varying hours. Bertie returned to Babel
& Wels. ~~Bertie~~ Bertie + Jessie left about 12 pm.
John, Dale, Trist, Nick, Peter, Peter + myself in
camp overnight - up by 11 pm + Breakfast out
aid of our Cook is Chief - Mitchell.

With Nick + Trist Peter + John.
Hotel booked. Sticks adjusted benches - put 1/2 way.
- Dubs kept fire alight + at ~~wood~~
later tinnies were eaten before John Peter
+ Dennis left at 5.

After meal by hotel at 6 before
cleared up + left by 7.30 pm.

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17.3.46

Pat 23 Sun 24 Karl 46

Friday. Apt

Woke out 3 cut down + up large to school. Hotel out + got meal ready for 12
Expects Uni College students (part) - Mike Elizabeth Mary Rosemary
Awen. Alw. Perry John Jack - After eating
women take over to ~~Blagden~~ Blagden YHR + Nick
edgy to bed 2pm.

SAT Plan

up by 7 - 2 patrol
- one under Nick + Mike took party down Rocks + the
boathouse (also Mike + Tony arrived 2pm - down side)
to set into ~~Patrol~~ down Coathouse + the Rocks
- little or no difficulty experienced.
Out + worked - Meal by 6.30
- Awen left 8.30 for Hostel. Plan off to ~~Patrol~~ Picket
with Bob + Mike + Nick + Steve to ~~Patrol~~ - prepared to
time away + back by 11.15 Bob + Jack + Jack
arrived after 11 + stayed in until 2.30am

SUN

got up by 7.30 breakfast with Awen soon
after 8. Part Pat + Nil Rosemary. Part. Jerry + after
down AB to Bridge - back by white passage.
Paper party of Tony + Mike + 3 others down rats
same way. Bob + Jack ran over part + out by
seen after.
Meal by Hotel at 2.10 - Part party left
by 3.55 hrs - rest by 5.00 etc

Patrol
#24.34.

Tues. Mar. 26 1946

One - 5 barrow loads cement (1 bucket) sand (2 1/2 buckets) taken to bath - mixed & placed on floor.

p.m. D= Lewis & Miss Harding visited camp.
W. Trubman 26/3/46

Wed Mar. 27 1946

One - 5 barrow loads as before taken to bath, mixed & placed. First floor covering & basement layer end (lower) wall completed & first layer first part of apron. Total 4 sacks cement used.

W. Trubman 27/3/46

Thu. Mar. 30 1946

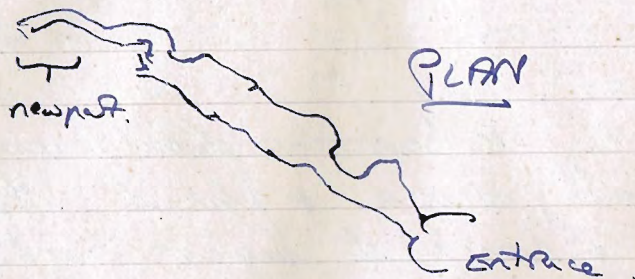
Nixon, Mitchell, Trubman, P. Harvey, F. Stanton, Stride. Continuing work on bath in evening. Started first row concrete blocks. W. Trubman (Pickford in evening).

Fri. Mar. 31 1946

2 - Stanton, Trubman. Working near Fox's Hole. Removed 50 buckets & about 1/2 ton stone. Face moved forward about 2 feet. Rock on right looking in loose, K.I.W. for falls. On left rock undercut & on surface stones & air spars. between.

2 - Reddish ~~at~~ Maloughlin trip through Goshurch. Mitchell in camp - cooking excellently as usual. W. Trubman

Berrie, Hajarie, John Ann Brenda Peter Pakel key
 Jack + Carl + strike → Plantation Pulverizer
 into severe difficulties lack of O_2 + excess CO_2
 to distance of over 5 ft in rift



after 6 hrs work left + returned to camp
 - Meal by Hetelett - doctor light possible standard
 before job left at 8. gears of strike in
 camp overnight - cleared up + left by ----- am.

Rickford - EV

[Signature]
 30.12.46.

Apr. 3rd 1946

3 - Dixon, Gummer, Traluce.

Worked at place near For's Hole. Removed 125 buckets
 earth (say 3 ~~tons~~ tons) + about $\frac{1}{2}$ ton stone. Made progress
 about 4'. Cave opens out to left. Face now 4' wide
 + plenty room to work to left. Sun

Next stage is to sink pit to allow easier
 work forward + to left.

[Signature]
 3/4/46

April 4th 1946

3 - Discon, Gummer, Tratman

Work at place near Fox's Hole. Removed 100 buckets earth (say 2 1/4 tons) + about 10 buckets stone. Face forward about ~~two~~ ^{two} feet ~~±~~ + deepened to about 5'. At about 3' 6" rock, waterworn, on both sides down to 5' with no sign of bottom. Walls about 3' apart. Space to left - reported 3/4/46 is a small passage coming in from surface.

Next party - continue on forward on present face keeping it not less than at present + preferably deepening. Bones of *Lepus arviculus* found.

Evening - Discon left for Bristol.

Dug out + cemented (1st layer), settling pool for bath + fitted outlet pipe to same. Water various odd jobs in camp. Set 5 rabbit snares - fired twice at a rabbit, which did not die of fright.

W. Tratman - 4/4/46

Apr. 5th 1946

Wet day - 2 - Mike + Tratman

Odd jobs roundcamp, tool shed, hut etc.

Evening joined by Mr. Cheworth - Musters + Mr. Harrison + Dr. Mitchell - shot 1 rabbit.

2 - mice *Apodemus sylvaticus* (1) (K) 5/4/46
" *Flavicolus* 1 caught in hut.

Apr. 6th 1946

2 - M + H - Archino's + Goshawk for bats

2 Greater Horse Shoe, 2 lesser H. S. + 1 Natterer's bat.

Apr. 7 1946 near
 to - working Fox's Hole.
 105 buckets - face forward about 3'.
 but height drops to 6' or less.
 Next party to start at present face
 + work outwards deepening at least
 2'. Then forwards into cave keeping
 steep slope on floor. ~~off~~

Off by 10.30

Party of Jenko, Ian + Shilo + Peter took 60
 N.U. students down beach at 12 - out
 by 3.30 - all complete.

came out + left by 5 o'clock by Cliff by Cherabona
 Trat. Hotel Nick + Bruce left by truck car - 8. in
 rest stayed overnight

M + H 4 letter + 2 great in Beach + beach.

Nil in evening.

M + H + Jenko + Shilo return to Islander - sliding
 door + Peter's sawl outains to hut by 12

Jenko + Ian left by 7.45. M + H
 slide by 9.15 after dinner

Friday 12.4.46

Trat + Mike out before I 1st layer of breaks. Hotel
 arrived in morning also quiet night.
 on Bate + piddled around. II
 on by 9.30 Shilo arrived II

Steve Mason. Ian Hatcher out soon after
 Saturday that Mike + Steve put 5 layers on bath
 + let water in to wash out. Ian + Steve off
 Boathead + later rescued + Nick + Peter. (Paul late
 outside entrance)

Bob Berrill had on 20.00 lbs.
 Beer + cigarettes also
 Tra to bed. Party + Brook by Mike + Peter
 Mike Ian + Steve. to CB.
 → Tent cleared up before going
 to bed - 3 hrs work! 1/8/46

Sunday - 14/4/46
 Camp chores.

8 - (Barth + Molly later) - (Charles still
 later. Removed 100 buckets and
 several stones. Deepened step down to 4 ft.
 + then forwards about 3 ft. Rift narrowing
 a little! Stratification - 14/4/46

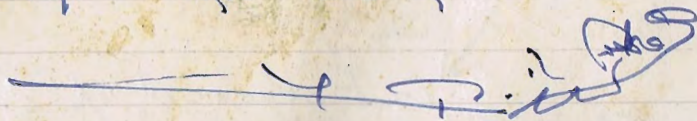
Sunday 14/4/46

11:30 Bob Berrill + Phil → Puddens - with Don Coes
 returning to 40' - laddered - they left + we two
 descended - to Surp after some discussion Bob dove
 + entered Puddens No 2. Phil followed - but
 2 ft under he returned - Bob after 10 minutes
 exploration returned successfully - back up to 20'
 - + up to 40' - as party of Tra + Co not
 arrived we took out ladders + Ropes - Met
 Don + Phil outside + carried back to camp - ate
 well and expect care at Friday - returned on Steve's bike

Peter came over to make sure we were safe.
 After returning certain remarks were passed on
 the persons who did not come over in traps cut
 feasible in afternoon give on Blackdown spread
 - early over to hut

Hut closed up at 11.

How
 by 11 + left after dawn



18/4/46 In evening 9 in camp. Tested some
 of ropes - 3 men wt.

19/4/46 Tested rest of ropes - one broke on 3rd
 man - thrown away. All rest of rope
 ladders passed test.

Ladders require re-whipping on rungs.

Afternoon fired all blankets & sleeping bags.
 10 in camp. Shipped loads at bath. (It is hoped).

Afternoon 5 at place near Fox's Hole.
 Removed 50 buckets - forward 3 ft. Working
 more difficult - now past constriction deepen
 floor to lighten working face.

Sketch 19/4/46

Evening. Key of G.B. returned by stranger,
 who had it from Peter Harvey. Stated
 to pass down cave. Sketch 19/4/46

~~20.4.46.~~ 20.4.46.

Hugh & Joe to Coombe (2) - each BSB
 + dog in Coombe (near Foxes Hill) BSB
 + dog arrived in afternoon + helped
 Bertie played chess with just Ken
 out by 3 did work - Note: John general
 of wood getting - Ken in in mind BSB John Henry
 look like get. Retrieval to be done by 3:45 pm.

21.4.46.

Charles shot A RABBIT - TAT (TRICK) TO
 - no success Charles Superintended them. Mrs Bards
 + Cousin superintended clearing operations. Cook in charge.
 Party to include Brenda Mr Randall Mr Quantance
 Robert T. Rat Redial + Priele - rat did hauling
 - use of tents - Petrol lamp glass broken.
 Slide Arrived 5 pm - back from house cross (Parsnip
 Valley Lane west)

Party arrived back from haul last at 9 pm

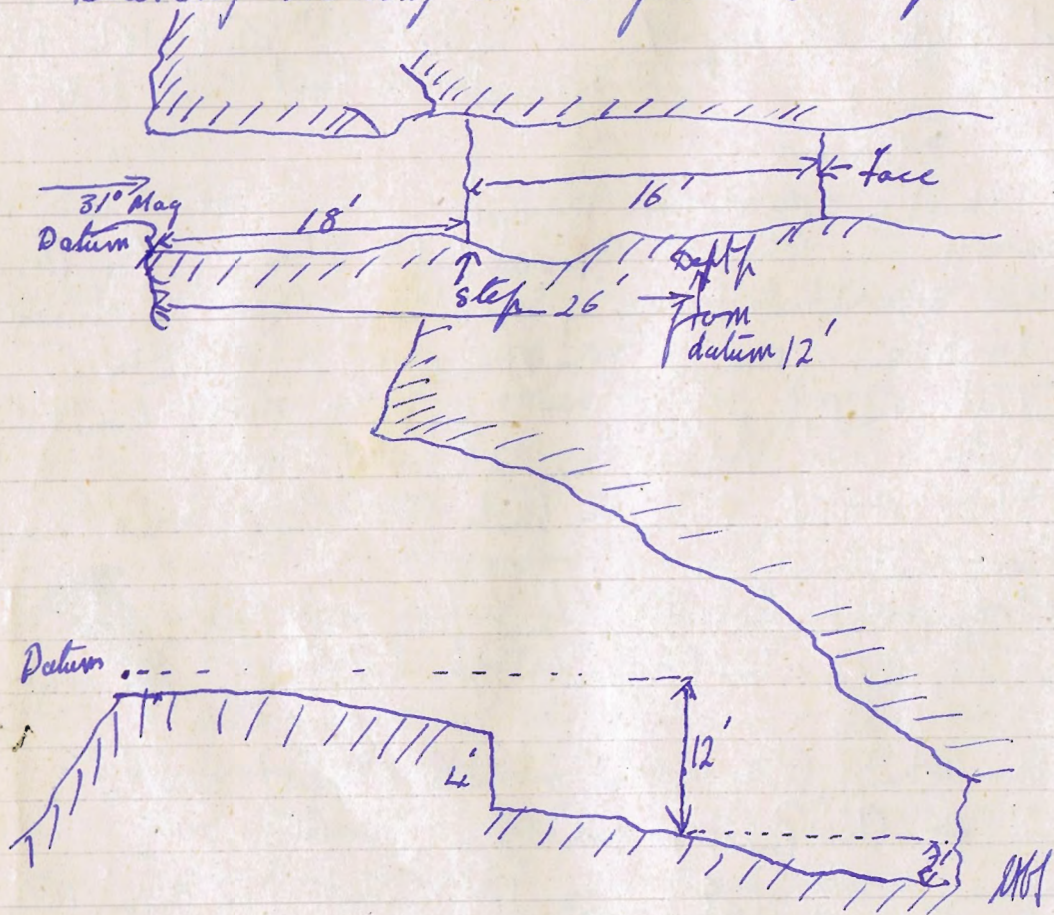
Immense Quantities of Wood cut by John (Hug)

Party returning from haul last + Cattle of Bards somewhat
 hilarious at New Pools + Landflower by Cook + Co.
 In Morning Party of 4 ches 100 buckets from Coombe Hill
 (Tatrick BSB etc)

got beyond pit that point reached in early dig - Son should
 get into open - now dig up a heap with (2-3 ft)
 - 30 ft in

22/4/46 Mon. Place near Lorc's Hole. (1st party)
 Mike, Crickmay, Bendall, Barker, Tratum
 80 buckets removed. Deepening floor + step
 till face 6' approx.

Rough measurement made of cave.
 Bearing looking in to face 31° Mag.



late Bertie Mike William Barker Redist +
 continued 101 buckets were
 most left by 9.
 Bertie + Mike saw after.
 Redist William Mike + Steve = camp arranged
 left by 9

[26 blank leaves]

