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# ROCKCLIMBING IN S.E.QUEENSLAND —A BRIEF HISTORY

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Then the interstate trips; the dubious pleasures of our first sandstone of the Three Sisters,the magnificence of the Tasmanian peaks,and the grandeur of The Bungles,2nd. ascent of the Breadknife (Lamb & Brooks) long before it was verboten.

Inevitably much climbing was done by both clubs,never recorded and now forgotten.Eventually a sub group,the Rockclimbing Group was formed within the B.B.W. to cater for those misguided members suffering from this odd affliction,and a training program initiated. Around the same time,unfortunately,many of the keenest of the original climbers dropped out and disappeared due to sundry reasons and the Climbing Group never really got off the ground.

In September 1965 this club was formed, the first in Queensland devoted purely to rockclimbing. Many new ascents were put up but it was not until the arrival of Les Wood ,an outstanding English tiger,that standards really soared.Outstanding in the fact that he not only left an impressive list of new ascents but the benefit of his approach and experience which he shared with our members. Responsible for Trojan Clemency,Over-exposed and Patience crack on Tibro.alone,Les.managed to fill in a few blanks on this East face of Tibro. which seems to be the most popular face in Qld.

Clemency and the free ascent of the East face of Crookneck would be the two most memorable routes he was responsible for.Both are destined to become classics. Other members have been hardly inactive ; a superb series of climbs at Binna-Burra, the East Wall of Barney,Rock Garden,Medusa,Flameout all attest to an increased awareness and an ever increasing technical ability of our members in climbing.

N.Lamb March 1967

## STANDARDS

A bewildering number of grading systems are in present use throughout the world. To avoid any confusion we shall use the English system throughout this book, being the simplest and least ambiguous.
The system with its numerical equivalents is as follows:-

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| Easy | 1 |
| Moderate | 2 |
| Mild | 3- |
| Difficult | 3 |
| Hard | 3+ |
| Mild | 4- |
| Very Difficult | 4 |
| Hard | 4+ |
| Mild | 5- |
| Severe | 5 |
| Hard | 5+ |
| Mild | 6- |
| Very Severe | 6 |
| Hard | 6+ |

It should be noted that in the numerical system of sub-division 3+ and 4- for example are not equivalent, they merely represent the upper and lower limits respectively of the main divisions. The French "inferieur" and "superieur" are perhaps less ambiguous, but sound somewhat snobbish out here. Throughout this guide the overall grading of the climb will be given descriptively i.e. Difficult, Severe etc. whilst individual pitches, wherever possible, will have a numerical rating. In this manner the crux pitch will be readily recognizable.
For example :-

1.....80ft.....4+....

reads as Pitch One, 80ft. of run-out (not necessarily height gained), Grade 4+ i.e. Hard Very Difficult.
In overseas climbing circles further superlatives have been required for those climbs which surpass a Hard Very Severe, i.e. Extremely Severe and Exceptionally Severe. These gradings have been required because of the considerable advancement in technique and ability of post war climbers. At the moment these extra standards need not concern us, but adjustment will be made in the guide if future climbs demand it. Artificial pitches will be described as A1, A2 etc. in increasing order of difficulty.
Factors taken into consideration when grading a climb are ;- soundness of belays, availibility of runners on hard moves, length of run-out, exposure, and the soundness of the rock. Grading is still very much a personal matter, one mans severe may be anothers Very Difficult, and there is no hard and fast rule. Standards given are for dry rock in good conditions. Wet conditions will normally increase the grade by one degree, sometimes two, depending on the footwear worn.

## * THE GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS *

The Glasshouse Mts. are a group of volcanic plugs situated some 45 miles north of Brisbane. They offer our best and varied climbing. The main peaks of interest to the rockclimber are Tibrogargan,Beerwah and Crookneck. Ngungun will quite possibly yield good climbing on the organ pipes of its Southern face.

Tibrogargan The most popular climbing ground seems to be on the East face of Tibro -certainly there are no fewer than 15 routes there so far.There is room for more,especially on the big wall to the left of Carborundum,and on the upper cliff-line or Gorilla's Face. No doubt the popularity of this face is due to the superb quality of the rock,freedom of scunge,the camping cave and perhaps the reassurance of the sight of the passing cars on the nearby highway. The West face has the"Tourist" track running up it, is rubbishy,and worthless to the climber who usually descends Caves route on the East. The South face is steep and rocky but contains much scrub. It doesnt seem worthwhile looking for routes here at this stage. There are about three ways up, none harder than Hard-Difficult but all somewhat scungy. The North face should yield fine routes on its Eastern end,but is broken in the middle by a big scrub belt. The standard route up is rather indefinite and not really worthwhile. There remains the N.N.E. wall which should prove rather interesting.

Coonowrin or Crookneck is the most impressive of the peaks but the climbing is not as good as might be expected. The rock is not sound in many places where good rotes would go. The East face is a classic and has at the moment the hardest face route in Glasshouse. There is room for a line on the S.E. face which will probably require a lot of pegging. The South face or "Tourist" route is easy on its lower cliff line and a track crosses it,ascending to the right. The upper cliff-line, however,just above the track might be of interest. The S.W. buttress direct is worth investigating. There are about five routes on the face,but none really good,perhaps the big chimney on the S.W. face is the best. The West face so far has only one line up it, partly because the face is narrow, but more likely due to the incredible looseness of the rock. The N.W. corner overhangs and the "ships-stern" is a characteristic feature here. A route will probably go up into the caves on the N.W. side,and then out and up the final N.W. corner, which looks very loose. The North face has two lines up it, but they also aren't worthwhile really,since the face is very broken and one could wander all over the place. The East face route on very solid looking columns more than redeems the climbing ther so far.

Beerwah at 1823 ft. is the highest of the peaks and is quite solid in most places, the most characteristic features being slabs and boiler plates. The North face is the "yak" route, but columns on the left and right hand side are starting to be investigated. The big North face direct ,i.e. up the overhangs is bound in time to be done but will possibly prove only to be an arduous bolt stunt, the value of which is questionable. The South face offers the best climbing on long ribs and columns. There is much untouched rock here, though there are about 7 routes so far. The East face is easy angled and is a good scramble for an unroped party. The only over place for the rocky though is the W.N.W. face,very steep and smooth. Only one route goes up here, into the "Shell" rock.

For "off" days, Grannie and Ngungun should be interesting; but Grannie entails a walk which usually puts the lazy climber off. The organ pipes on Ngungun should have hard routes on it.

# Glasshouse Mts.

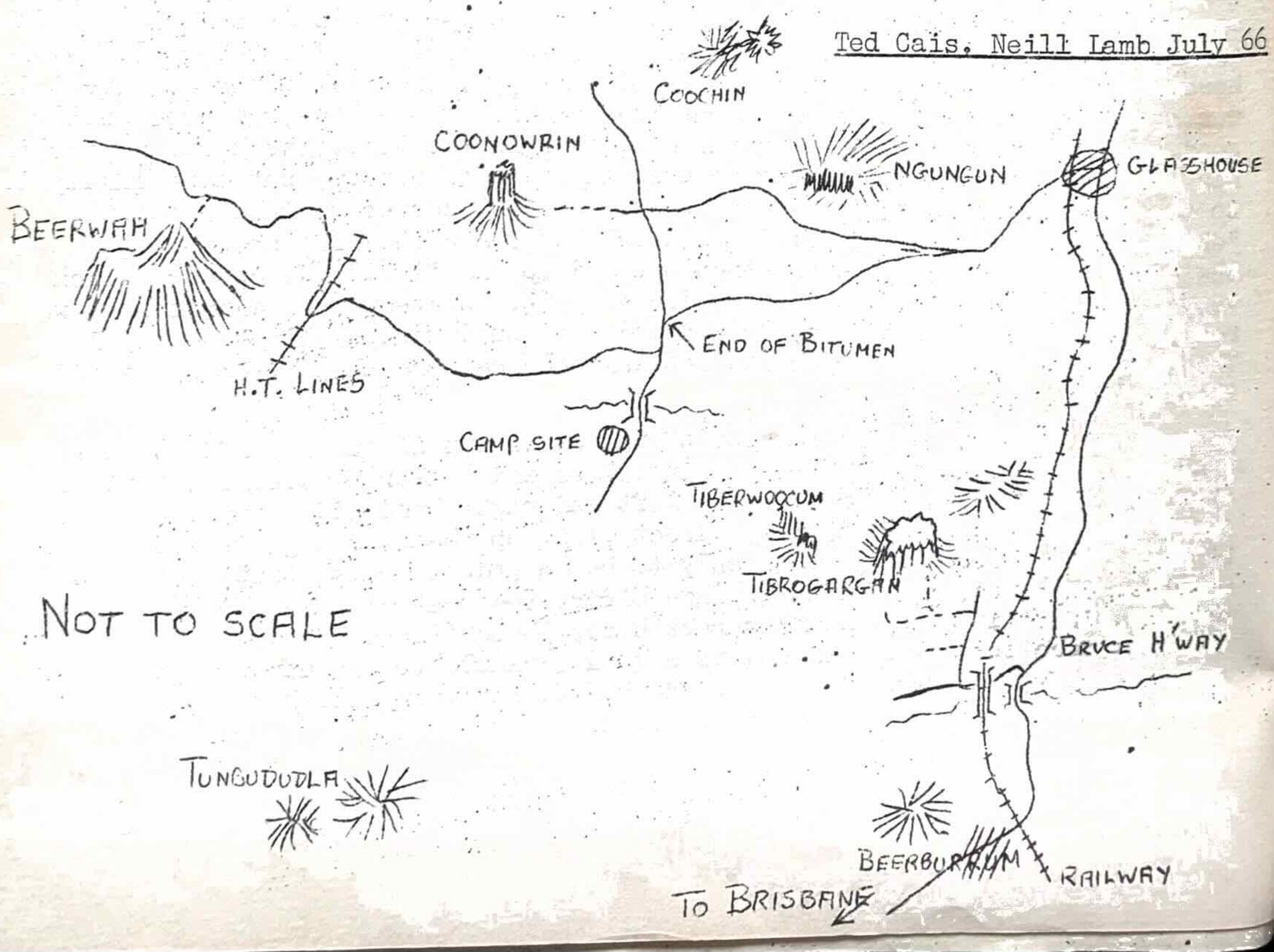
## ACCESS AND CAMPSITES

Tibrogargan 1/2 miles past Beerburrum on the Bruce Hwy. turn off to the left just over the Tibrogargan Ck. bridge. Follow this dirt road down under the railway line and then take the fork hard right up the rise. The second turnoff along this road to the left, somewhat ill defined, then leads in to the mountain. Care should be taken not to trespass on adjoining farms. The owner of the large pineapple farm directly in front of Tibro. is particularly hostile to errant climbers on his property. The best camping spot is on the mountain itself in No.2 cave. Water must be carried and firewood is usually in short supply.

Crookneck Leave the highway at Glasshouse township and turn left across or under the railway line and out along the bitumen road. 1 mile out take the fork to the right and follow this out past Ngungun which is easily reached from the road, and then up a rise to a crossroads junction on the crest. A short drive directly ahead past the house on the left leads to the base of the mountain. There is no running water available near the mountain.

Beerwah As for Crookneck follow the bitumen road out from Glasshouse until the bitumen ends just before a sharp left turn with a subsiduary road coming in from the right. Follow the unsealed road around the corner and down the dip and up the following rise where the road to Beerwah turns off to the right. The road out to Beerwah is straightforward though fairly rough. At a sharp U-bend under the power lines a track leads off to the left along the ridge crest. The South face routes are easiest reached this way. To reach the North face and "Tourist" route the road is followed further up a steep rise and then along the crest until a well defined track leads off diredtly under the great overhang. A small creek runs under the S.E. face but normally is unsuitable for drinking. If instead of turning off to the right on the Beerwah road the main dirt road is followed down the decline a bridge over a small creek is reached. Just over this bridge on the right is the only well watered camp-site in the area. The mosquitos in summer however are ferocious.

Ted Cais, Neill Lamb July 66




NOT TO SCALE

GLASSHOUSE

## TIBROGARGAN: "CARBORUNDUM"

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Standard : Very Difficult
1st. Ascent : Neill Lamb, Mark Andrews 1955

So named because of its abrasive properties, this route follows the large prominent chimney on the East face to the left of Caves route.

Start:- At the prominent corner about 60ft. above the start of Caves route beneath an overhanging, water-worn, slimy wall.

1....55ft....4....Up to the left on sloping ledges to the base of a small groove bounded by a projecting nose on its left. Up the groove and a delicate move to the left brings one on to the top of the nose. 30 ft. up to long wide ledge. Tree belay.

2....75ft....2+....From tree diagonally to left up gully on to wide verandah. A short wall leads to the obvious tree belay at the base of the chimney itself.

3....40ft....3....Up into the chimney which is very wide at this point to a horizontal jug handle and small platform. Rock or piton belay.

4....55ft....3+....Further up chimney, peg runner 20ft. up, out to right on main face, up 10ft. and then back into chimney. Persons of slight build may negotiate this narrow portion of the chimney without the detour. Runner. 25 ft. higher to two small chockstones. Piton belay.

5....45ft....3....Out on edge of flake, 15ft., to a large platform in main face, finish in chimney to right of large loose chockstones. Tree belay on scrubby ledge.

A traverse to the right along scrubby ledge and short walls leads to the Caves route above No. 2 cave.

# CARBORUNDUM

5

4

FLAKE

3

2

1

VERTICAL WALLS

VERTICAL WALLS

= PEGS

= MAIN BELAYS

LARGE TREE

TO CAVES ROUTE

"FAITH"

# TIBROGARGAN : "FAITH"

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Standard :- Hard Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Bill Peascod, Neill Lamb, Julie Henry 21/5/55

Start :- Diagonally up and to the left of the start of Caves route, at small flat ledge at the bottom of a series of sloping ribs, 60ft. down from the apex of the grassy slopes.

1....95ft....4-....Diagonally upwards to the right across the sloping ribs, and then up and onto a small ledge on the crest of an obvious nose. Slightly back to the left on downward sloping ledges to the base of a small loose wall. Up this wall to small ironwood runner. Continue up the wall and then out to right onto lightly timbered shelf running up to the left. Ironwood belay at left hand edge of shelf.

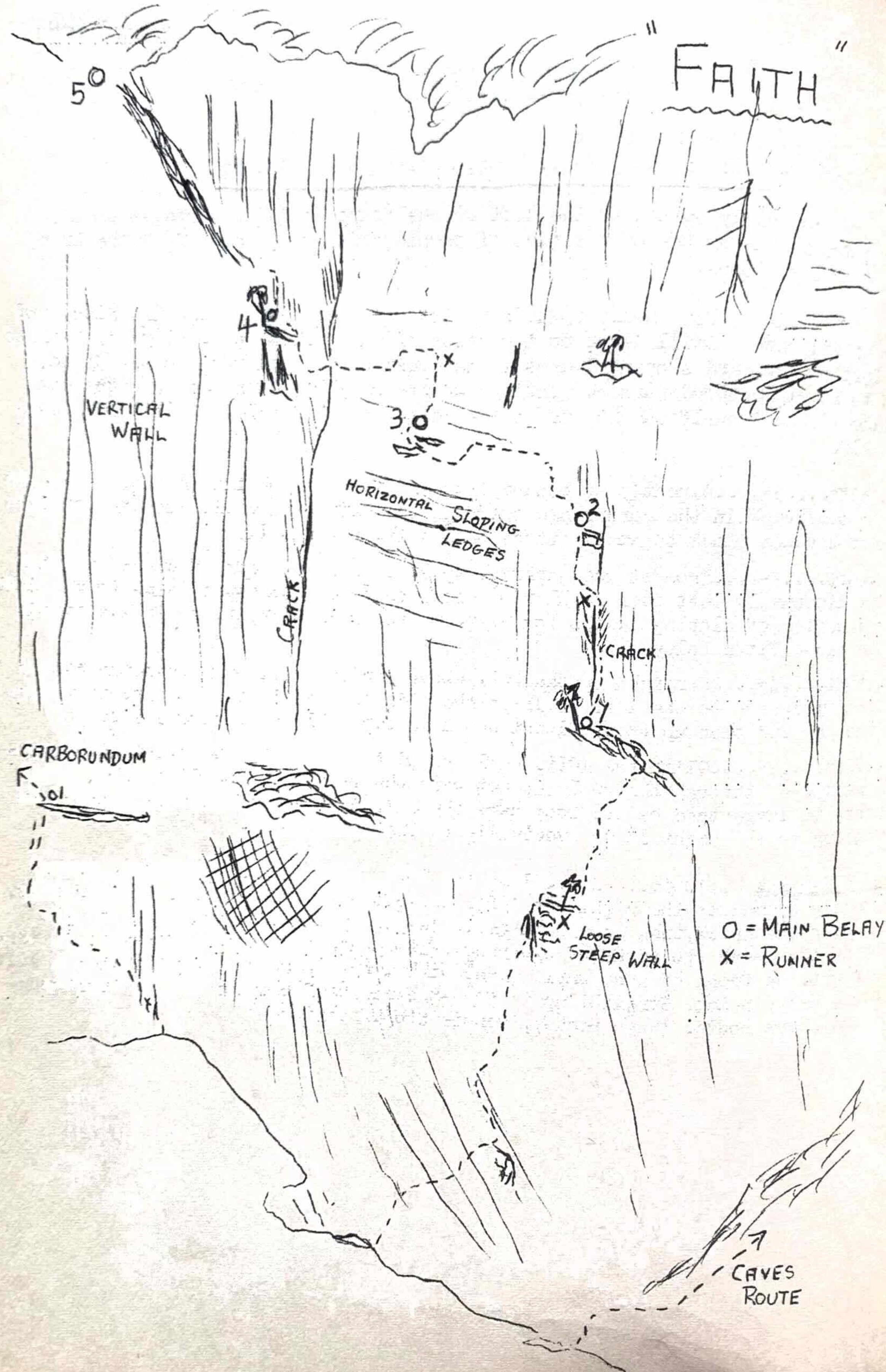
2....55ft....3+....Directly up behind tree and into the obvious groove above. Up the groove/crack in the corner and out onto the left hand wall. Runner. Straight up over perched block to small stance behind it. Piton belay.

3....40ft....3-....From stance straight up small wall to left of crack and then ascend diagonally left over small rib. Piton runner. A traverse leads to the left over a series of sloping ledges for 30ft. to two wide flat ledges in the middle of the face. Piton belay.

4....55ft....4+....Straight up the wall above for 15ft., piton runner, and then a delicate traverse to the left leads to the wide crevice in the corner. Step across the gap and then up to prominent shelf on far wall and ironwood belay.

5....70ft....2+....Climb the 10ft. wall behind the ledge to the start of a rubbishy gully. Up through the gully, or out onto the left hand bounding rib (much cleaner) to large tree belay. From here the exit of "Carborundum" is joined and scrambling to the right leads eventually to the Caves route.

Pitch 5 Variant ...105ft....4....Climb the 10ft. wall behind the ledge. Ascend diagonally up and to the right for 15ft. on left of crevice/crack. Piton runner. Cross over the crack, then ascend on small ledges and holds immediately to the right of the crack (to right of overhang). Piton runner in crack. Straight up tending right. Up front of nose until level with large ironwood in gully to the left of nose. Belay point. Straight up to forest clad shelf between top of "Carborundum" and Caves route. (Hugh Pechey, Dennis Stocks 15/5/66 )


"FAITH"
5°
4
3
2
1
VERTICAL WALL
CRACK
HORIZONTAL
SLOPING LEDGES
CRACK
CARBORUNDUM
LOOSE STEEP WALL
O = MAIN BELAY
X = RUNNER
CAVES ROUTE

## TIBROGARGAN : "CLEMENCY"

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The first route to go up the big S.E. wall. A climb with plenty of character.

Standard :- Hard Severe
1st.Ascent :- Les Wood, Donn Groom. 19/4/1966

Start :-On the S.E. corner of Tibro.,at the apex of the grass slopes.The big yellow overhanging wall should be up to your left,and you should be directly below the groove visible 200ft. up. Small cairn at start,and a "C" chipped on rock.

1....95ft....5....Up on downward sloping rock to a small ledge at 30ft. Ascend right,and up below a bulge,which has a good jug below a horizontal crack in it. Fair,short peg runner.A delicate traverse left,which is a bit thin,and then a slight bulge takes you up to a ledge. Peg belay in block.

2....100ft...5+...Ascending traverse right from ledge,balance work on sloping side holds,to an overhanging wall.In wall above loose looking white flake there is a vertical peg,used for direct aid.Up in slings and swing out right.Committing moves on layback type edge in exposed position to right,and up 25ft. to tree.

3....50ft....2+...Up 25ft. to grassy ledge,then traverse left along this under white overhanging wall to block belay.

4....110ft...5....Cross ledge back to right and move up to corner and block overhang.Pass strenuous overhang on left,and continue up the corner.A white block further up provides a good crack for a channel peg.Tricky step onto block and finish up groove.Out onto terrace and tree belay. A superb pitch.

5....40ft....1....Cross terrace with its grass trees to left,to base of next wall. Tree belay.

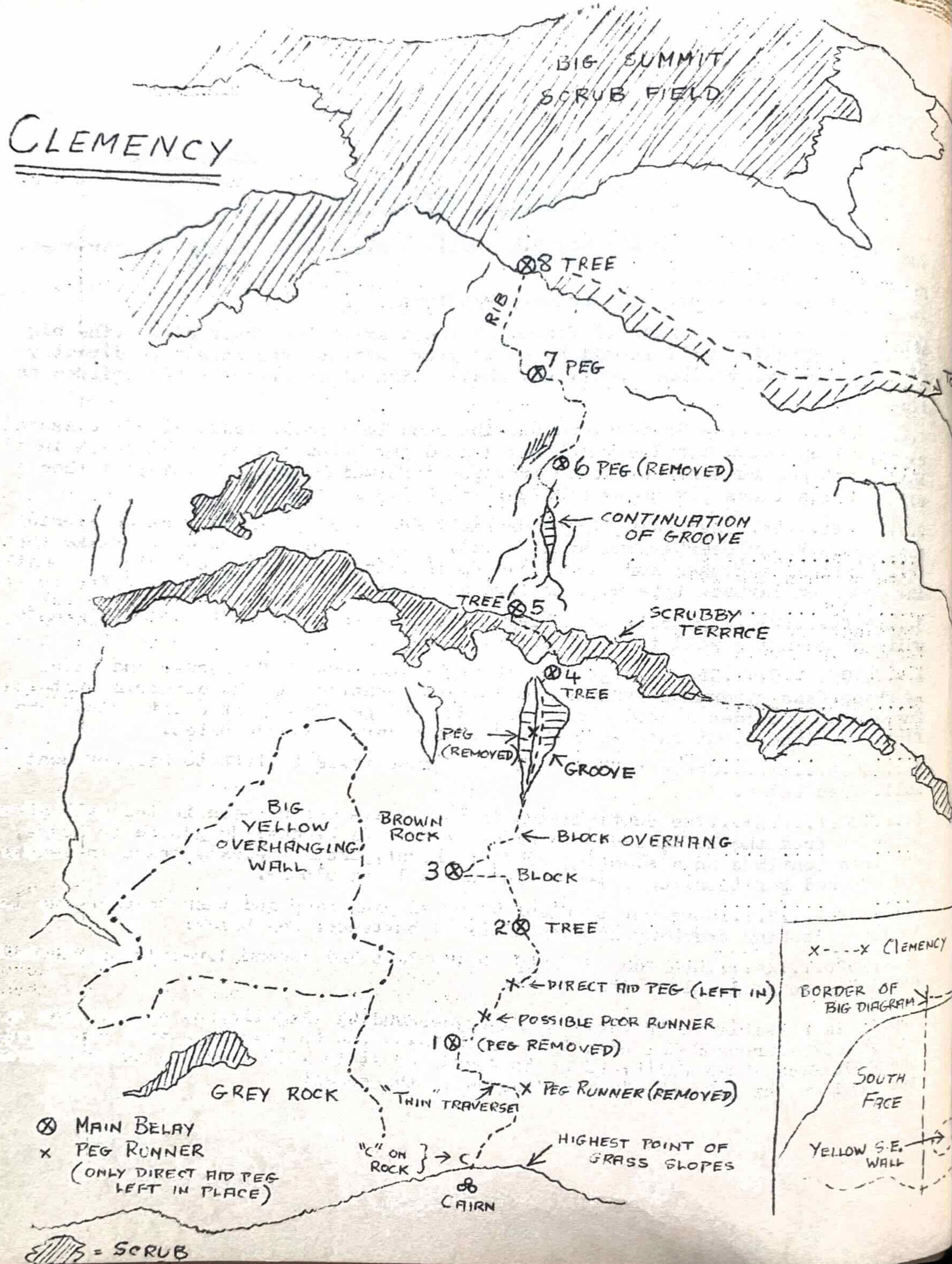
6....100ft....4+...The continuation of the groove can be seen in the wall above. Enter it from the left,ascending right over loose blocks. Up groove to ledge, and then continue up a slanting crack to right,passing prickly grass in awkward and exposed position.Peg belay behind three loose blocks.

7....90ft....3....Move out to right along sloping ramp and then traverse up left to loose looking overhang at base of final buttress. Peg belay.

8....90ft....4-...Turn the overhang on the left and ascend directly up the delightful rib on good holds. Tree belay.

Now it is possible to traverse to right,descending slightly,and so gain the upper gully above Carborundum. Down this gully takes you to the ledge that runs across the East face above Faith,and so to Caves. Or it is also possible to bash through the crud on the S.E. shoulder and hence to the summit.

# CLEMENCY


BIG SUMMIT SCRUB FIELD
8 TREE
RIB
7 PEG
6 PEG (REMOVED)
CONTINUATION OF GROOVE
TREE 5
SCRUBBY TERRACE
4 TREE
PEG (REMOVED)
GROOVE
BIG YELLOW OVERHANGING WALL
BROWN ROCK
BLOCK OVERHANG
3
BLOCK
2 TREE
DIRECT AID PEG (LEFT IN)
POSSIBLE POOR RUNNER
1 (PEG REMOVED)
PEG RUNNER (REMOVED)
GREY ROCK
"THIN" TRAVERSE
MAIN BELAY
PEG RUNNER (ONLY DIRECT AID PEG LEFT IN PLACE)
"C" ON ROCK
C
HIGHEST POINT OF GRASS SLOPES
CAIRN
= SCRUB
X---X CLEMENCY
BORDER OF BIG DIAGRAM
SOUTH FACE
YELLOW S.E. WALL

## TIBROGARGAN : "WASP"

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Standard :-Very Difficult
1st.Ascent :- Neill Lamb, Dennis Stocks 22/1/67

Start :-30 ft.along to the left from the tree at the start of Desperation Wall. At the foot of a scoop of easy angled slabs. Peg in large tree at the base of the wall.

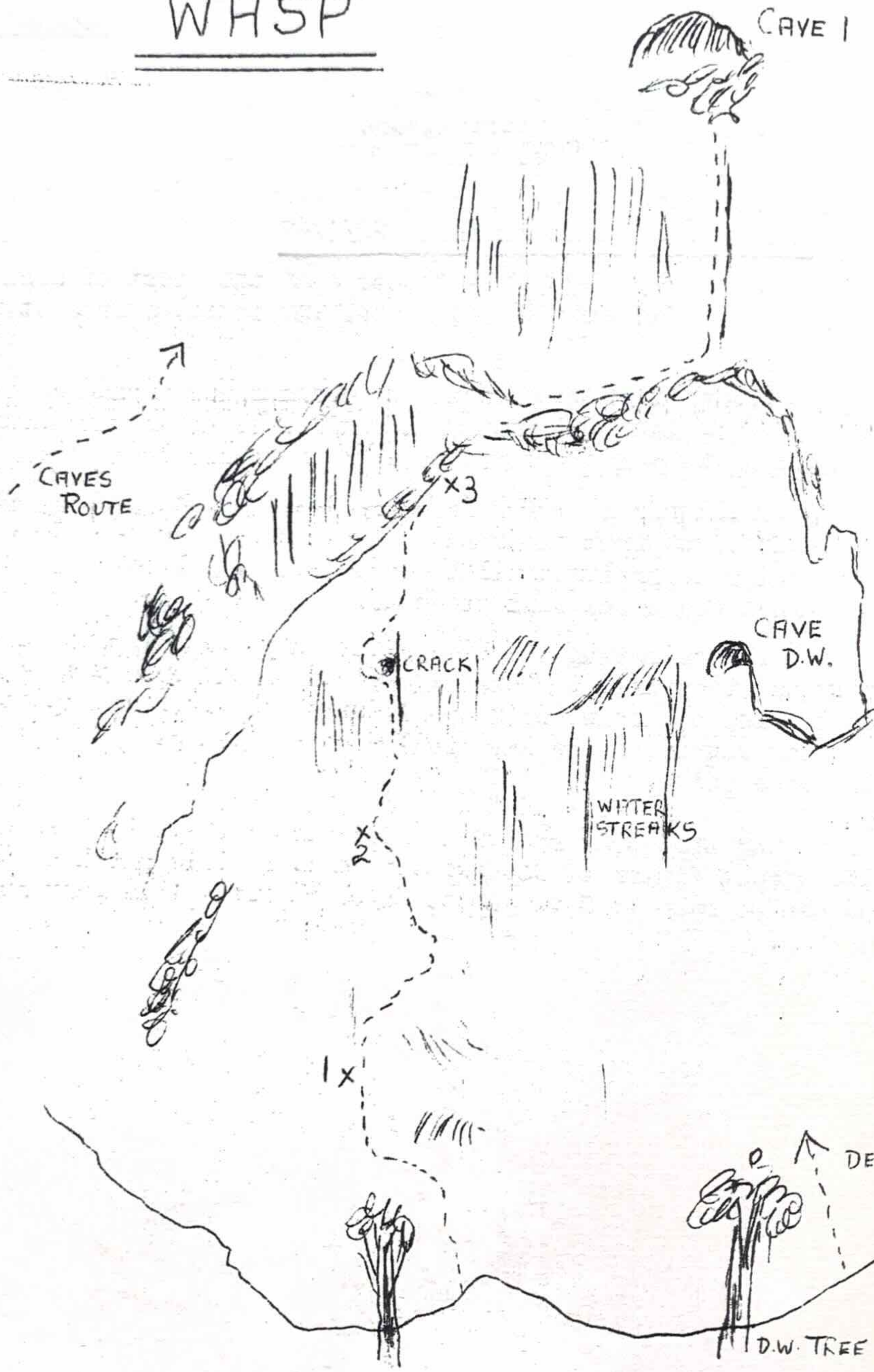
1....70ft....3+....Straight up a series of criss-cross marked slabs into an open corner. Traverse left and then up a small wall until a diagonal ascent to the left leads beneath a large loose block to a grassy ledge. Peg belay (left in)

2....70ft....3+....Either up 10ft. from the ledge and then right onto the rib, or else directly out right from the stance along obvious ledges. Tend diagonally right over a series of shelfs until a direct ascent can be made to a small uncomfortable stance where the wall steepens. Peg belay (left in)

3....100ft...4....Straight up slightly right onto small sloping dirt ledge and then directly up steep wall to base of obvious crack. Tricky move into corner and then up to base of ironwood (runner).Out to the left and up to easier broken ground. Ignoring scunge on the left follow up a clean rib of rock to below timbered shelf. Tree belay.

Follow up ramp and then traverse right along broad shelf to base of the last pitch to the direct finish of Desperation Wall. Up this pitch to Cave 1.
N.B. Access can be made to Caves Route anywhere along this traverse or just before the ramp.

# WASP


CAVE 1
CAVES ROUTE
x3
CRACK
CAVE D.W.
WATER STREAKS
x2
1x
DESPERATION WALL
D.W. TREE

# TIBROGARGAN : PROMETHEUS ONE

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# TIBROGARGAN : PROMETHEUS II

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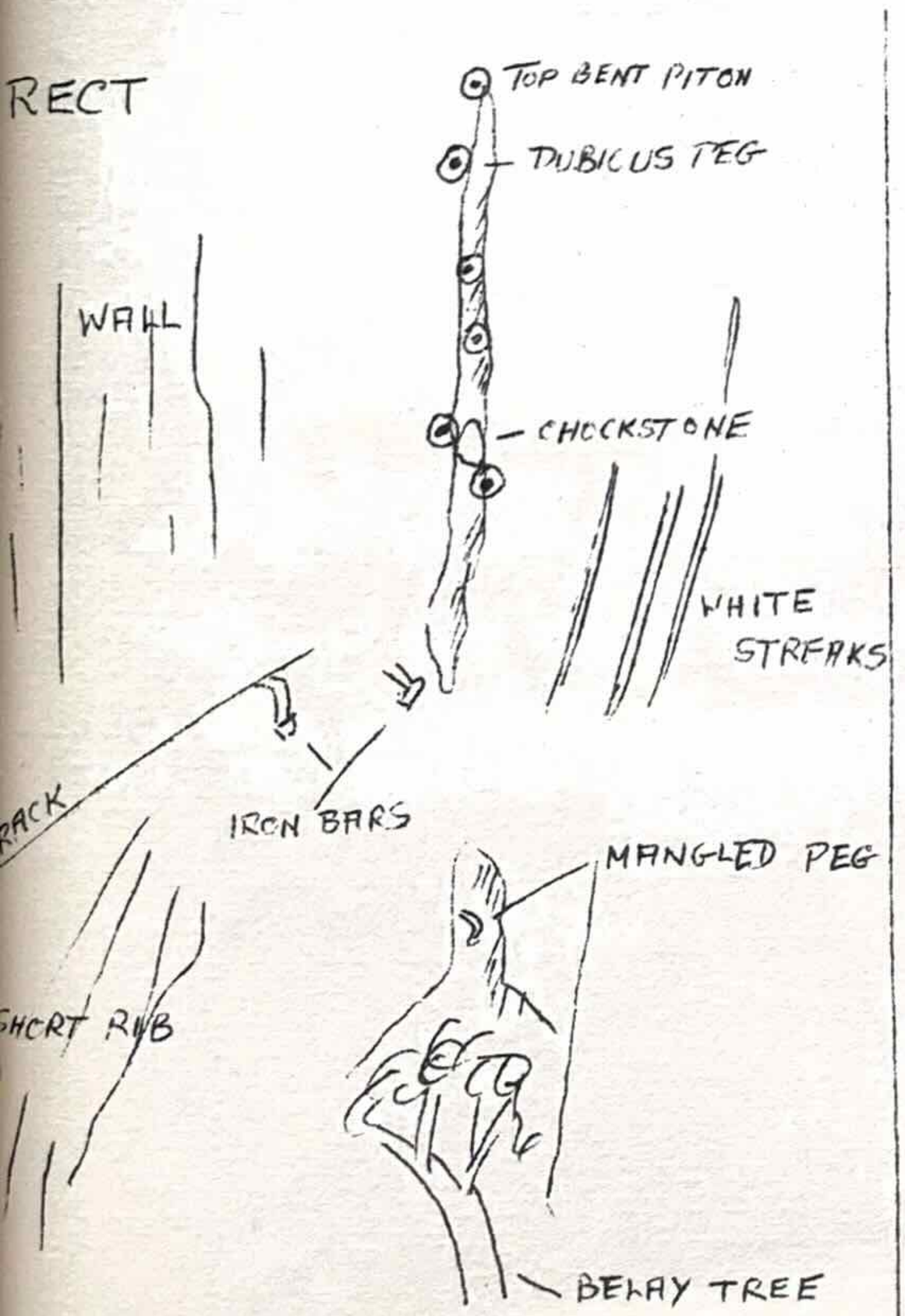
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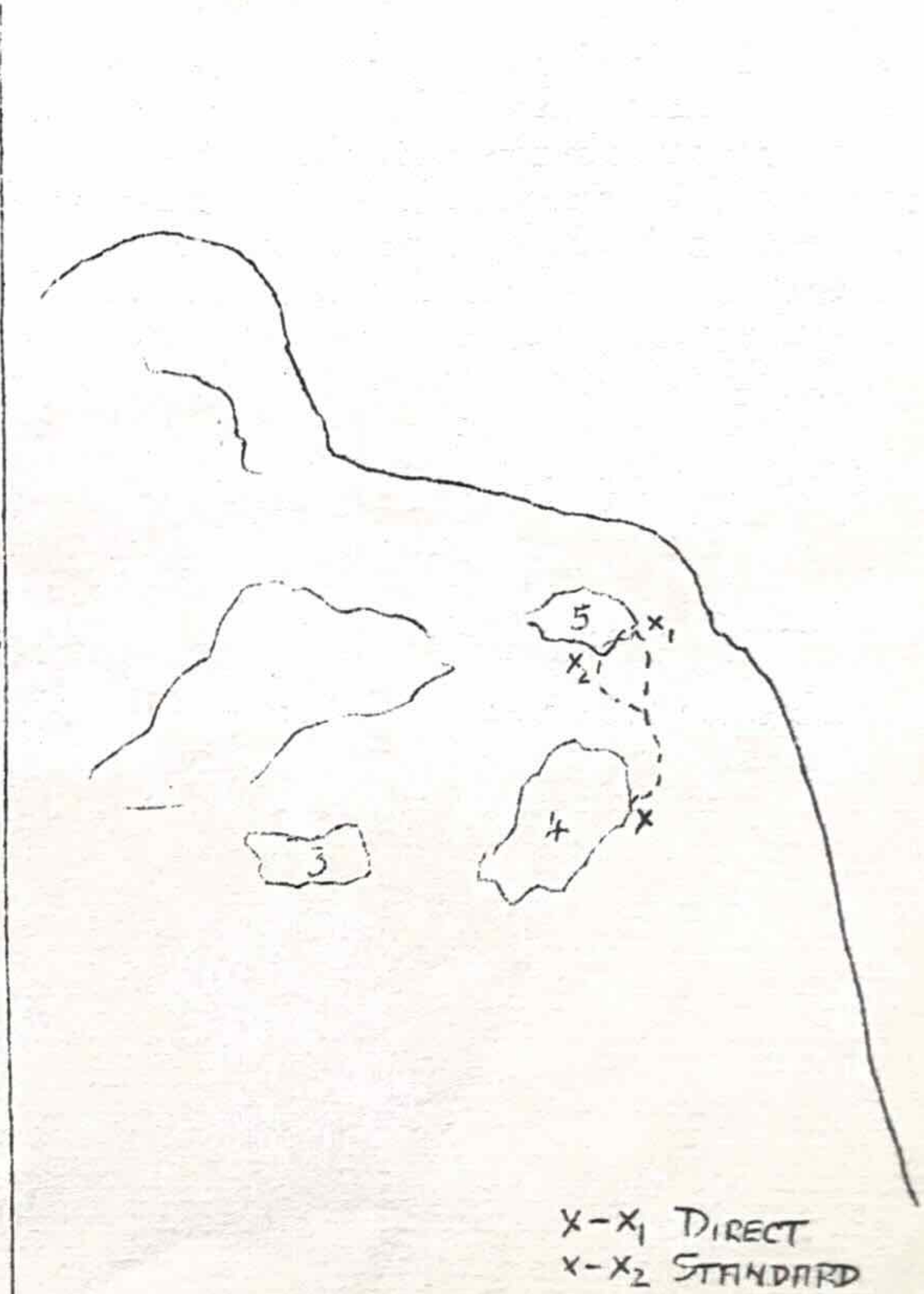
30ft....4-....From the top of the scree slope in Cave4 climb up large,block-buttress on the inside (cave) face.Tend slightly right then up to flat,broken and peg belay.

erse approx.20ft. right along under wall to base of obvious crack with several -wood trees growing in its base.Climb up and belay off uppermost tree.

60ft....5...DIRECT ROUTE....Climb short rib on left of belay up to a bent iron runner) and another bar in the base of the crack proper.Jam holds in crack allow ss to two pegs close together in chockstone. Runner on lower peg. Reach up and etrier on next peg.Reach up and clip runner on next channel peg.This is rather icult as the piton is home made and the hole is badly placed.The next peg is er dubious and should not be used but reach up and clip etrier in next peg. out left with several delicate moves and up to tree belay. Beware of large block to the right on the top of the crack.

70ft....4...STANDARD ROUTE...Despite conflicting opinions it is found easier raverse from above the tree belay,left across delicate holds to below tree on of buttress. Vertical ascent takes you to tree belay. Runners,although unnecess-are difficult to place due to lack of good cracks.




Nos 3,4+5 PAYES

# TIBROGARGAN : DESPERATION WALL : COXS' ROUTE

**Standard :-** Severe
**1st. Ascent :-** Ron Cox

Start :- Traverse under the very steep buttress below Cave No.1. From the track leading to the start of Caves route head around to the right, keeping to the edge of the rock until a large tree about 3ft. away from the rock is reached. Go 30 ft. past this tree to the start of the climb. Above you now is a blank steep wall with white water streaks, below an overhang 210ft. up.

1....55ft....3+....Straight up on magnificent rock to a tricky, out of balance move diagonally to the right over a sloping block, 20 ft. above the ground. Now straight up for 35ft. to a large, slightly overhung ledge. Good piton belay. ( It is possible to get to this ledge via a sloping, easy ramp which is to the right; but this spoils the directness of the climb.)

2....70ft....4.....Traverse out to the left from the ledge for 15ft., and up on rudimentary holds bearing right slightly. Pass to the left of bushes on a bulge and traverse 10ft. above these to the right onto two spacious ledges. 5/16" bolt belay plus two good pegs above you for extra safety. Fixed hanger on bolt.

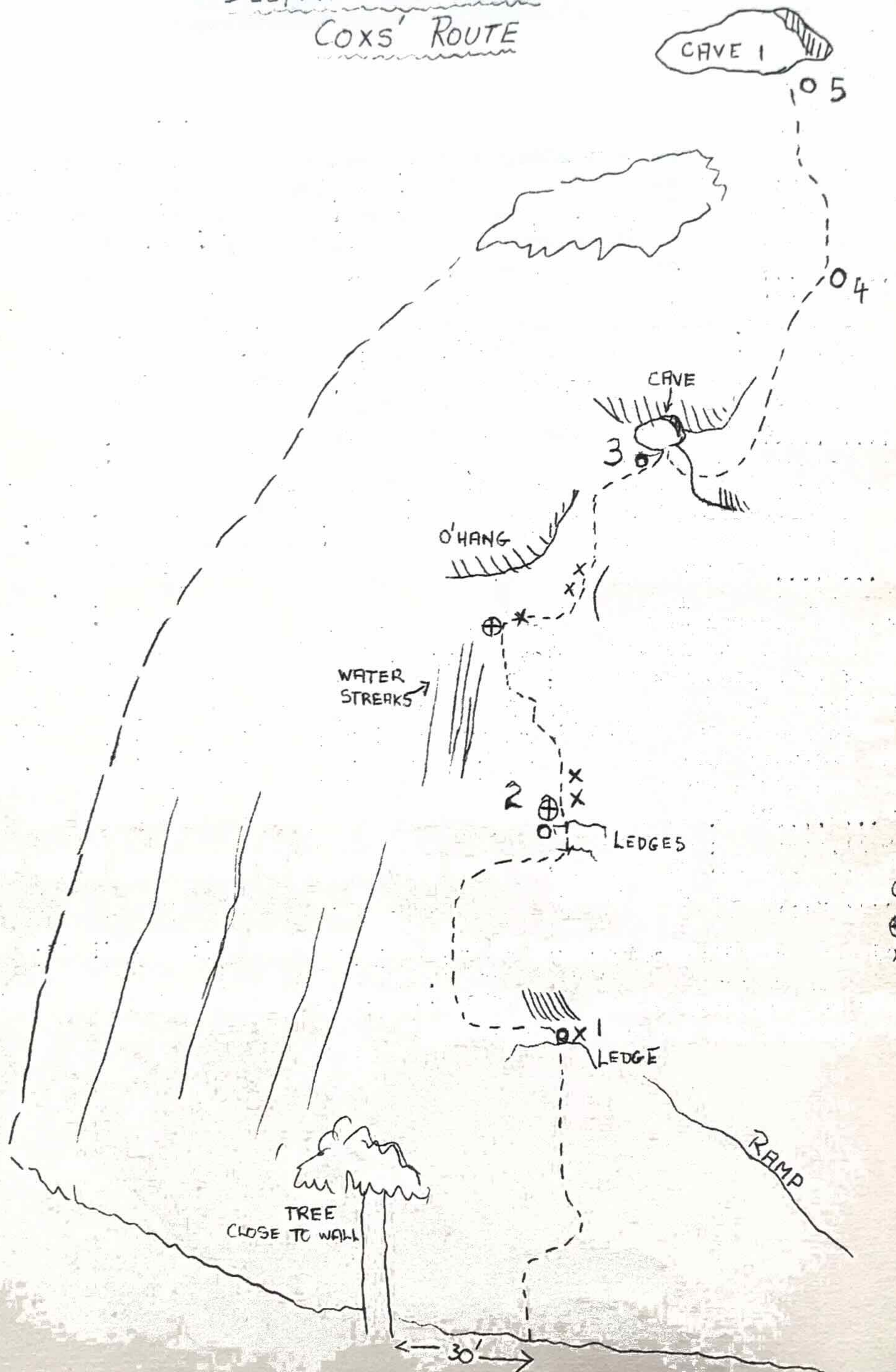
3....105ft...5....Straight up for 15ft. to little bush on vertical wall. Turn this tricky wall to the left; a high foot raise with small handholds. Bear to left slightly now, heading for yellow overhang with water streaks under it. Another tricky move and then up below overhang. 1/4" bolt runner (fixed hanger). Traverse horizontally to right now; old double peg behind loose flake for runner; then tricky footwork till you reach old rusty twisted peg. Runner, and straight up. Another runner on good peg and now over easier rock to bushy ledge and small cave. Very good horizontal column projects from wall here to fix belay on.

4....100ft...3....10ft. to right from cave and then up a rubbishing gully to foot of steep wall. Up wall. Tree belay.

5....80ft....3-...Up an open chimney in wall to left, and straight up into Cave 1.

On the whole an excellent climb; good rock, exposure and technical difficulty. However the runners are few and far between.

# DESPERATION WALL
## COXS' ROUTE



# TIBROGARGAN : U.Q.B.W.C. DESPERATION WALL FINISH

**Standard :-** Hard Difficult
**1st. Ascent :-** Ron Cox, Pat Conaghan 1962?

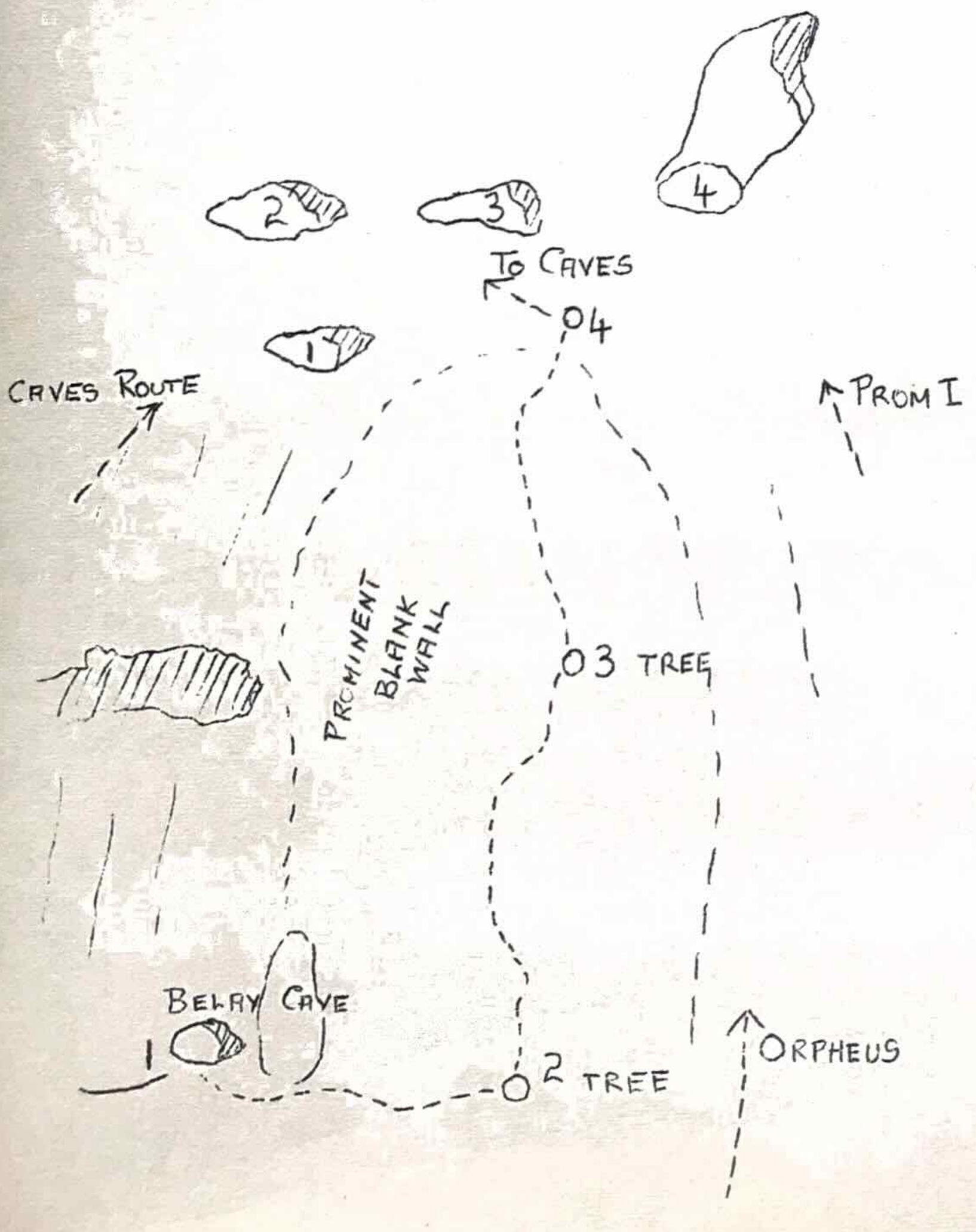
**Start :-** From the belay cave above the third pitch of Desperation Wall, described elsewhere in this guide.

1....100ft...2+...Traverse down from cave to right below big overhanging bulge. Traverse horizontally right to ledge and tree belay.

2....95ft....3+...Ascend straight up, some loose rock, to ledge and tree belay.

3....110ft...3....Continue vertical line up on marvellous rock and holds to groove on right. Up groove to tree belay.

A scramble remains up to cave 3.



## ***TIBROGARGAN**THE*NORTH-EAST*BUTTRESS**

Standard :- Very Difficult

1st.Ascent :- P.Conaghan, G.Hardy 1965

Start :- About 40ft. past the white streaks coming down Prom 1. Slightly around the corner of the wall,below a timbered gully.Scramble up 60ft. into the gully.

1....85ft....2+....Up for 15ft. and then right,around the buttress,below some loose blocks. Keep traversing around to the right,ascending slightly,to gain a very spacious ledge and block belay.

2...110ft...3.....Ascend right from ledge to short wall. Traverse this to the right and up above peg in block. Now ascend,tending right slightly,up to tree belay.

3....80ft....2.....Cross buttress to left on sloping ramp up to tree belay below buttress. Stance on spacious ledge.

4....100ft...3.....Straight up on good rock to peg belay below steep wall.

5....55ft....2.....Traverse right around buttress,and up into timbered gully, below a steep yellow groove. Tree belay.

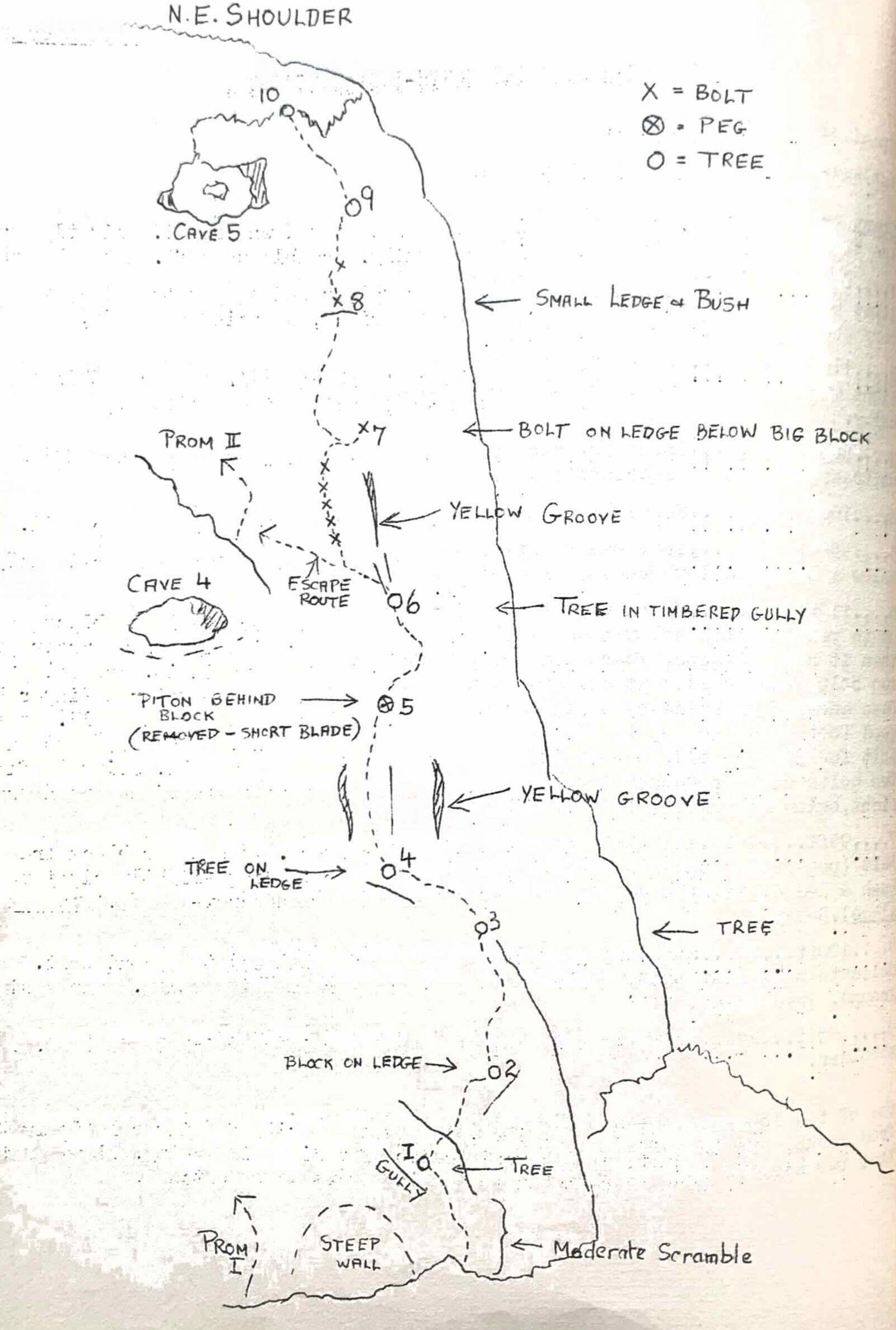
6....110ft...4.....Up on wall to left,traverse left over big loose block and then up to yellow patch below steep wall. The next bit originally was a harder problem than it now presents. There are about 5 unnecessary bolts in it. Free climb past two bolts (not needed at all)and gain small ledge using a peg for a finger hold. Pass another unnecessary bolt, and use krab. on next bolt for handhold. Up to two good footholds. Now up in sling as foothold on next bolt. It helps to use next bolt for finger-hold, but it is not needed for foothold at all. Sling on final two bolts close together for handhold. Use top bolt as foothold and then traverse right,below big block, to bolt belay.

7....95ft....2+...All the next bolts require hangers. Pass under block traversing left (peg runner under block)and then straight up tending slightly right to small bush & ledge. Tighten hanger on bolt above ledge with screw-on nut.(Leave these in place).Belay.

8....100ft...3+...Straight up past mangled bolt (useless) to second bolt.Runner. Delicate move past this, straight up past two more mangled bolts. Gain easier ground. Tree belay.

9....100ft...2-...Scramble out to left on sloping ledge which leads to N.E. shoulder.

One of the longest routes on E.Tibro. It has the merit of being relatively free from scrub, and is quite an enjoyable climb of medium difficulty. Please note that two hangers have to be taken to use the bolts above pitch 6.


N.E. SHOULDER
X = BOLT
⊗ = PEG
O = TREE
10
09
CAVE 5
8
SMALL LEDGE & BUSH
7
BOLT ON LEDGE BELOW BIG BLOCK
PROM II
YELLOW GROOVE
CAVE 4
ESCAPE ROUTE
06
TREE IN TIMBERED GULLY
PITON BEHIND BLOCK (REMOVED - SHORT BLADE)
5
YELLOW GROOVE
TREE ON LEDGE
4
3
TREE
BLOCK ON LEDGE
02
GULLY
01
TREE
PROM I
STEEP WALL
Moderate Scramble

# TIBROGARGAN : "ROCK GARDEN"

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Standard :- Mild Severe
1st.Ascent :- John Tillack, Dennis Stocks 7/8/66

Start :- Around to the right from the start of the N.E.Buttress climb. To the right of a prominent buttress below a very noticable scunge filled chimney which lies between the buttress and the main rock wall.

1....100ft....3+...Up wall below chimney. Tricky move left around overhanging flake Move up tending diagonally left until vertical ascent can be made to base of chimney. Ascend chimney (narrow and strenuous) climbing out onto main rock wall when chockstone is reached. Climb onto this chockstone and continue on to top of buttress to large tree for belay.

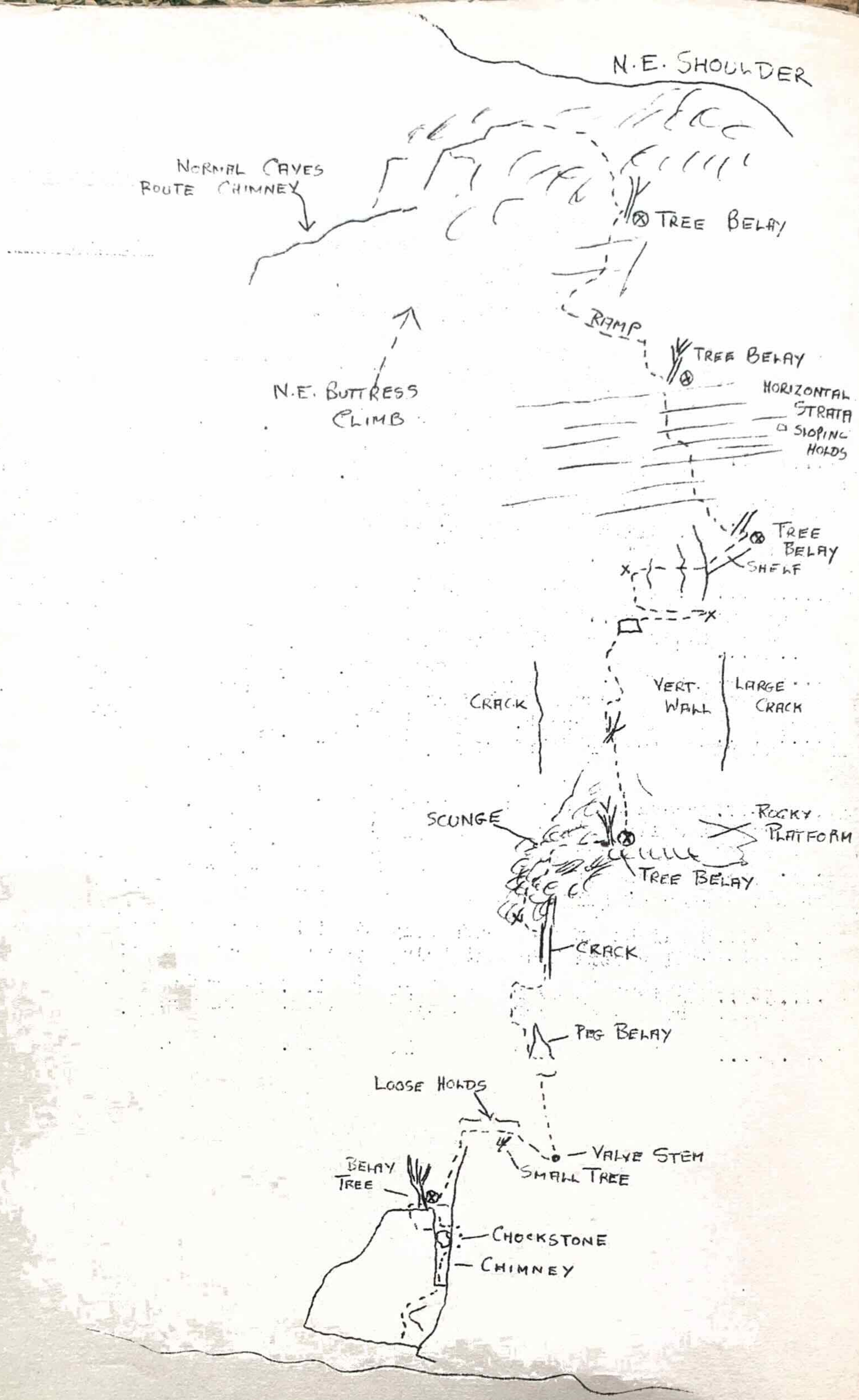
2....110ft....4....Vertical ascent for 25ft. then horizontal traverse right to valve stem (dub ous runner). Plenty of cracks for a peg runner however. Vertical ascent to a small niche/alcove and channel peg. Rock very loose on this pitch.

3....120ft....4+...Delicate move out of belay up left. Ascend until short right traverse can be made into scunge filled crack. Ascend vertically about 20ft. Traverse left, up and out of crack. Tree runner. Continue ascent through scunge until a diagonal right traverse brings you to a large tree belay below a large blank wall

4....110ft....5-...Ascend steep ramp in front of belay tree to tree runner and ascend onto vertical wall. Vertical ascent over loose holds. Traverse right for peg runner (removed). Traverse back left and up to another peg runner (also removed). Slight vertical ascent and then very delicate traverse on small holds. Handholds around corner of bulge lead to a wide shelf and tree belay.

5....120ft....4-...Straight up over extremely sloping horizontal strata to ramp. Follow ramp right until vertical ascent brings you to a tree belay.

6....110ft....3-...Straight up over good holds to N.E. shoulder.


N.E. SHOULDER
NORMAL CAVES ROUTE CHIMNEY
TREE BELAY
RAMP
N.E. BUTTRESS CLIMB
TREE BELAY
HORIZONTAL STRATA
SLOPING HOLDS
TREE BELAY
SHELF
CRACK
VERT. WALL
LARGE CRACK
SCUNGE
ROCKY PLATFORM
TREE BELAY
CRACK
PEG BELAY
LOOSE HOLDS
VALVE STEM
SMALL TREE
BELAY TREE
CHOCKSTONE
CHIMNEY

## TIBROGARGAN : "PATIENCE CRACK"

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**Standard** :- Hard Severe
**1st Ascent** :- Pitches 2&3 Les Wood, Woody Milroy 5/3/1966
Pitches 1,2 &3 Les Wood, Donn Groom 21/6/1966

**Start** :-From the big tree at the start of Carborundum, described elsewhere.

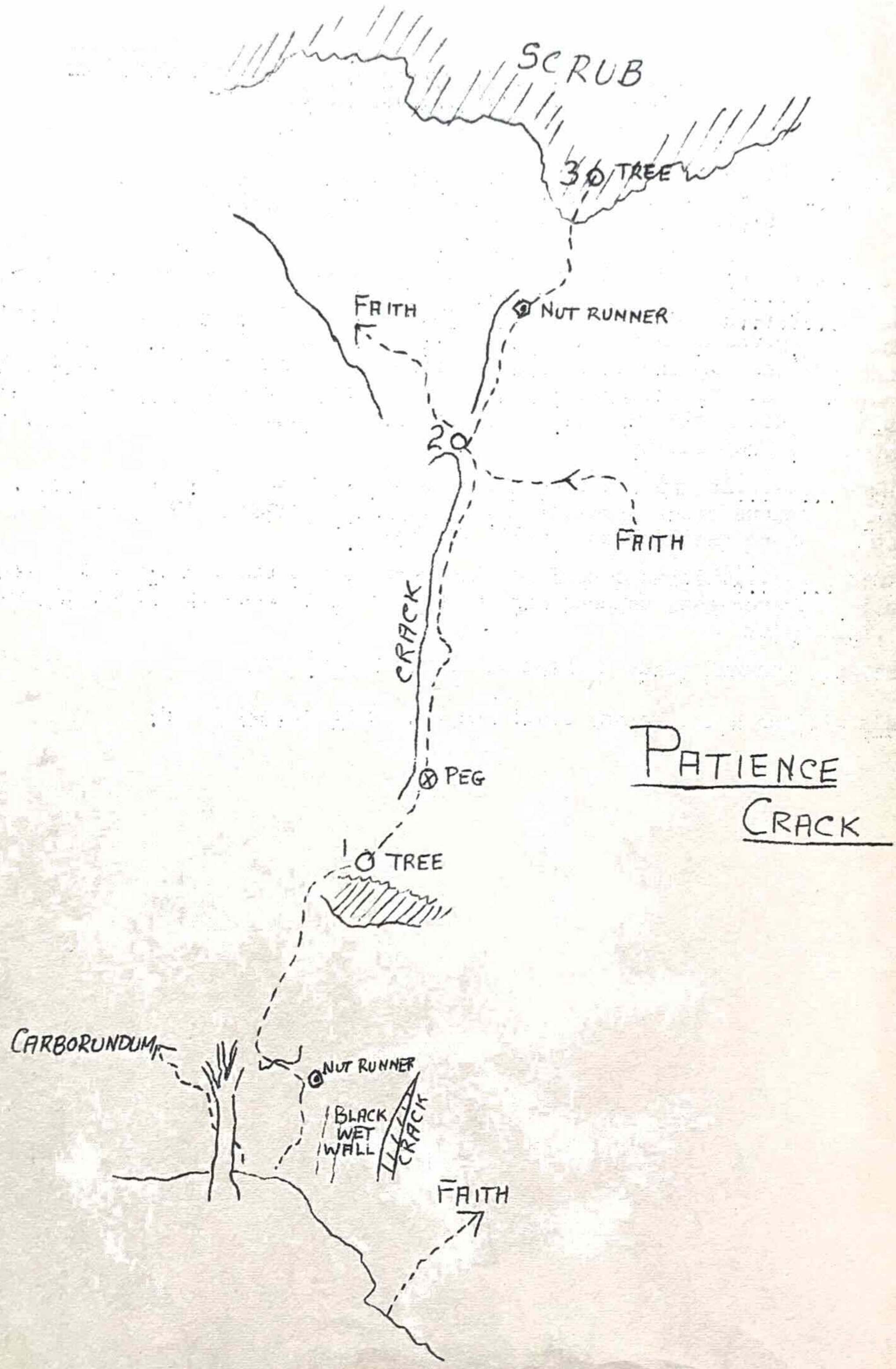
1....120ft...5....Ascend wall directly in front of tree,and tend right slightly to white rock,bounded on the right by black rock (usually wet). Up below overhang and move into underhand layback position. Good nut runner in crack on right under overhang. Traverse left to bush on small rotten ledge. Thrutch up on ledge and onto easier ground. Ascend to right slightly to commodious, tree covered ledge. Tree belay.

2....105ft...5+...Ascend right slightly to peg in wall 15ft. above ledge.Runner. Now follow obvious crack straight up; by layback, bridging and wall climbing. Gain stance where Faith crosses wall. Peg belay.

3....105ft...3+...This is described elsewhere as a pitch 5 variant to Faith. See guide. Hawever pegs unnecessary, as a good crack for nut runner can be found .Tree belay.

Now traverse through scrub to right to Caves route.

A mildly vicious climb, nasty start and strenuous second pitch.



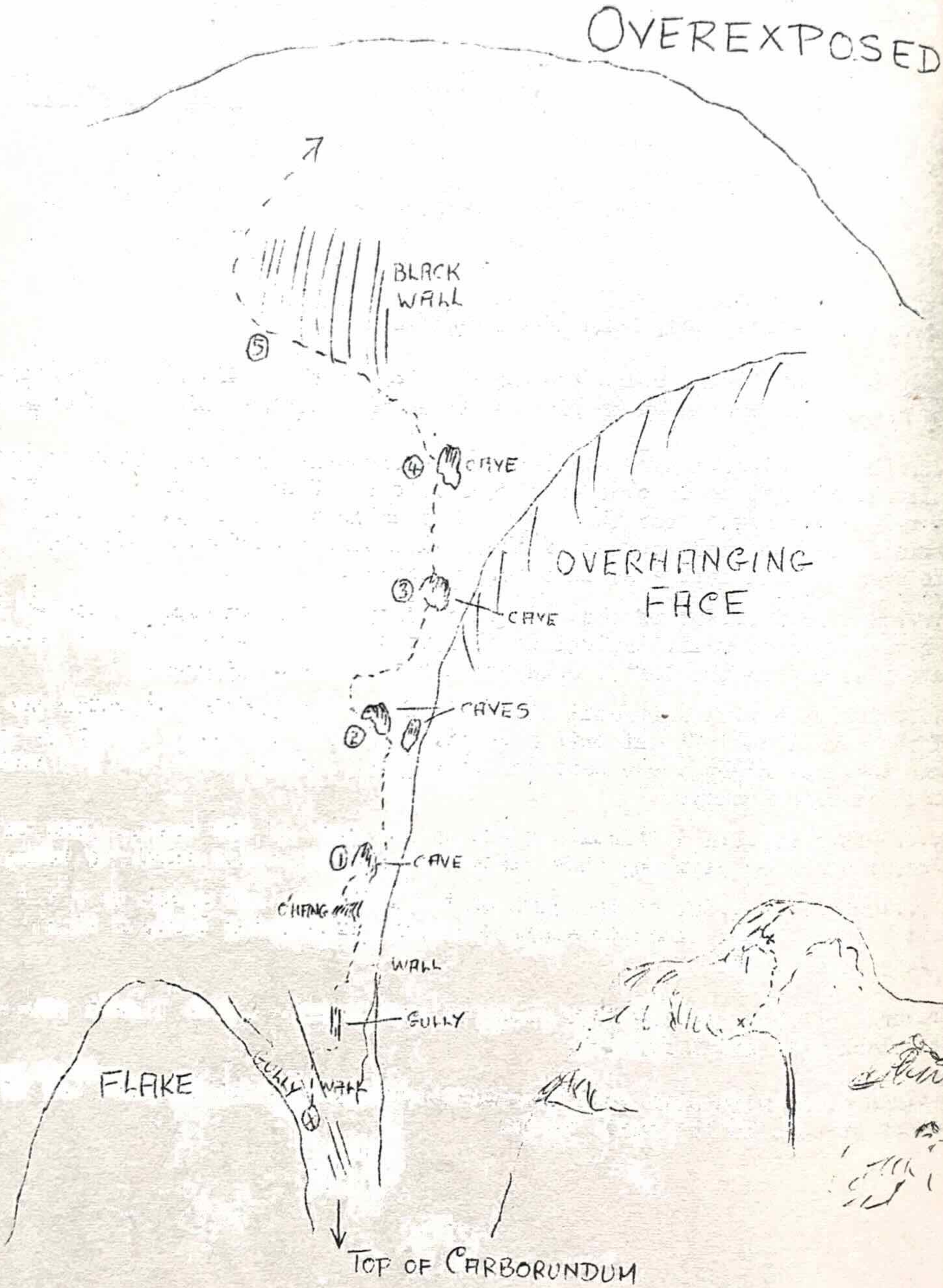

# PATIENCE

## CRACK

GLASSHOUSE

## TIBROGARGAN : OVEREXPOSED

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OVEREXPOSED
BLACK WALL
5
4
CAVE
OVERHANGING FACE
3
CAVE
CAVES
2
1
CAVE
CHIPPING
WALL
GULLY
FLAKE
GULLY
WALK
TOP OF CARBORUNDUM

## TIBROGARGAN : LANCELOT

Standard :- Very Difficult
1st.Ascent :- Ken Grimes, Peter Kennedy, Eric Hewett 2/5/66

Start : About 100ft. north of Clemency, and a slightly shorter distance south of a vegetated gully. There is an "L" cut into a tree at the start.

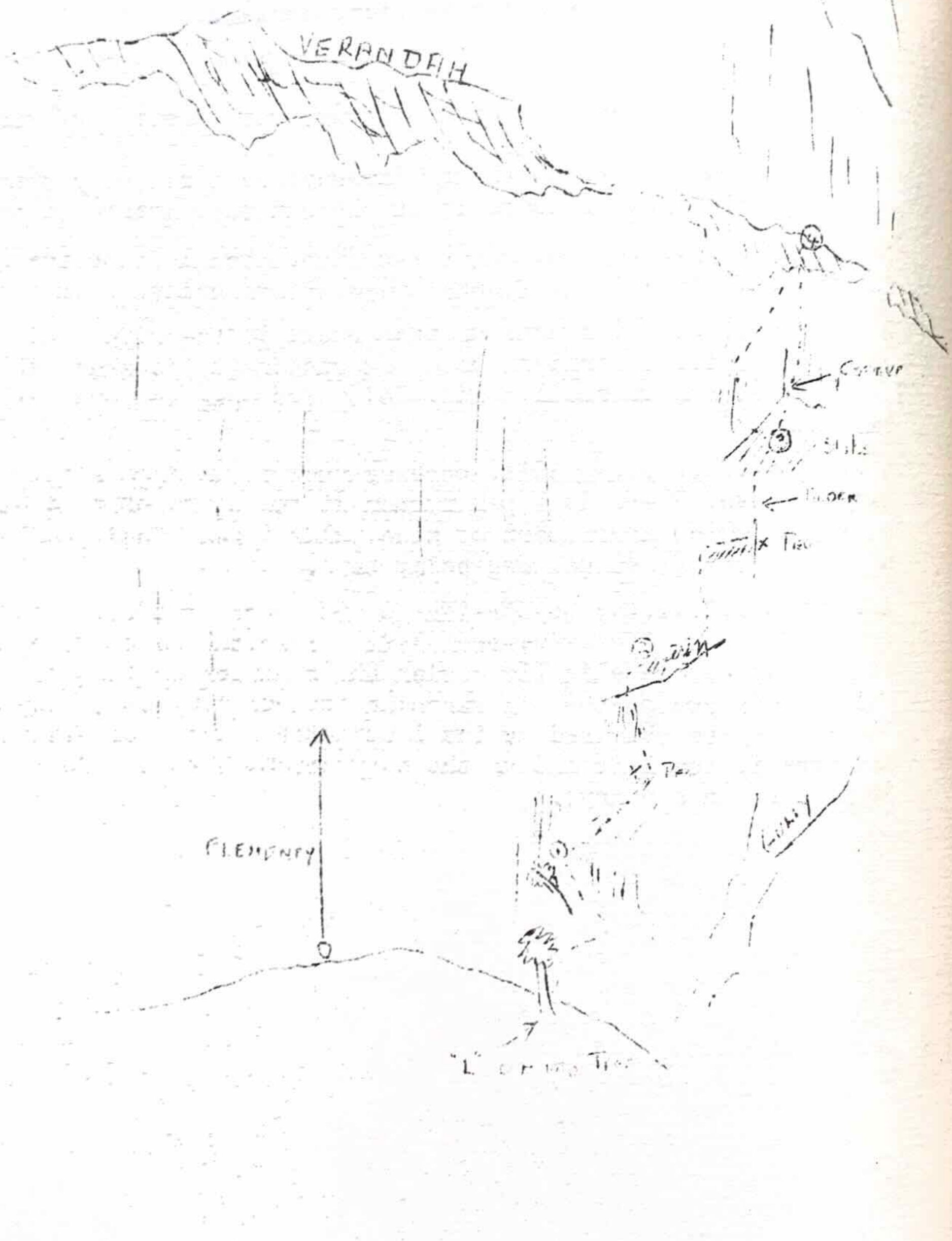
1....60ft....3....Up and right for 30ft. then left to the grassy patch. Follow the grass up to a large grassy ledge. Piton belay.

2....90ft....4....Traverse up and around to the right and then up onto easy rock for a while. Straight up, a peg runner at the start of the last 25ft. wall. This is the crux on small holds. Belay from peg and bush at right hand edge of the ledge.

3....110ft....4....Up 30ft. on easy rock to a large sloping slab with undercut blocks above. There is a peg runner at the start of this bit. Bounce up the blocks using an assortment of side pulls (great fun). Above the rock slopes back in a set of slabs. Peg belay here.

4....40ft...3....(a) Go straight up the corner above.
(b) Traverse left across the wall and up a gully on the other side. This way is slightly easier but scungier in the gully.
This places you on the big verandah towards the top of the S.E. face. Tree belay. The top may be obtained by the last three pitches of Clemency OR by a big traverse to the left and up the easy scramble on the South face (a quick way if you are in a hurry).

LANCELOT



# TIBROGARGAN : "SHORT AND SWEET"

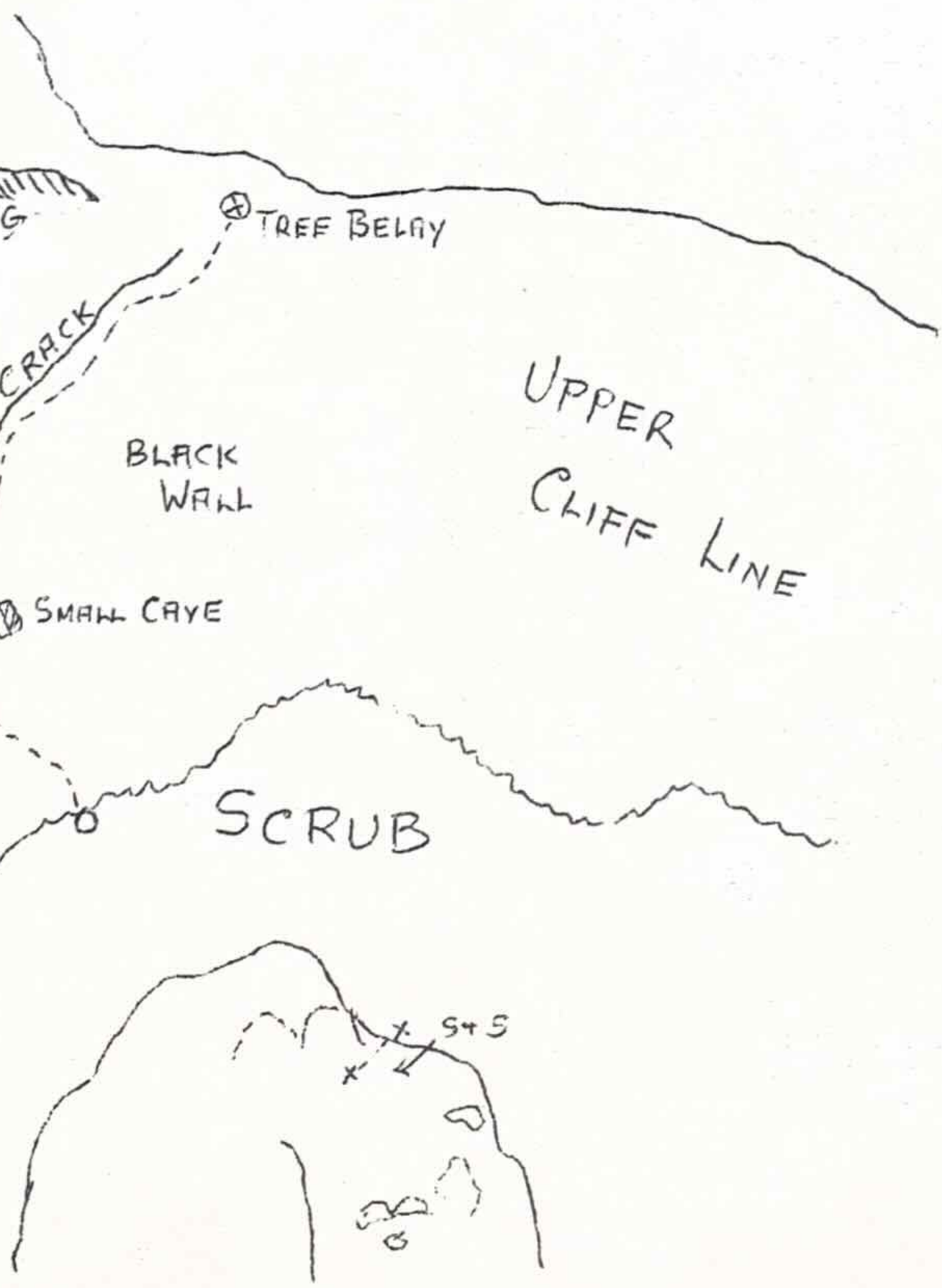
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Standard :- Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Les Wood, Ted Cais 16/7/1966

Start :- 30ft. to the right of the start of Trojan, this climb goes up the small right hand upper cliff-line. A crack slanting diagonally right above a black wall, just below the overhangs. A short pleasing climb of one pitch

1....100ft...3....Up to left of little cave, an awkward start which is the hardest part. Then follow crack on beautiful rogk, using layback and bridging. Tree belay on shoulder of Tibro.

A good climb for beginners.

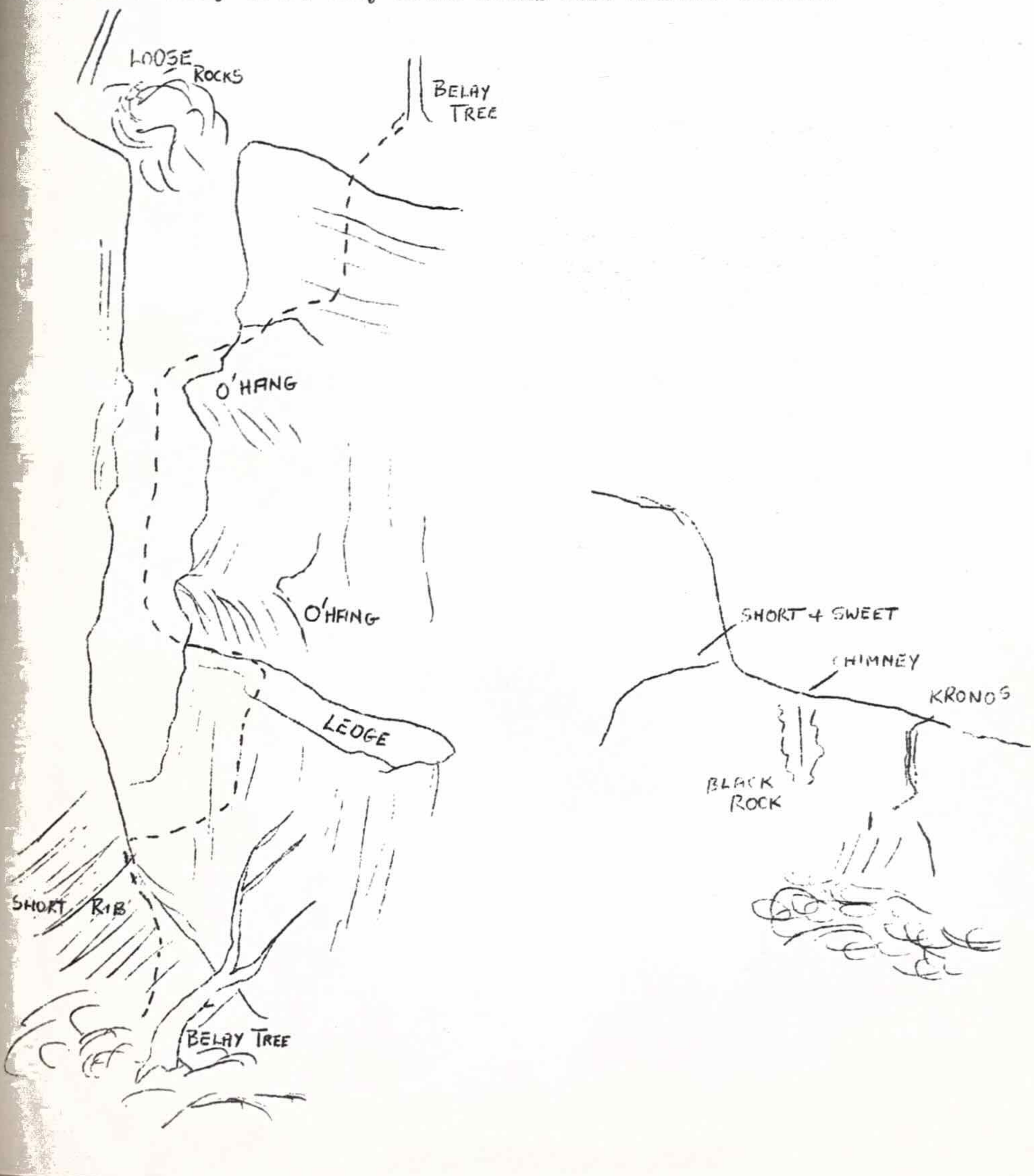


# TIBROGARGAN : KRONOS

**Standard :-** Mild Difficult
**1st.Ascent :-** Dennis Stocks, Barry Collier 19/7/66

**Start** To the right of Short & Sweet, below an obvious crack. Tree belay.

1....60ft....3-...Leave belay and climb short rib.Traverse right and up a short wall to a ledge. Traverse to the left under a slight overhang into the chimney. Up the chimney past a tricky overhang then right and out of chimney. A short wall leads to a belay tree. Very loose rocks here hazards second.



# CROOKNECK : SOUTH FACE ROUTES

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ntroductory On both of the routes described here all the difficulties are contained n the very bottom sections of the wall. Salmons Gap route is the normal and easiest ay up the mountain and has been climbed by all manners of persons, quite often un- oped. This practice is unwarranted, especially with unexperienced parties, as any all on the lower sections could have serious consequences.

almons Gap route
tandard :- Hard Moderate
st. Ascent :- A.A.Salmon, L.Vidler.

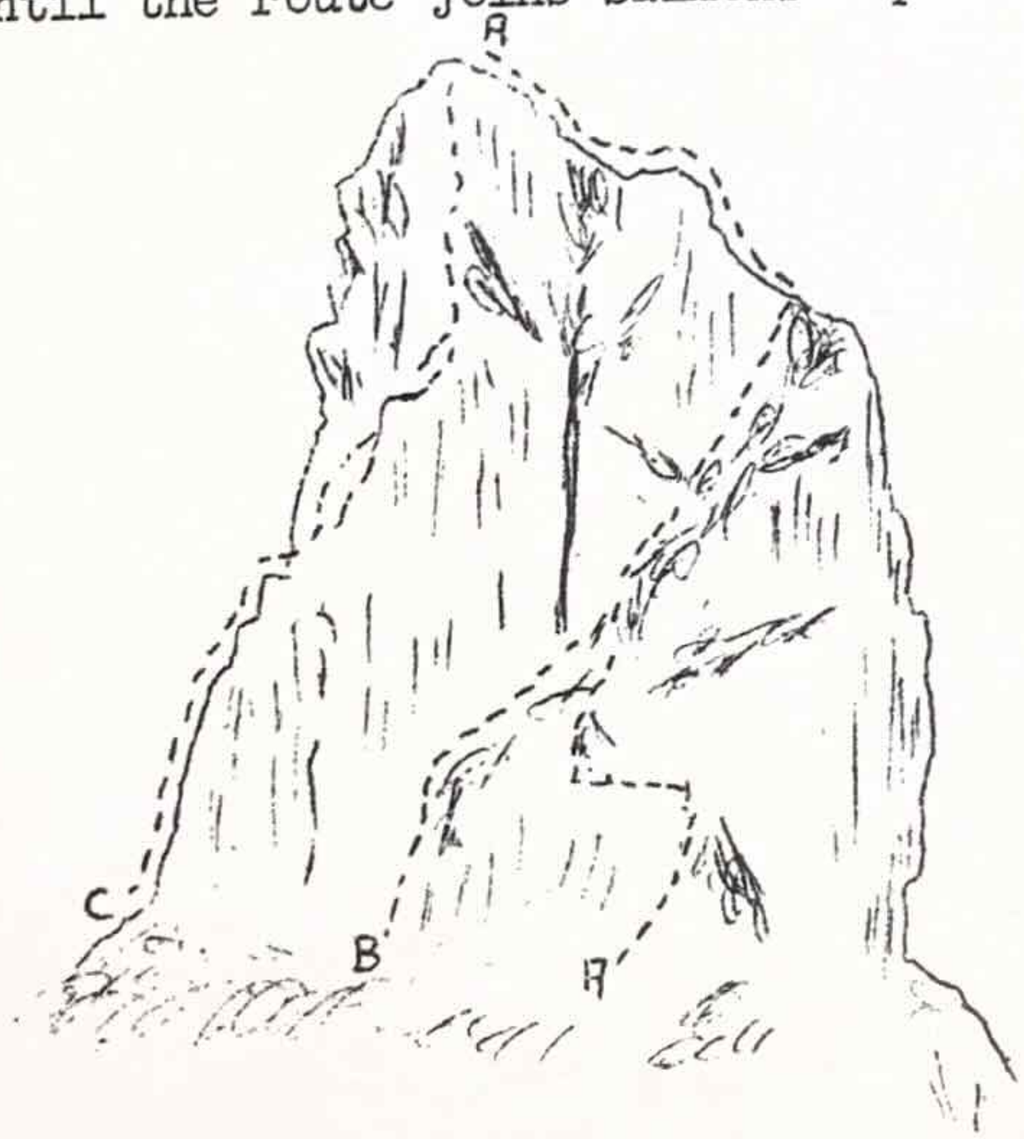
tart :- At the top of the prominent track leading up the foothills.

....95ft....2+.... Up the slabs to the right until slightly overhanging walls forces traverse back to the left. This traverse leads across the tops of a series of col- mns until the point is reached where one column is missing. This is the famous gap, long stretch across with the left foot ,aided by good incut holds in the wall above, llows one to pivot across onto the top of the next column. Innumerable and unnecessary itons and spikes across the traverse aid in protection. From this point easier ground s reached.

.....The remainder of the route is simply a scramble up the well defined track which eads up the scrubby shelf to the right. A series of short walls present no difficulti- s . The crest of the mountain is reached and a scramble along its top leads to the ummit.

lark Gully Route
tandard:- Hard Moderate
st. Ascent :- W.Fraser,J.Sairs,G.Rowley,L.J.,H.D.&W.E.Clark 1912

his route commences further round to the left of Salmons Gap route which it joins igher up on the mountain. Continue around the base of the rocks to the left until short gain in height a small corner is reached. The corner is formed by the jun- tion of a series of large columns. Climb the columns in the corner and then up nto easier ground. From here a scramble leads along a scrubby shelf tending upwards o the right until the route joins Salmons Gap route fairly high up on the South ace.




A-A SALMONS GAP ROUTE
B-A CLARK GULLY ROUTE
C-A WEST FACE ROUTE

## CROOKNECK : WEST FACE : "CAPRICORN"

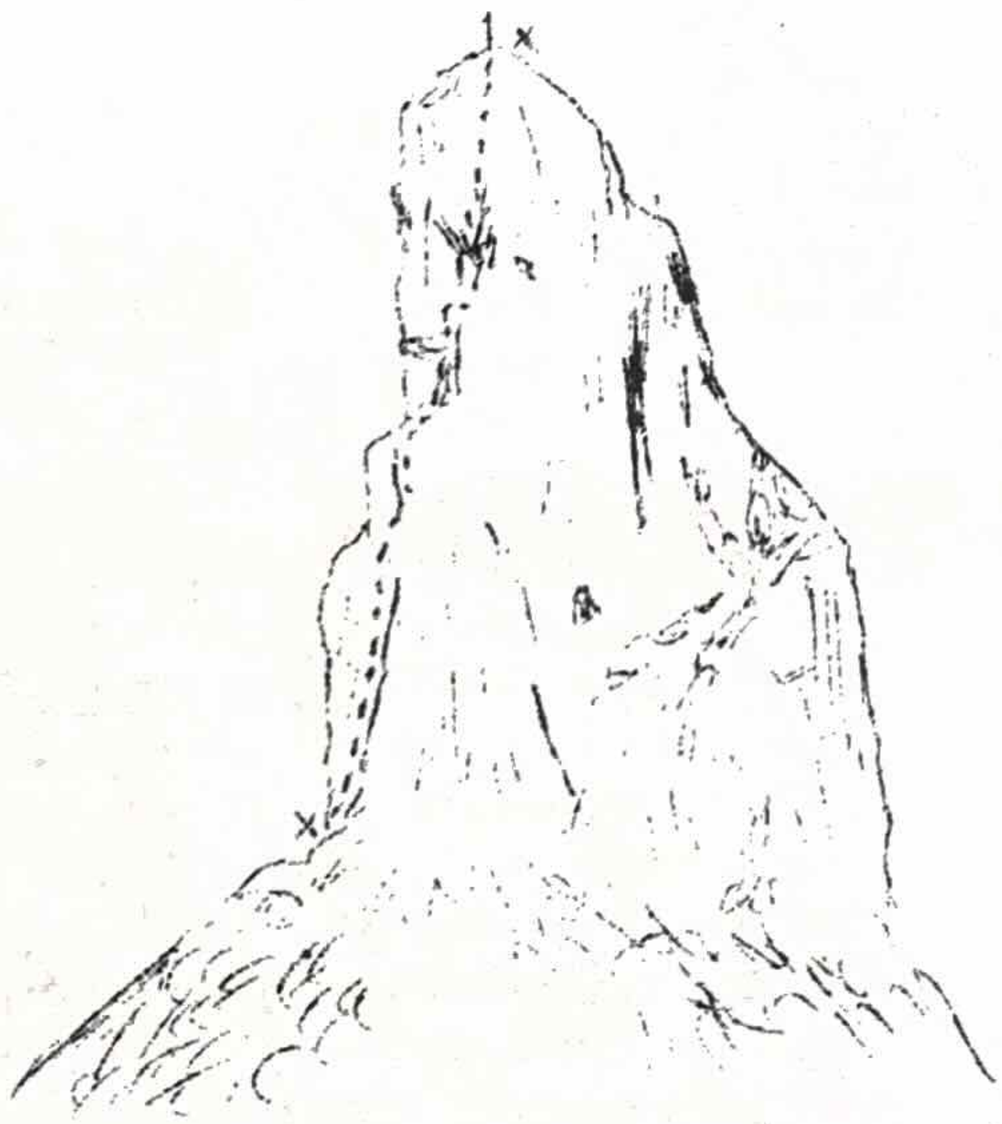
**Standard** :- Hard Difficult
**1st. Ascent** :- A.A.Salmon, C.Wilson 10/9/34

**Start** :- From the top of the normal track up the foothills traverse right under the North face until a prominent corner (the edge of the South and North faces) is reached. The climb commences some 30ft. back on the left i.e. north.

1....130ft....3....Up over detached,awkward blocks tending to the right onto the crest of the ridge.Follow up ridge into groove and then out to the left at its top. Up small blank wall on small holds, tending left to large tree. Tree belay.

2....80ft.....3+...Up to the left over broken and scrubby ground to edge of rib. Climb sloping groove through small overhang (easier traverse to left and then up) which leads to large grassy platform below final wall. Block belay.

3....125ft....3+...Directly up wall on crest of ridge, slightly left over blank wall/mantleshelf and then back right to ridge. Tree runner. Up over easier ground on right to summit. Peg or flagpole belay.



# CROOKNECK : EAST FACE

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Introductory : The face was first ascended by Ron Cox, John Comino and Pat Conaghan in 1959. However they did most of pitches 1 and 2 artificial, and in 1966 Les Wood and Donn Groom did the whole face free, except for one peg which was used for direct aid. So it is proposed that THE East Face route be the Wood route, and that the Cox route be depegged since:

(a) It follows the line of the Wood route, with minor deviations.
(b) Artificial is unecessary, and detracts from the free line.

Let this be no reflection on Cox's abilities though, since when he put the route up, climbing in Queensland was a very young sport; and moreover Ron didn't have the benefit of experience that Les Wood has.

Standard :- Hard Severe
1st. Ascent :- Ron Cox, John Comino, Pat Conaghan. 1959 ...Artificial
Les Wood, Donn Groom. 1966....Free, but for one peg.

Start :- Below the big,prominent crack in the face there is an alcove. 15ft. to the left of this alcove (not to be confused with another alcove which is still further around to the left),below some truncated columns.

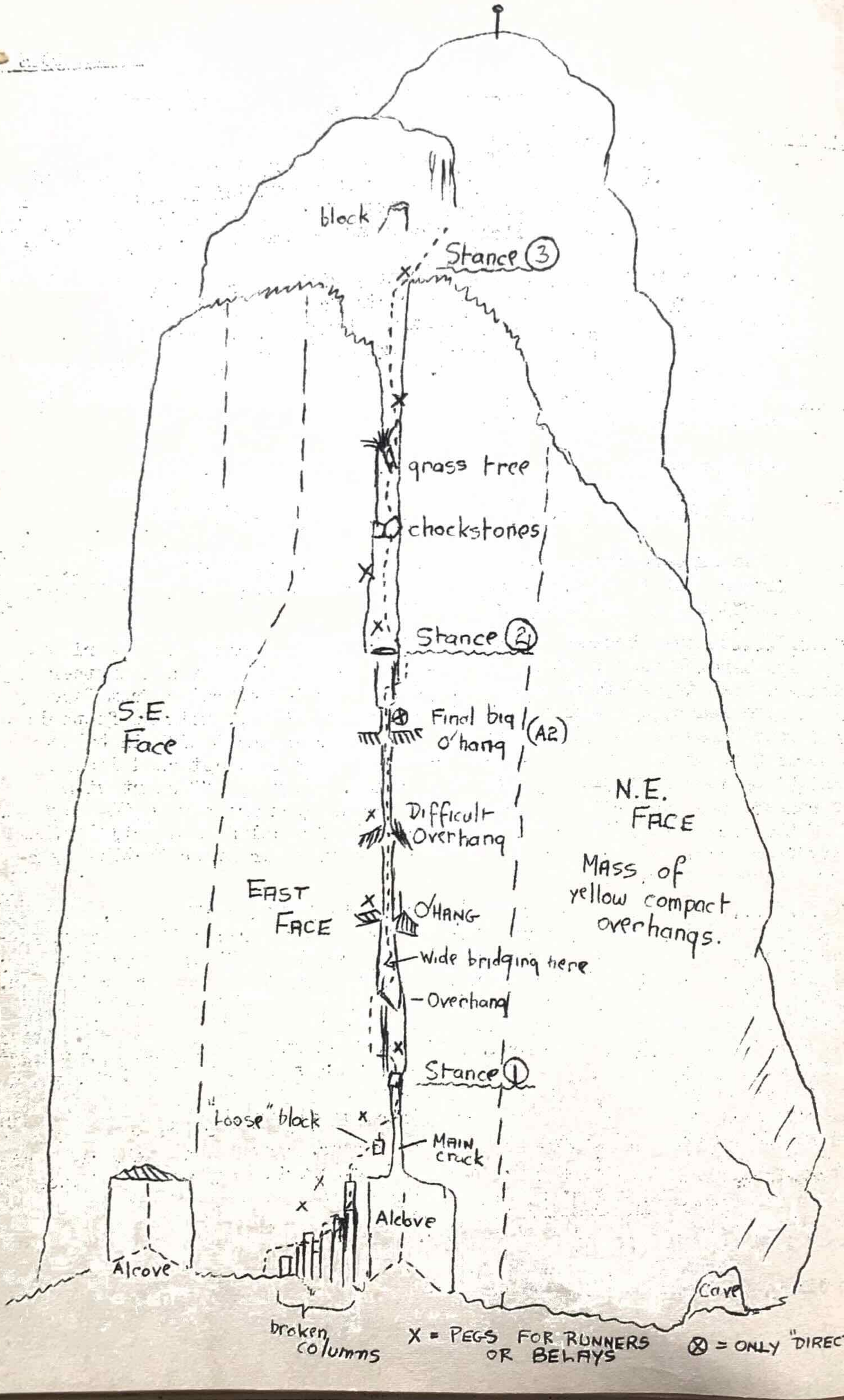
1....50ft....5....Up over broken column and swing outside columns to the right. Ignore any pegs here.Up on top of two columns; peg runner to left and another high up in overhang. Grab top of final broken column on right (seperated from face by 1" crack), a high reach, and swing out with both hands on top. With no footholds raise until your knees can be placed on top of column. An incut aids in balance for this move. Once on top of this column traverse right to a detached looking block.Straight up to 3 pegs side by side in a crack. Tie them off short with a sling for runner; now traverse over to the main crack (you are now on the edge of the roof of the alcove). Up by grasping either side of a column and bridging.Some unnecessary pegs here. Gain chockstone in crack, below a large, protecting overhang. Very good peg belay.

2....85ft....5+...Up and out to left to a groove with jammed rocks in it. Up and onto overhanging column. Now the route follows the obvious crack with no deviations (the artificial route winds about here). There are two difficult overhangs to pass, and strenuous bridging is necessary in places. 3 pegs for runner protection. Climb right up into final overhang. Here is the only peg needed for direct aid ! Hang a metal runged etrier (webbing would be useless here) on the peg inside the overhang, which closes behind your head. A 4" crack splits the outside of the bell-shaped overhang and the top rung of the etrier is passed through this and twisted so as to jam across the crack, outside the overhang. Go down a little, grab the top rung, and swing into space. Up onto top rung (strenuous) and then up 10ft. to stance 2,on a spacious (relatively) ledge. Peg belay.

3....80ft....4....Bridge straight up to 2 chockstones, which are passed on the outside. Up to a grass tree and past this to final corner. Back up and exit right at top. 3 runners are possible in this pitch. Belay off grass tree, peg at top of face or a large block 15ft. up the slopes.

Scrambling remains to the top.

A superb climb, destined to become a classic.


block
Stance (3)
grass tree
chockstones
Stance (2)
S.E.
Face
Final big o'hang
(A2)
N.E.
FACE
Difficult Overhang
Mass of yellow compact overhangs.
EAST
FACE
O'HANG
Wide bridging here
- Overhang
Stance (1)
"Loose" block
MAIN crack
Alcove
Alcove
broken columns
Cave
X = PEGS FOR RUNNERS OR BELAYS
⊗ = ONLY "DIRECT AID"

# CROOKNECK : NORTH FACE

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**ntroductory** The North Face was the route of the first ascent of Crookneck in 1910. he climb follows up a broken and vegetated shelf leaning back and up to the left. here are no definite landmarks on the face just a series of small columnar, transverse alls. Many of the columns are quite loose and care should be exercised. As the climer is free to wander at will over most of this face no detailed move by move descripion can be given. A simple outline must suffice.

**tandard** :- Difficult
**st.Ascent** :-H.Mikalsen 11/3/1910

**tart** :- From the track leading up the mountain branch off on the lower foothills nd contour round underneath the small cliffline which lies underneath the East ace. When the foot of the rocks are reached a small cave, sandy floored, underneath verhanging orange walls is found. Traverse further around to the right and the ngle of the mountain falls away. This is the shelf which must be followed.

....70ft....2+....Up to the left over broken and easy ground. Piton or block belay.

....100ft...3.....Continue up the obvious line over a series of small walls. Over slightly overhanging, small, columnar wall to a medium sized tree. Tree belay.

....120ft...2.....Up easier angled rock over fairly loose ground until the crest f the mountain is reached. Block belay.

short scramble leads up the ridge crest to the summit.



## CROOKNECK : S.W.BUTTRESS - "FLAMEOUT"

**Standard :-** Mild Very Severe
**1st. Ascent :-** Donn Groom, Ted Cais 28/11/66

**Start :-** About 10-15ft. left of the Clark Gully route below an open groove with some big overhangs above.

The first route to go up the steep and impressive S.W. buttress of Crookneck. A hard technical and very enjoyable climb.

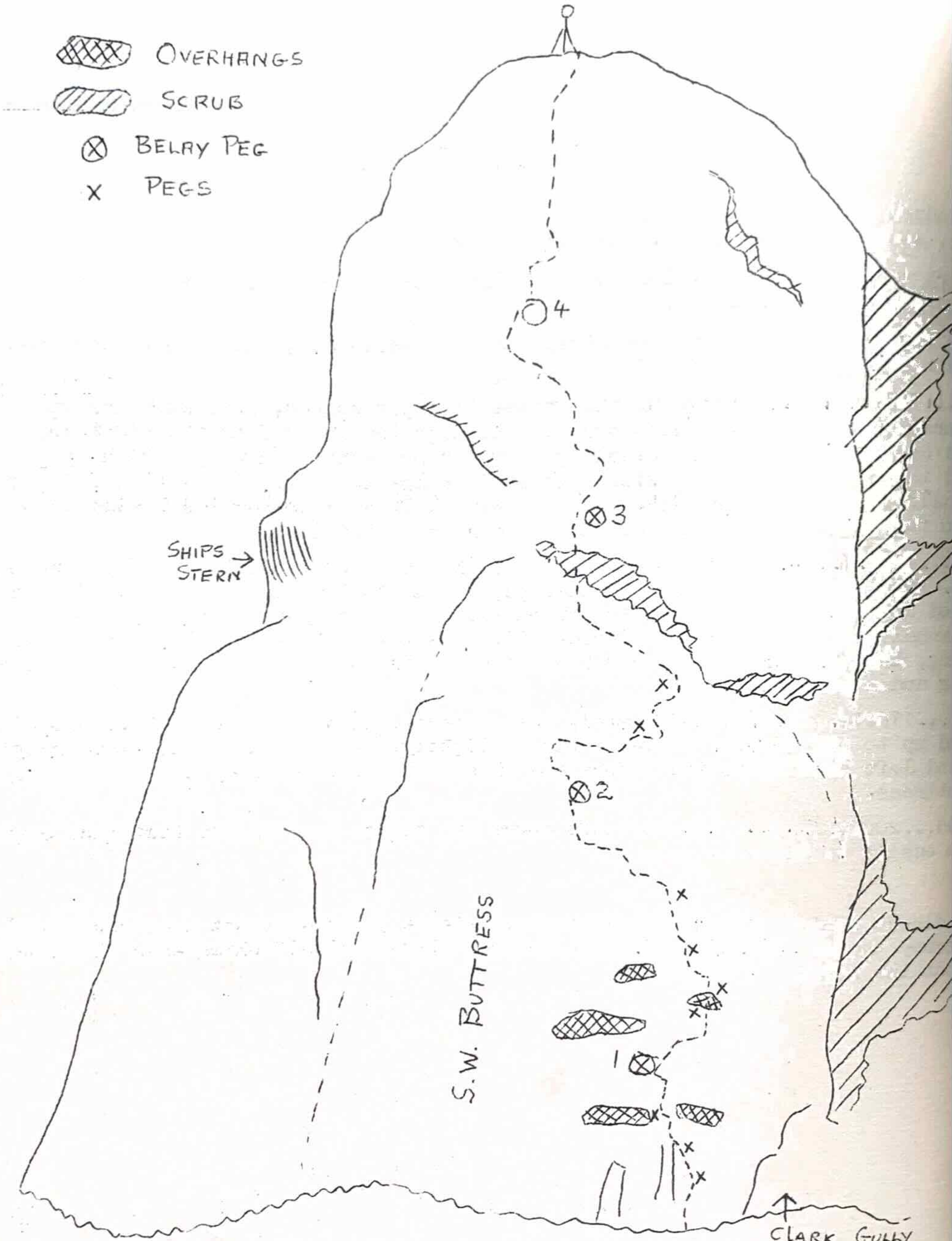
1....55ft....5+...Bridge up the groove to a peg runner. Move left and up to a second runner below a roof. Ignore the line of pegs leading off to the right and move left and up to below a little overhang. Peg for protection (not aid) high up in overhang, and then very high foot raise with small holds to small, loose block. Follow the shallow groove up for 15ft. and then move left to a grassy ledge wide enough for two feet with a peg belay around the corner to the left.

2....70ft....6-...Move up diagonally right to below a block with a superb hold behind it. Peg runner, and then a channel peg around to the right of a second block with a good undercut hold is used to get on the top of this second block. Then up to a second channel peg, also used for direct aid. Up a few feet delicately, runner under overhang, then traverse left around a dicey corner and up a few more feet to a channel peg and a poor stance.

3....110ft...4....Up immediately above stance, then traverse right...around a corner and up to peg runner. Traverse right slightly, and then up on downward sloping rock. Tend left back above the stance and then up to peg and block belay at the end of the buttress.

4&5...200ft....3.... Up and left above the stance to join the West face route and so easily to the top.

A direct finish will be possible above stance 3 but does not seem worthwhile; and anyway the main difficulties are in the buttress itself which ends at stance3 to join the rotten S.W. corner.


OVERHANGS
SCRUB
BELAY PEG
PEGS
4
3
2
1
SHIPS STERN
S.W. BUTTRESS
CLARK GULLY ROUTE

## BEERWAH : NORTH FACE :"B-FLAT MINOR"

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The climb lies on the left hand buttress of organ pipes; up the lower,long ribs.

Standard :- Hard Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Les Wood, Ted Cais 6/8/66

Start :- From the tourist track above the second set of slabs,a few hundred ft. below the big forest traverse off left heading for the first gendarme with a diamond shaped top ( vaguely resembles the Napes Needle)

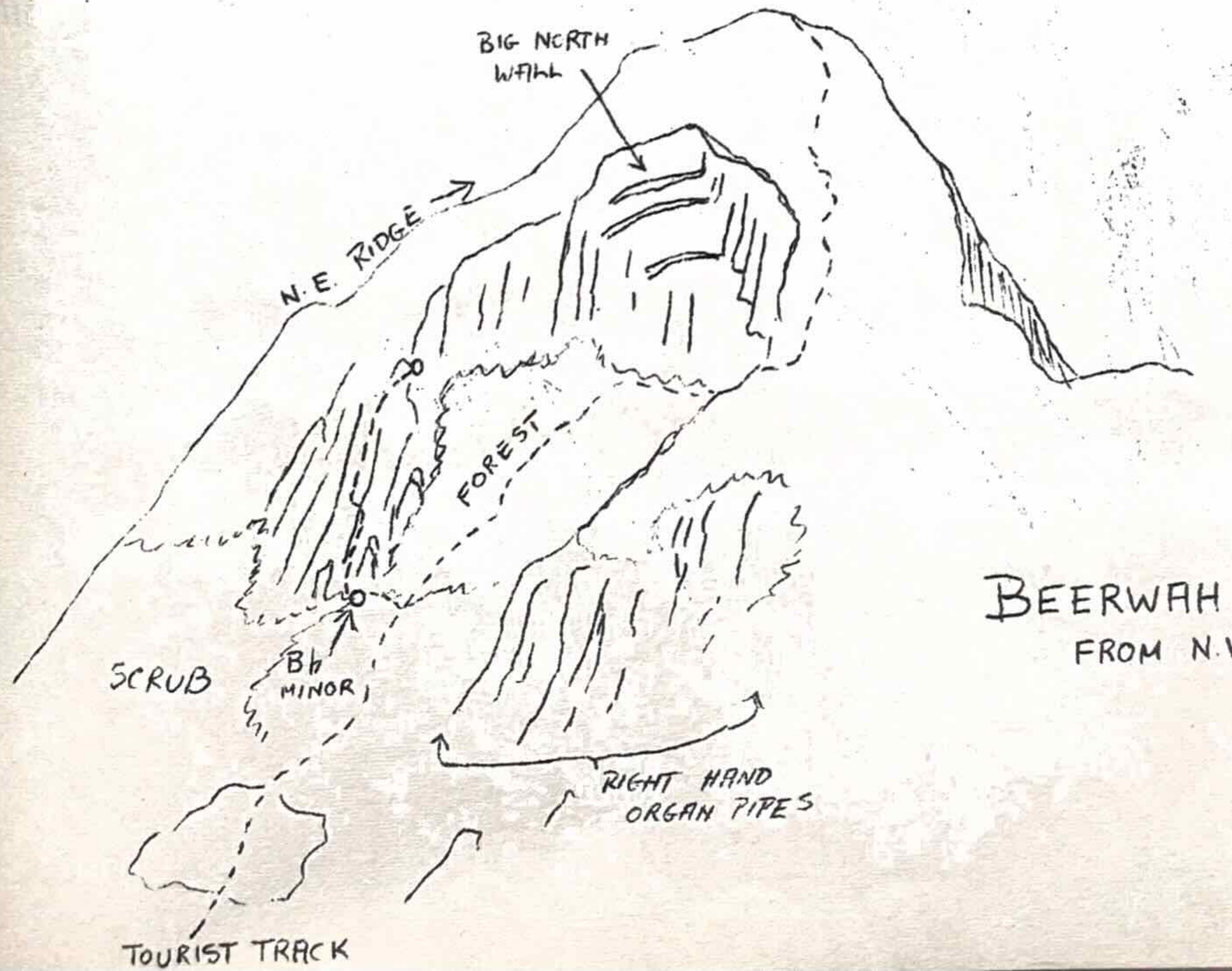
1....95ft....4-...Ascend the groove where the right hand side of the gendarme joins the cliff. Follow the continuation of this groove up to the top of a smaller defined column. Tree belay.

2....100ft...4+...Step over left into the obvious groove that runs up the face here. There is a bush 40ft. up. Bridge up, pass bushes (only available runners) Easier out on right hand side for a way, and finish up groove. Tree belay (tall slender,branchless gum)

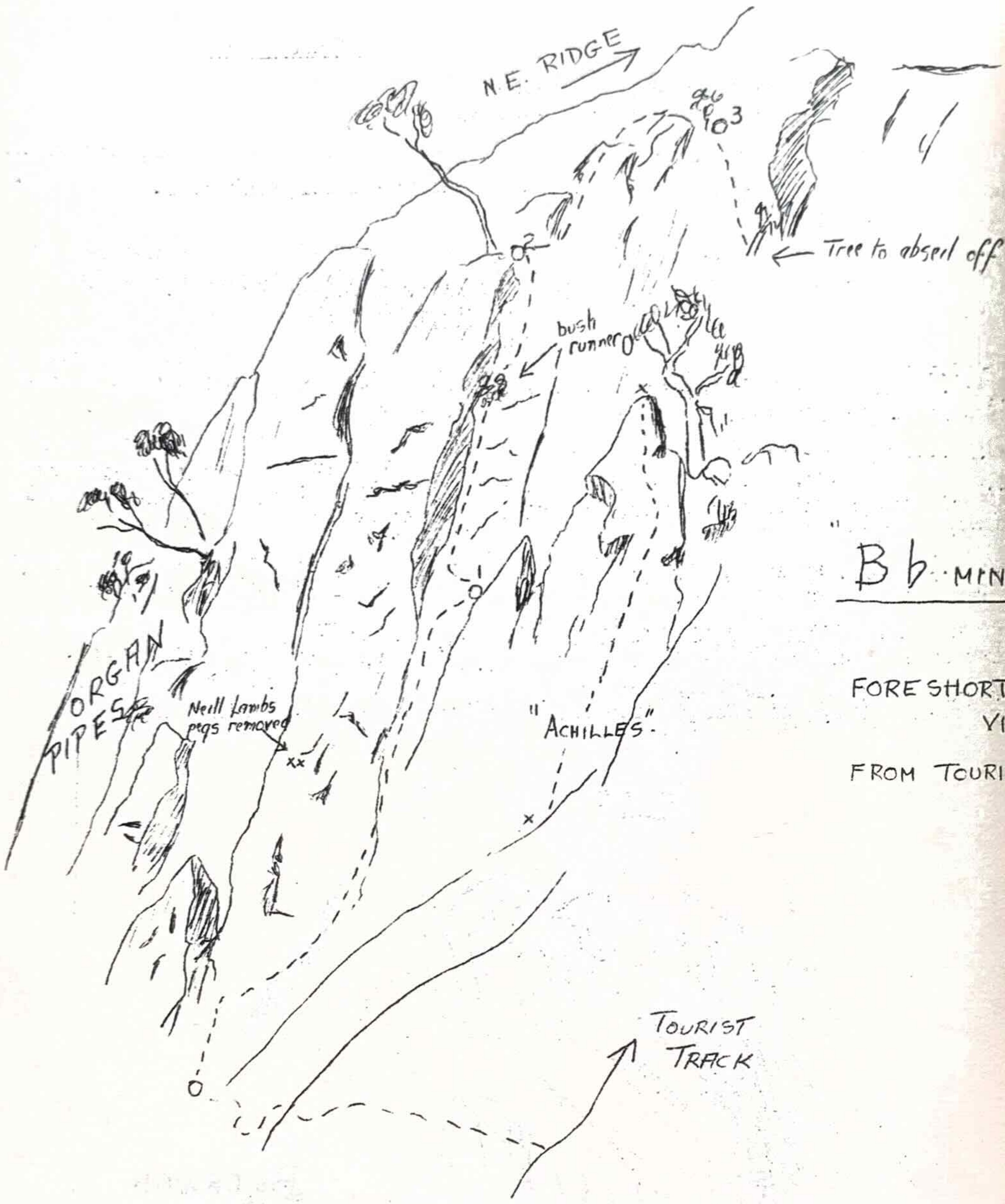
3....50ft....3....Continue up on easier rock to big block. Out to right on sharp edge and over to broken grassy area.

If you wish you can readily gain the N.E. ridge above, or abseil off a tree here. The former involves bashing over the summit in P.A.s or Masters though.

The climb is quite enjoyable; the rock is disconcerting however,tending to be flaky. The position is nicely exposed.




BEERWAH
FROM N.W.




Bb · MINOR

FORESHORTEN
VIEW

FROM TOURIST

## N'GUN GUN : KEYHOLE

So named because of the climb through the hole on the second pitch,and you are literally "Dirty old men" looking through the Keyhole by the time you reach it.

Standard :-Hard Very Difficult
1st.Ascent :- Dennis Stocks,Daryl Poole,Bob Fick 9/9/67

Start Walk up the tourist track from the camp-site in front of the Organ Pipes until level with them. Traverse as horizontally as possible through the scunge, occasionally following indefinite tracks until the base of the O.P.s is reached. Traverse left until the left hand end of the centre ampitheatre formed by the O.P.s is reached,i.e. where the O.P.s drop away to the left. At the top of this slope appears to be a blazed tree on a shelf formed under the shorter O.P.s. This tree becomes the belay.

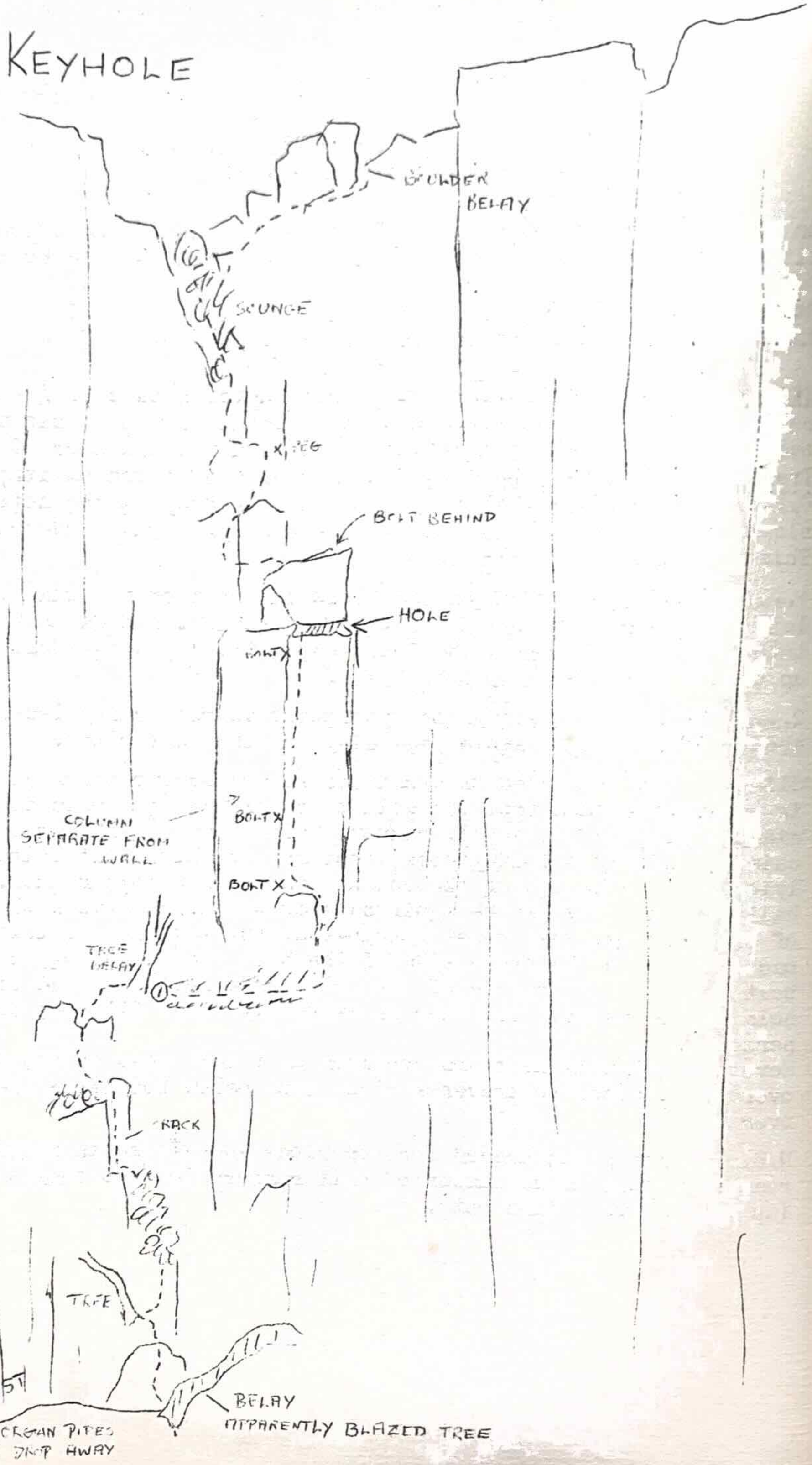
1....55ft....3....Stand on the block in front of the wall and climb up to the left to a tree growing out of the face,runner.Using a layback move ascend up into a scungy floored niche (caution).A tricky mantleshelf on the left and then up over loose blocks to tree belay.

2....110ft....4+....Traverse cautiously across grassy ledge to the right for about 15ft. to a possible peg belay for the next pitch.

Climb up into the base of a chimney formed by two columns, the left one of which is seperate enough from the wall to enable an arm to be placed behind it. At start of chimney is a bolt runner. Chimney up passing another bolt runner,the chimney rapidly becoming more loose and crumbly. Just below the block which is lying across the top of the chimney is another bolt runner. By bridging,the top half of your body can be squirmed into the hole between the block and the back of the chimney. Peg runner possible at the entrance to the hole.Beware of loose packed dirt on the other side of the hole. Reach through and place runner on bolt found on other side of the hole. By a series of odd squirming moves the hole can be negotiated after an extremely tight fit (not recommended for O.S. persons).
Move out slightly left and continue up,tricky move to the left. Finally up over loose rocks to traverse right just below top large block. Sling belay over block.

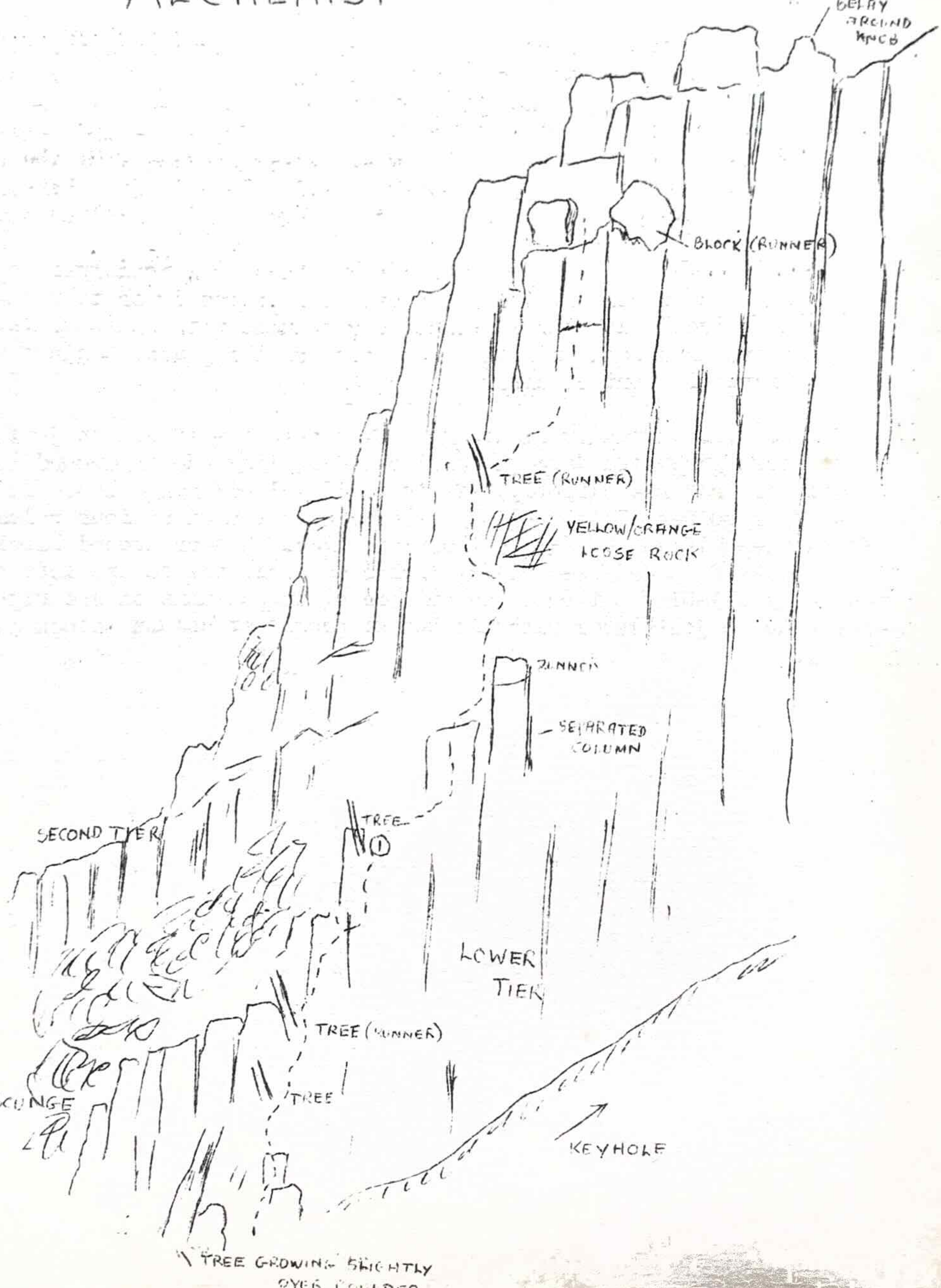
N.B. Large sling needed for top block and all bolts require hangers. The reason for the large number of bolt runners is that they are extremely insecure (as you may well find out).

# KEYHOLE


BOULDER
BELAY
SCUNGE
X TEE
BOLT BEHIND
HOLE
BOLT
BOLT X
COLUMN
SEPARATE FROM
WALL
BOLT X
TREE
DELAY
RACK
TREE
ALCHEMIST
ORGAN PIPES
DROP AWAY
BELAY
APPARENTLY BLAZED TREE

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# ALCHEMIST


BELAY AROUND KNOB
BLOCK (RUNNER)
TREE (RUNNER)
YELLOW/ORANGE LOOSE ROCK
RUNNER
SEPARATED COLUMN
SECOND TIER
TREE
1
LOWER TIER
TREE (RUNNER)
SCUNGE
TREE
KEYHOLE
TREE GROWING SLIGHTLY OVER BOULDER

# THE STEAMERS

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The Steamer formation, so called because of its resemblance to the superstructure of a ship, consists of a group of rhyolitic residuals 4-500 ft. in height rising from the ridge which seperates the middle and south branches of Emu Ck. From West to East the formation is as follows :-

The Prow, a large wedge shaped mass with an almost continuous cliff-line except where it narrows into the ridge continuation. This mass is the official Mt.Steamer on the Army map. As far as is known no serious climbing has been carried out on this cliff-line and this is understandable with greater attractions close to hand.

The Funnel next along the ridge is elliptical in shape having a wide heavily timbered summit. An almost continously sheer cliff-line lends this peak the distinction of being one of our few mountains having no easy or "tourist" route up it.

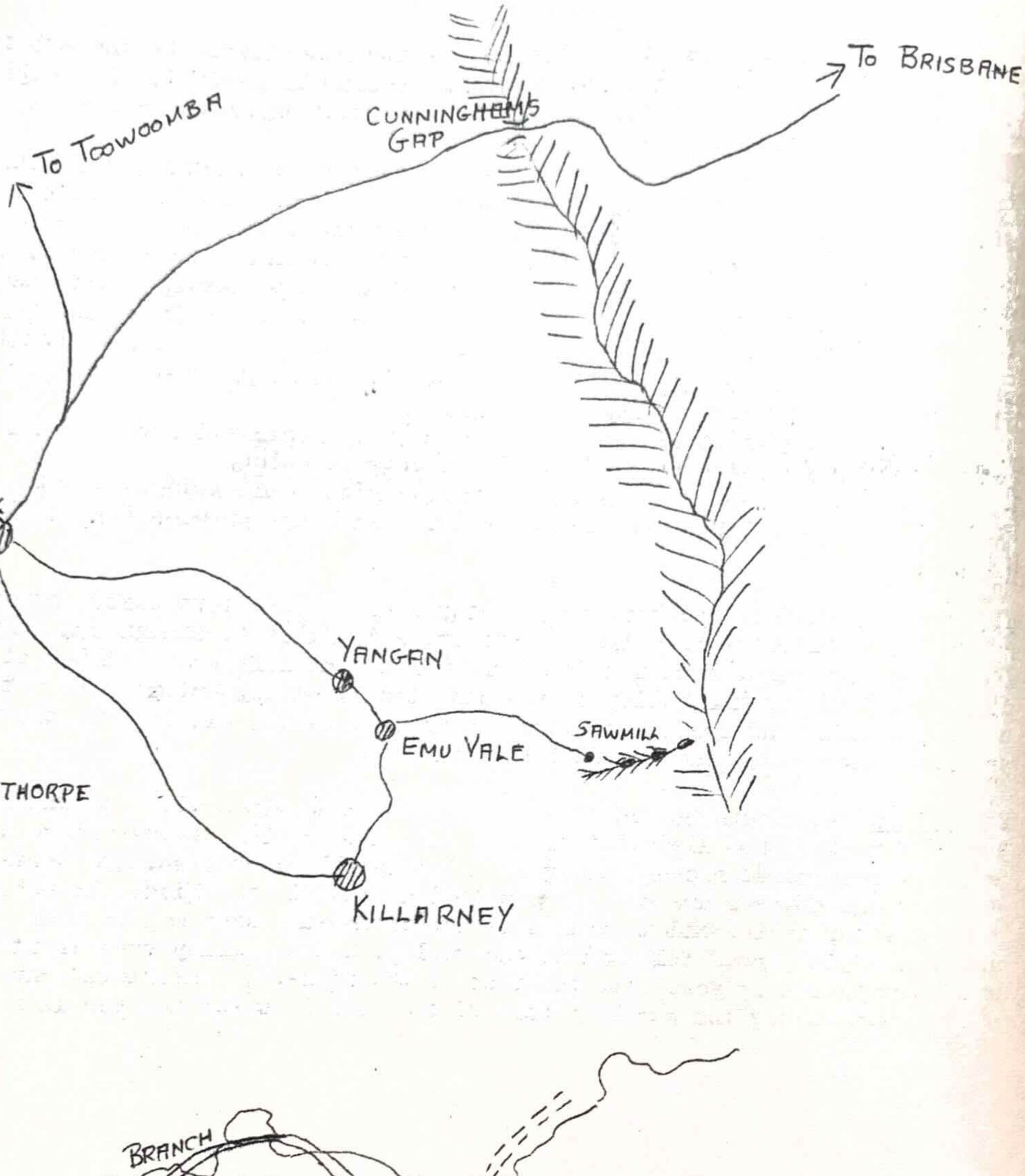
The Mast is a long narrow pinnacle some 500 ft. in height and narrowing to only 3 ft. wide at one point on its summit ridge.

The Pinnacle a lower continuation of the Mast is seperated from the Mast by a gap some 150 ft. deep and 6 ft. wide at its narrowest point.

The Stern is an abrupt wall rising above the ridge and broadening out as it runs back into the main transverse ridge of the Main Range between Mts. Asplenium and Roberts.

Access The easiest and best road in turns off to the left before entering Warwic coming from Brisbane. From the turnoff drive 13 miles to Yangan and then a further 4 miles to Emu Vale. From Emu Vale turn off to the left and 11 miles of reasonable dirt road leads up the valley to the deserted saw-mill. Unfortunately the condition of the eight odd creek crossings encountered varies widely over the years and previous heavy rains may necessitate a walk in.

Camp Sites The South branch offers many fine camp sites close in under the rocks but suffers from the disadvantage that this side of the Steamer ridge is covered in heavy rainforest necessitating a tiring uphill scrub bash. The Northern slopes of the ridge however are open forest leading down to the Middle branch. Whilst the flow of water in the Middle branch is not dependable camp may be made at the saw-mill and the old road followed up the valley. A side valley runs in at 522 034 which provides easy access to the foot of the ridge. A comfortable cave exists about half-way along the Northern base of the Funnel, water however is a problem.


To Brisbane
To Toowoomba
Cunninghams Gap
Warwick
To Stanthorpe
Yangan
Emu Vale
Sawmill
Killarney
Branch
Middle
Prow
Sawmill
Funnel
Mast
Pinnacle
South Branch

## THE MAST : STANDARD ROUTE

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Standard :- Hard Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Bob Waring, Jon Stephenson 24/8/50

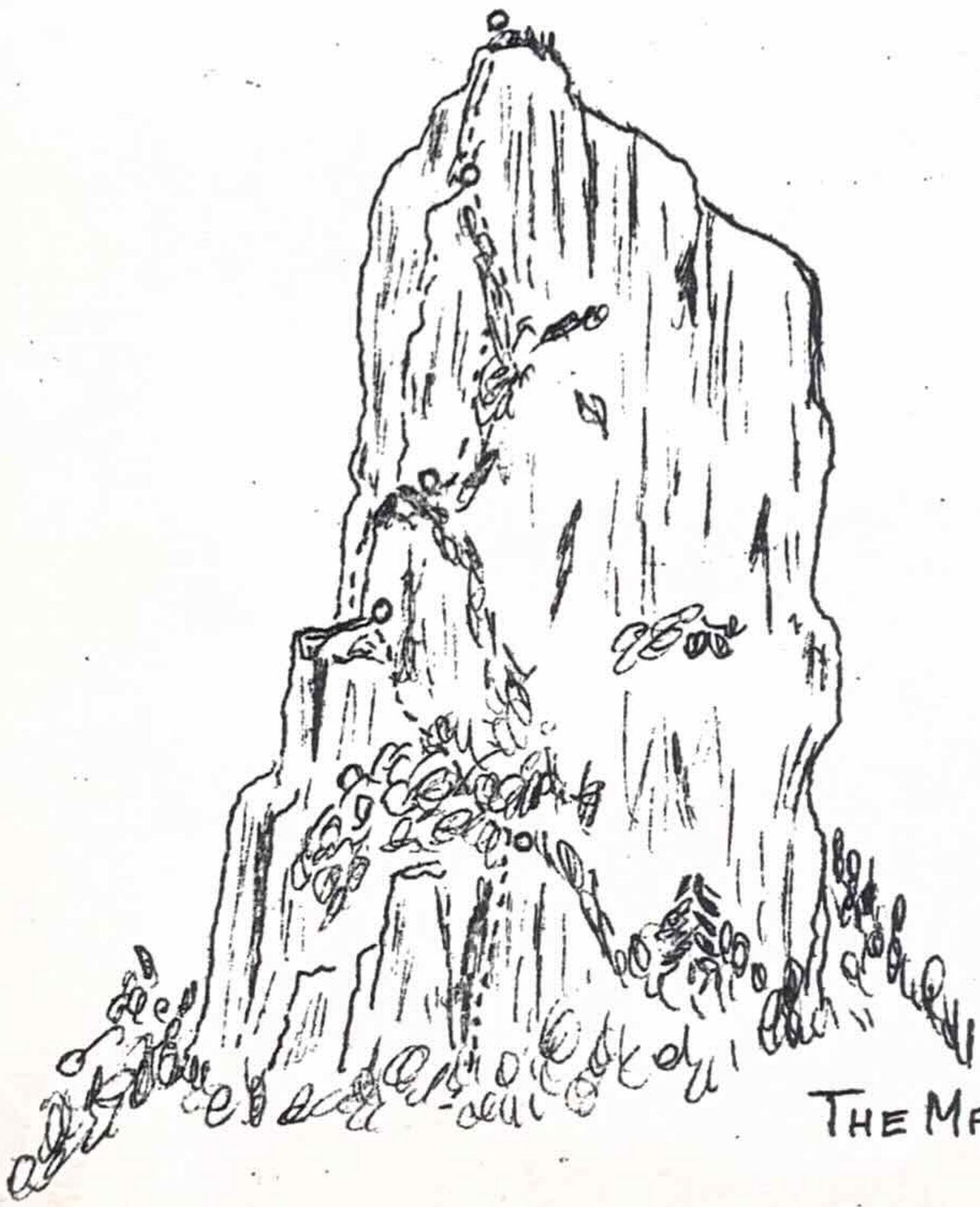
Start :- Approaching the Mast from the western end (i.e. from the Funnel) about 30 yds. along the the southern face a chimney/gully ascending right and up is found.

1....110ft....2.... Climb up into the chimney/gully and ascend to an overgrown verandah about 80 vertical ft. above the ground. Loose rocks are abundant. Tree belay.

2....40ft....2+....After an easy walk through the undergrowth towards the main buttress,tend towards the left. A climb up a small wall leads to a clear platform at the base of a prominent chimney. The platform is situated on the true crest of the ridge. Block belay.

3....80ft....3+....Traverse from the platform to the base of the chimney. Runner advisable here. Ascend chimney (loose and rotten rock) and at its top move right and belay round tree.

4....120ft....3+....From belay traverse right across overgrown ledge to broken shelf. Ascend few ft. left and then diagonally up tending right to just below summit. Tree belay. A short scramble leads to the summit.



O = MAIN BELAY POINTS

THE MAST FROM THE BASE OF THE FUNNEL

## THE MAST : EAST FACE : "JERICHO"

Standard :- Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Ted Cais, Les Hicks - 12/3/1966

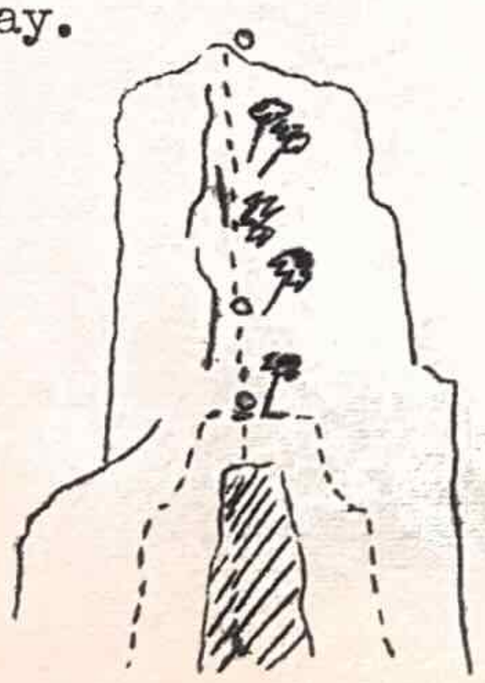
Called "Jericho" because one trumpet note would most likely bring the whole place down.

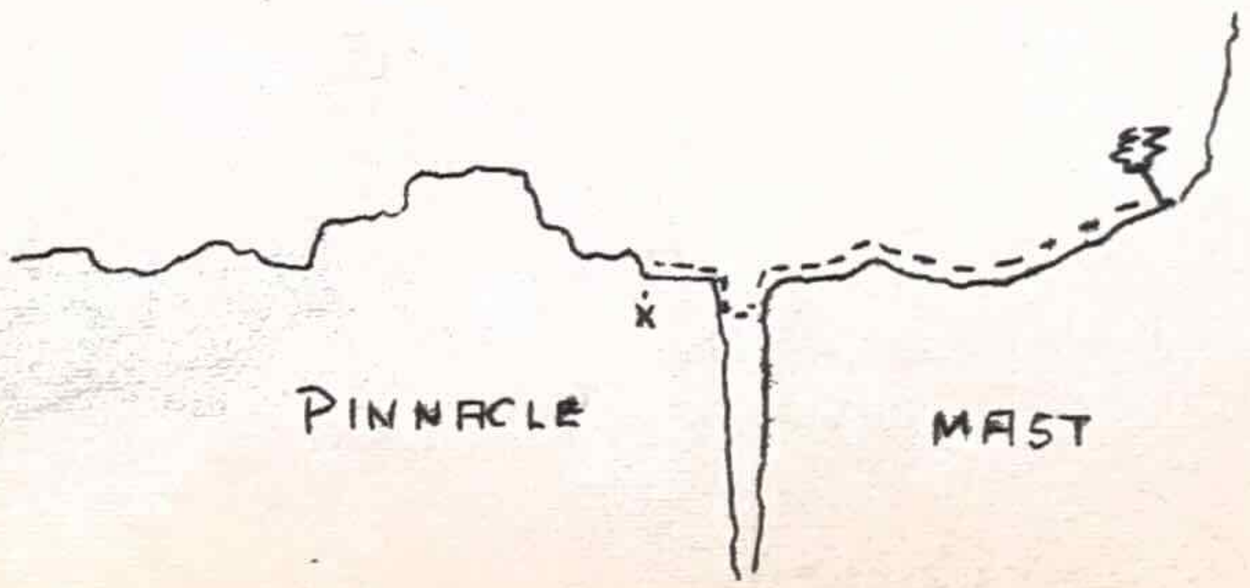
Start :- The start of this climb is quite unique. You first must climb the Pinnacle! After you have reached the knife edge or summit ridge of the Pinnacle formation follow it to the Western end, i.e. towards the Mast. Now the Mast and Pinnacle are seperated by a gap, a minimum of 6 ft. wide and 180 ft. deep. You must cross this to gain the Mast on its Eastern end. Now at the end of the Pinnacle there is a sharp wall about 2-3 ft. wide and with a small ledge and bush on the South side. This wall is 7 ft. high above the little ledge and terminates the arete on the Pinnacle. Below is the big gap and across this is a spacious ledge on the Mast, well supplied with trees. At the end of the wall on the Pinnacle go down 5ft. on its Northern side. You will find a peg inserted upside down under a big slab which is part of the wall. Thread a long abseil loop through this and pass it over the top of the wall and down the South side. In this way you have a mechanically sound abseil point. To effect the crossing the leader should also be belayed with a second rope which can be tied to a channel peg which can be driven in a crack in the middle of the wall, above a little bush on the ledge. The leader now abseils down the gap, belayed, for 30 ft. until he reaches a point level with the end of the Mast, above the vertical end which forms one side of the gap. Now follows a very athletic bridge - at least 6 ft. and slowly the leader leans over and falls on to the Mast. Once there a flying-fox type arrangement can be made for the second to cross on. Up, from the gap edge now through medium trees along nearly level ground to a short wall of piled up blocks. Up 15 ft. to good tree belay. 45 ft.

1...70 ft. ... 2... Follow edge up through scrub to second tree belay.

2...110 ft.... 3... Up to base of first difficulty, a slightly overhanging 15 ft. wall, flanked on the left by a booby trap consisting of a great pile of very unstable blocks. Up over shaky rock to base of solid, grey wall which seems to have horizontal columns in it. Up 10 ft. peg runner. Up over edge of wall, which is capped by a large plate of rock. Along 45° broken ridge, over to right and tree belay.

3...80 ft.... 3-... Up 5 ft. from tree below vertical edge and around a bulge, which forms an overhang below, to the right i.e. on to North face. Tricky traverse on loose rock to large tree growing out of wall. Runner. To right and up crack in corner to the top. 15' walk along ridge to summit ridge and tree belay.





# THE FUNNEL : "HANGING GARDENS"

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Standard :- Hard Difficult
1st. Ascent :- J.Tillack, N.Eberhardt

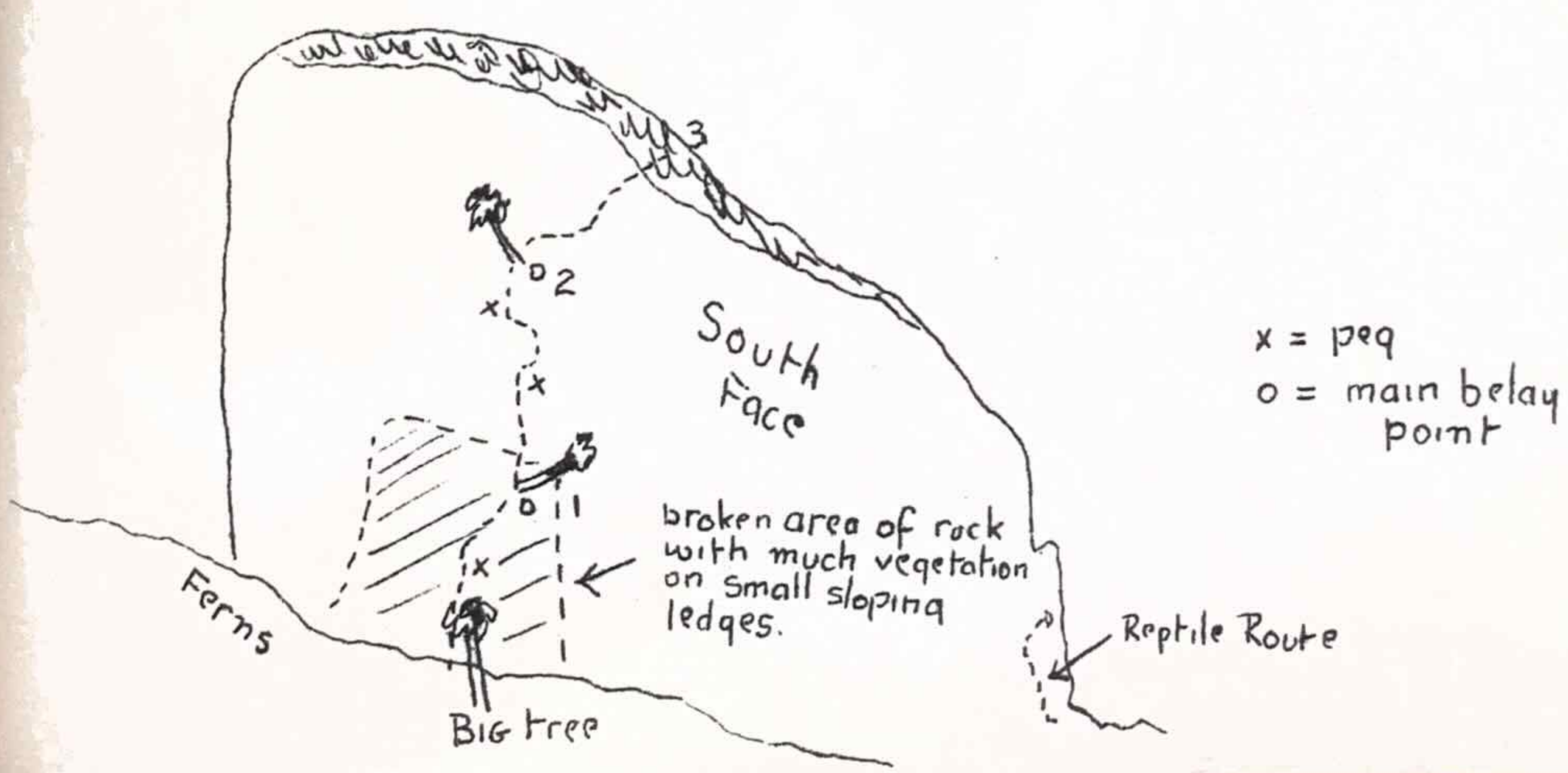
So named because of the vertical wall of orchids,rock and dirt on pitch 1.

Start :- From the very Western end of the Funnel traverse down under the South face for 60 ft. Above you now is the only broken wall on the whole of the South face, and you start on the right hand end of this broken line of rock. The rock is good, but covered in much dirt and orchids.

1....110 ft....3-....Start on vertical wall to extreme right hand side of possibilities. Up over a series of dirty ledges for 15 ft. Peg runner here somewhere. Now traverse right slightly and take a diagonal line for an obvious tree which is atop a vertical column on wall. Belay off tree.

2....95 ft....3+....From tree head now more or less straight up, heading for an obvious large tree, above which is a large area of medium sized trees.Up steep, sound rock for 30 ft.,to right slightly. You should now be on a ledge below a vertical wall with a peg in it. Runner. Very tricky move up past peg and traverse out horizontally to left around a corner. Second peg runner around here.Now straight up, tricky move or two, to reach obvious large tree. Up and over trunk, which is nearly horizontal and is semi-circular in cross section. Belay off solid tree above and to right of this first tree.

3&4...120 ft....2....Traverse diagonally to right all the time now; through scrub one 15 ft. chocolatey-brown wall to climb. More scrub and loose earth to top of South face. Very dense mass of wattle bush on top. It is advised that if you wish to go on to the summit area to drag the rope behind you, with one end tied to one of the many bushes at the top of the route.This way you will find the start for the way down again.
For the descent,climb back to last belay tree above pitch 2 and do a diagonal abseil off this down to left to a medium tree on a very small ledge projecting over a 50 ft. wall below which there is a spacious,rubbishy ledge and a small bush. 120 ft. abseil.
Now down to small bush. 50 ft. off small bush (use new sling;there will probably be an old one there still) to base of cliff. 125 ft.



# THE FUNNEL : FLAKE ROUTE

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Standard :- Very Difficult
1 st. Ascent :- Bob Waring, Kemp Fowler 2/12/50

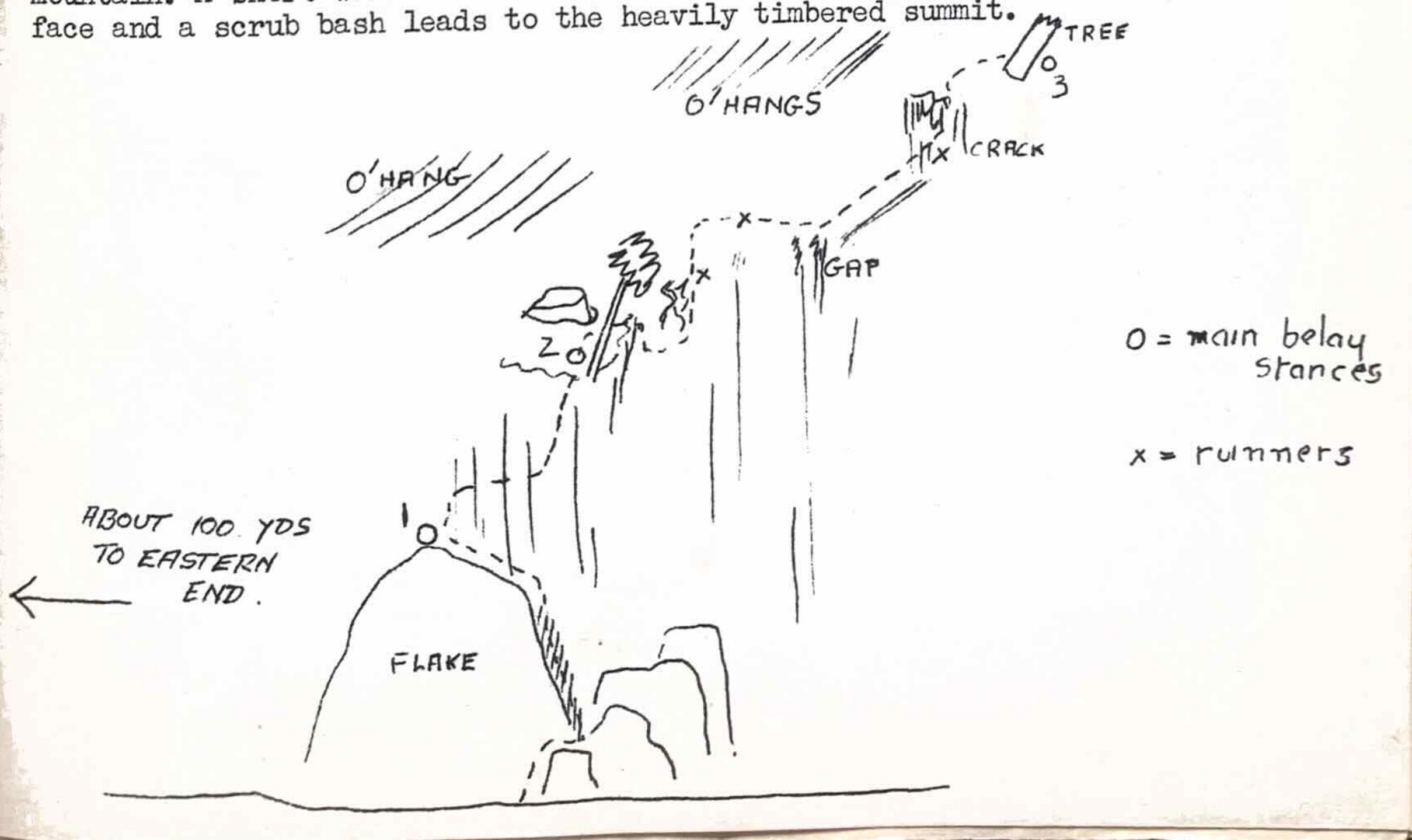
Flake route is the original route up the Funnel and provides a climb of great interest spoilt by a hairy traverse over loose and crumbling rock.

Start ;- Approximately 100 yds. from the Eastern end of the Funnel on the North face at the foot of a large yellow-brown flake below a similarly coloured overhang. The crack behind the flake cannot be seen altogether from the bottom. The start is up over some piled blocks to get to the wide crack behind the flake.

1....45 ft....2....Up over the blocks on the right hand side of the flake, step across into the crack or onto the edge of the flake and then up to the flat top of the flake. Piton belay.

2....30 ft....3....To the right and up a steep 15 ft. wall, easier climbing leads to a wide overhung ledge. A large crumbling block hung with remnants of old slings sits on the ledge. Belay from the tree on the edge of the ledge.

3....105 ft....4...From the ledge descend a few feet over its right hand edge. Up a series of fig tree roots on the undercut wall adjacent to the ledge, followed by a loose vertical wall for another 6-7 ft. Runner beside old piton. Another old peg is to be found at the top of the wall and may be used as a runner before launching out on the delicate traverse to the right. Traverse right, descending slightly, across an exposed gap and up a sloping ledge through some garbage to the foot of a small wall. Up a rotten crack using hand jams. Runner. A large tree is reached at the end of the difficulties. Tree belay.
From this point it is a scramble up through scrub tending left to the ridge of the mountain. A short wall on the ridge crest is turned on its left, i.e. Southern face and a scrub bash leads to the heavily timbered summit.



## THE FUNNEL : "REPTILES TAIL"

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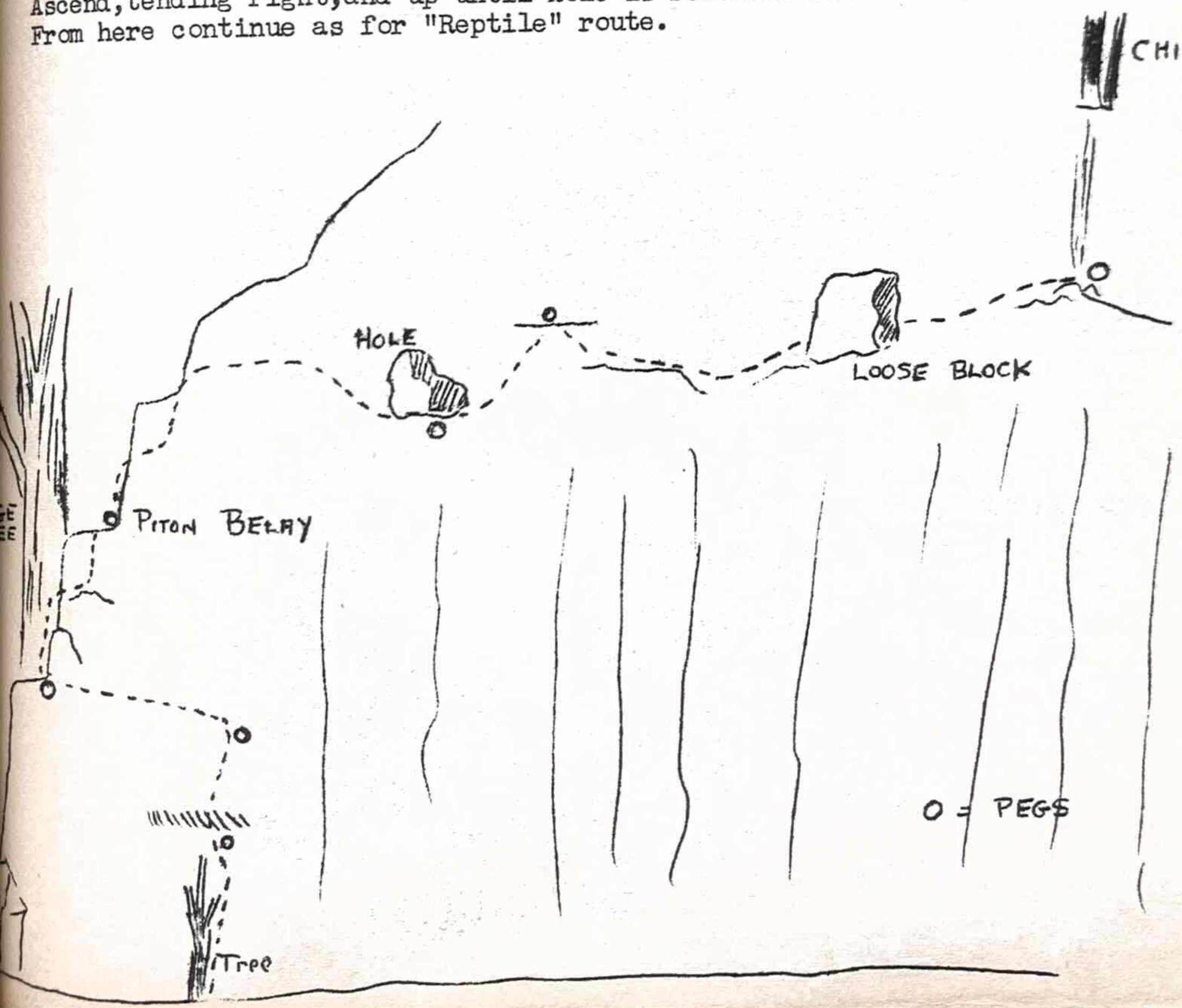
Standard :- Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Donn Groom,Bob Fick 13/3/66

This route follows the Eastern edge of the Funnel more closely than "Reptile" which it joins at the Window.

Start :- Straight up from tree about 10ft. to the right from the balancing blocks found on the extreme end of the narrow Eastern ridge of the Funnel

1....50ft....4....Small tree hampers first movements. Straight up 10-12ft. over small holds. Good piton cracks under slight bulge. Continue up until approximately level with first ledge. This ledge is almost invisible whilst on the face but enquiries to second can determine when to start traverse. Peg runner. Traverse left over small foot-holds,this becomes delicate as approach to ledge is made. Straight up right side of wall behind ledge to just below second smaller ledge. Piton belay.

2....70ft....4....Straight up wall behind ledge,then traverse right onto the face. Ascend to edge of flake and determine position of hole (invisible from below) by comparison with first belay point of "Reptile", which is visible from this point. Ascend,tending right,and up until hole is reached. Piton belay at right of hole. From here continue as for "Reptile" route.



# THE FUNNEL : "REPTILE"

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Standard :- Very Difficult
1 st. Ascent :- Bill Peascod, Neill Lamb, ~~Donn~~ TONY Groom 19/5/56

An interesting climb having the novelty of starting on one side of the mountain and finishing on the other. Somewhat soured by patches of rotten rock.
Start :- At the Eastern end of the Funnel walk along under the Southern face for 30 ft. to a large tree with a large rock at its base. The Window, a hole through the narrow Eastern arete, is almost directly overhead at this point.

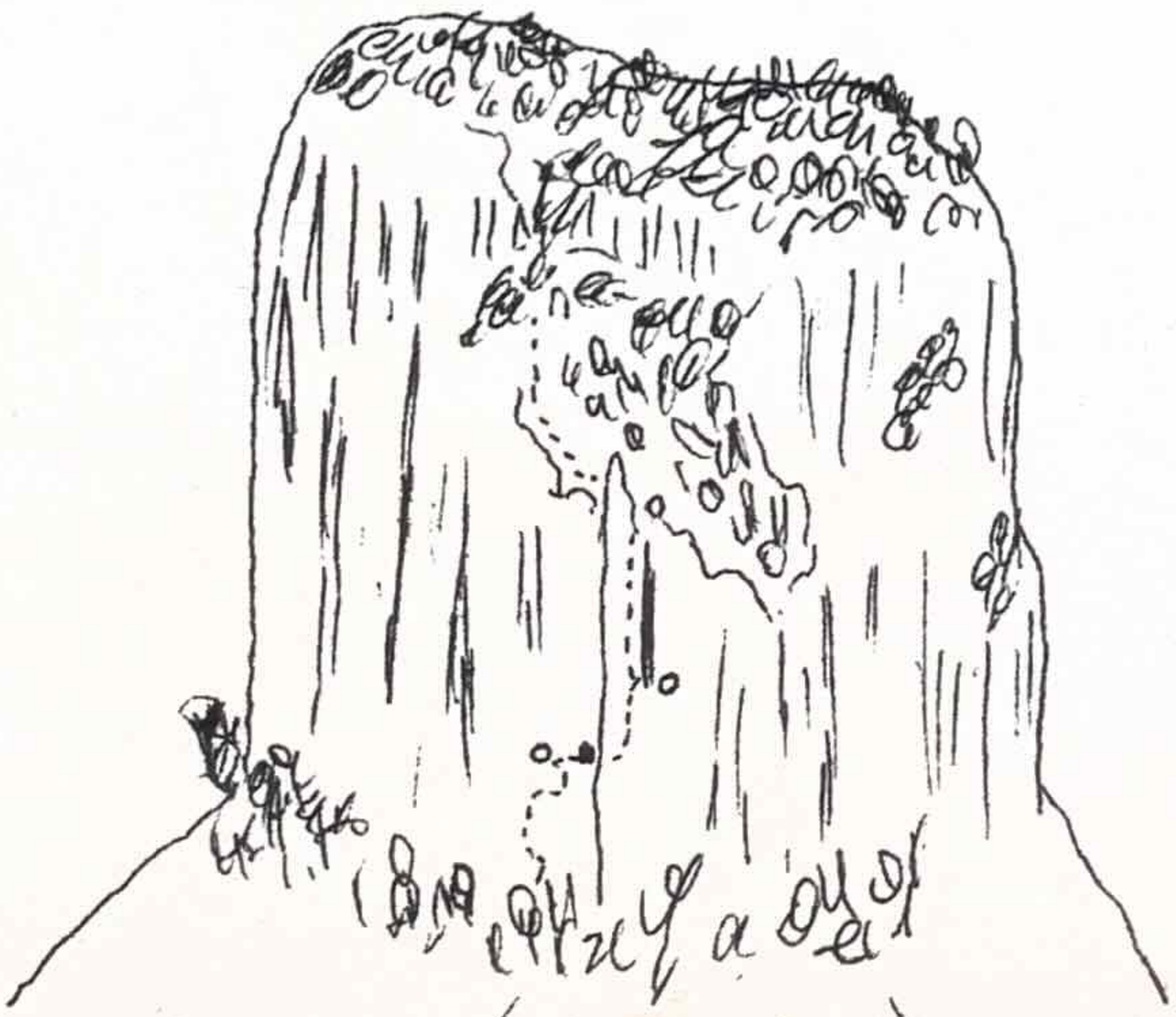
1....75 ft....4.... From the base of the tree a slanting groove is climbed until a traverse to the left leads to the base of a semi-detached pillar. This pillar is surmounted using an obvious crevice in its corner, and an ascending traverse to the right leads to a steep wall directly under the window. Once above this wall (which has some loose and rotten rock) a prominent ledge to the left of the window is reached. Piton belay.

2....55 ft....3....Traverse right from the ledge on friable rock and climb through the window onto the Northern face. An ascending traverse to the right leads over a large unstable block to a commodious rubbish covered ledge. Piton belay.

3....35 ft....3....A vertical and loose wall directly above the ledge leads to a small platform at the base of the large chimney. Piton belay.

4....60 ft....2+...The chimney is climbed to its top and easier ground. Tree belay. If preferred pitches 3 & 4 can be taken as one.

From this point the route follows the narrow ridge over an easy 20 ft. wall where it joins Flake route on the large timbered verandah. A short final wall on the crest of the mountain is passed on its left i.e. Southern edge and the wide,heavily timbered summit reached.
At the end of pitch 1 it might be preferable to set up the belay point sitting in the window itself. This would obviate the considerable drag of the rope running around the window whilst engaged on the following pitch.



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THE FUNNEL FROM THE EAST

# EAST PEAK : EAST WALL

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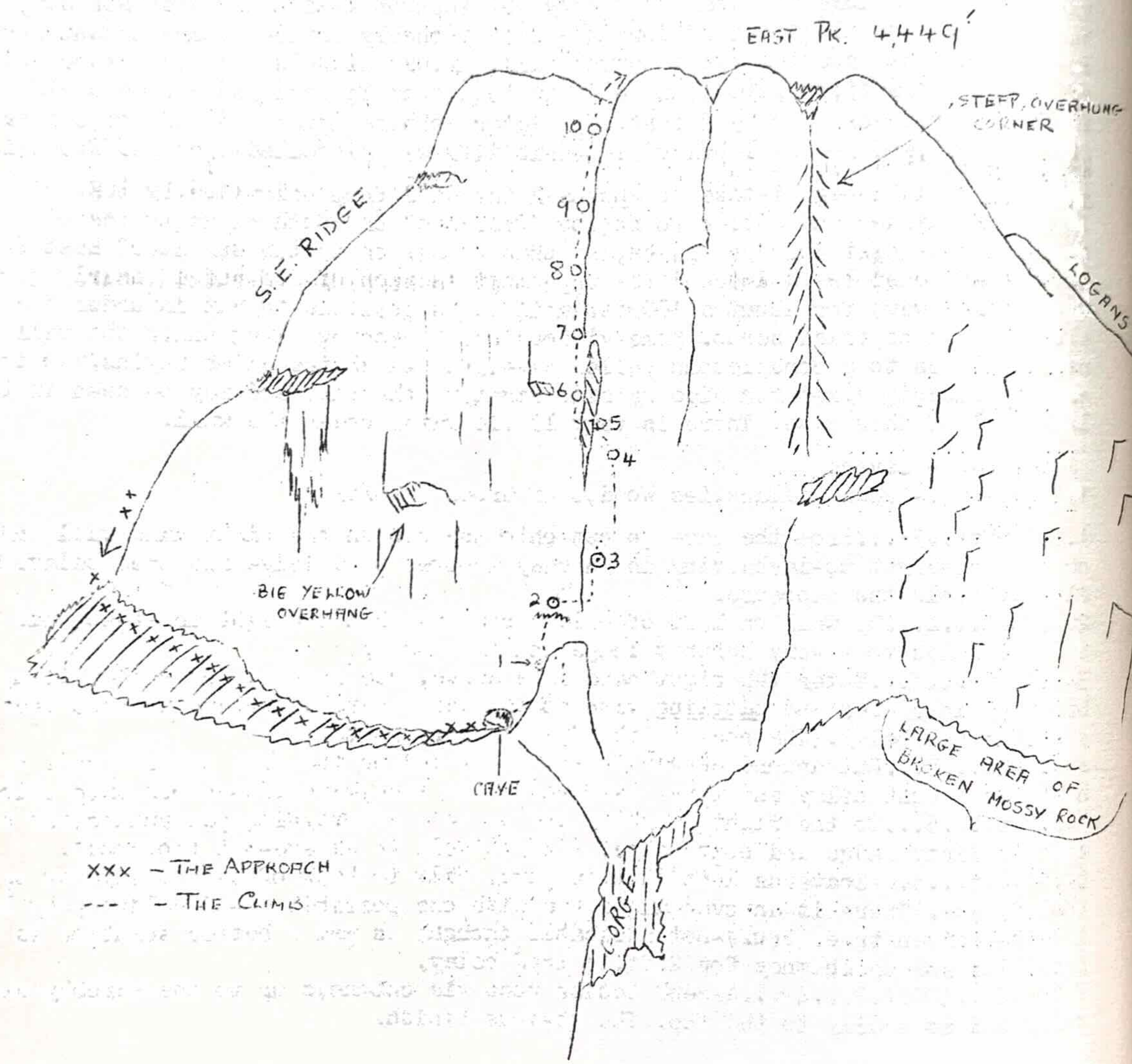
HISTORY This impressive rock wall,perhaps the highest and most extensive in S.E. Qld. had always presented an obvious though intimidating challenge. Regarded by bushwalkers,who get a superb view of the wall on their way up Barney via Logan's ridge as "impossible",it was not really set foot on until 1960 when Ron Cox,Grahame Hardy,and Basil Yule abseiled down the face (roughly on the future ascent route). In doing so they spent a night on the wall. Later Pat Conaghan did a recconoitre of at least the first pitch;and in April 1966 John Tillack and Ted Cais did the first five pitches. Barely a fortnight later John returned and led the sucessful first ascent,and so the label of impossibility was dispelled once and for all.

APPROACH It is a big mistake to approach the wall from below;i.e.by S.E. ridge. It is far quicker and easier to follow "Peasants" or South ridge to the hut in the saddle of East and West peaks,and then follow on to the summit of East Pk. It is then possible to descend the uppermost section of S.E.ridge (fairly good track for a way) for about a 1000ft.until it is possible to cut in under the wall along a belt of thick scrub. Some vicious scrub bashing along under the wall eventually leads to a conspicuous yellow cave,from which the climb begins.Two interesting volcanic dykes run side by side right up the face and may be seen in the left wall of this cave. There is very little water under the wall.

Standard :- Severe
1st.Ascent :- John Tillack,Les Wood,Donn Groom 26/5/66

1...110ft...3+...From the cave go out onto the rib on the right hand wall and follow this straight up-laybacking in an easy groove, to a ledge and tree belay.One already feels the exposure.
2...95ft...4...Up wall on left of belay tree and then straight up steep wall above on good holds to a very scrubby ledge and tree belay.
3...100ft...4...Enter the right hand dyke above,tree runner, and follow it up by bridging in places and battling with some prickly scrub,to reach a grass tree and possible peg belay.(The rock in the dyke is very rotten).
4...90ft...5...Out around corner to the right and up the very exposed wall on small holds to a bush belay and tiny platform on the face,with tremendous drop below.
5...70ft...5...To the right slightly and up to a groove.Ring peg runner,and back left to dirty ledge and bolt belay. (1x5/16"bolt in sleeve-not too good).
6...110ft...5...Traverse left 10ft.to cave. Walk to back of cave & chimney up to top of cave. There is an overhang above with one possible sound hold. Up by lassoing the rotten tree (crux)-not advisable though; as yet a better solution is not possible; and up chimney for 25ft.to tree belay.
7 to 10...400ft.?...4+...Ascend easier rock via chimneys up to the scrubby exit gully and so easily to the top. The obvious finish.

# MT. BARNEY - THE EAST WALL



# TITAN

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Standard :- Hard Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Neill Lamb, Ron Brooks 2/9/56
Direct Finish :- Dennis Stocks,Bob Fick 25/6/66

Start :- Base of obvious crack on N.W. face of lower cliff line. Tree belay 25ft. from rock face.

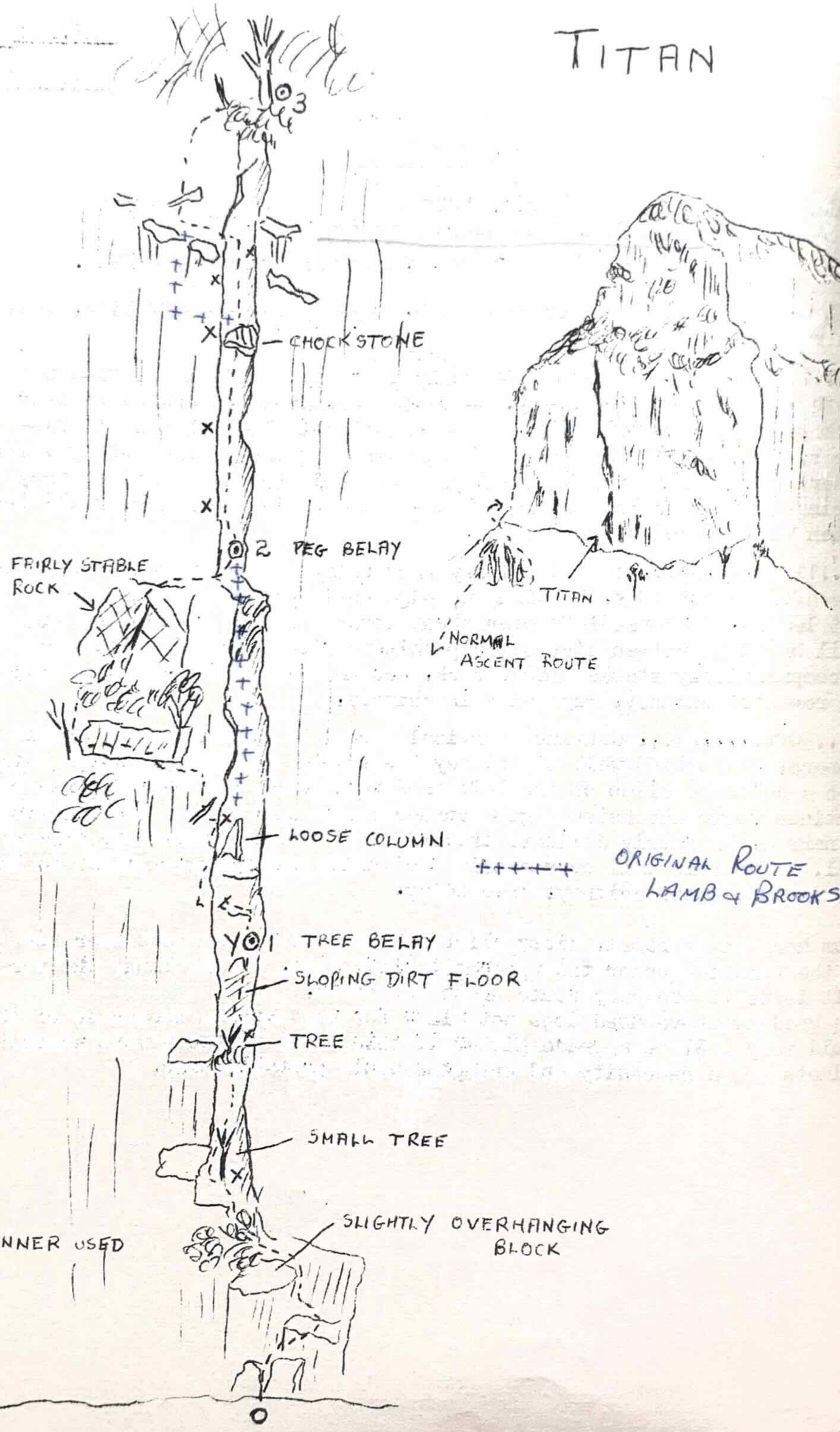
1....115ft....3+... Ascend into gully over broken and loose blocks to base of smooth wall on right of gully. Delicate ascending traverse left over overhanging block to shrub covered ledge. Traverse slightly left then up to base of chimney. Tree runner. Ascend chimney until further progress is blocked by a large tree. Runner. Traverse left onto small platform and step back into chimney over tree. Sloping dirt floor is extremely loose and care is necessary. Small tree belay on rotten wall at end of dirt slope.

2....110ft....3*... Ascend chimney from belay and traverse out onto left hand edge after about 10ft. Continue up edge until progress is blocked by overhanging dirt ledges. Traverse left over shrub covered ledges continuing diagonally left until break in rotten dirt walls permits vertical ascent to sloping broken slabs of comparatively stable orange rock. Ascend over good handholds diagonally right and re-enter chimney. Peg belay in chimney.

3....90ft.....4+... Continue vertical ascent of chimney. Good cracks for piton runners. Right hand wall of chimney has slight overhanging bulge which necessitates a delicate climb up the left hand wall until the overhang has been passed. Continue up to chockstone (good runner ) Continue ascent until chimney begins to narrow. Extremely delicate traverse left out of chimney to base of vertical wall. Climb this wall over fairly good holds and traverse right to large tree growing above the chimney. Tree belay.

From here an extremely dirty climb can be made to the left over very loose holds to the verandah under the uppermost cliff line. A walk along the verandah to the left leads to the easy route up the mountain.
The grading above used does not allow for the extreme looseness of the rock and could very well be a grade higher if this is to be taken into account. Crash helmets are a necessity and crampons would probably help.

# TITAN


3
CHOCKSTONE
2 PEG BELAY
FAIRLY STABLE ROCK
4H+/L"
LOOSE COLUMN
1 TREE BELAY
SLOPING DIRT FLOOR
TREE
SMALL TREE
SLIGHTLY OVERHANGING BLOCK
X = RUNNER USED
TITAN
NORMAL ASCENT ROUTE
+++++ ORIGINAL ROUTE LAMB & BROOKS

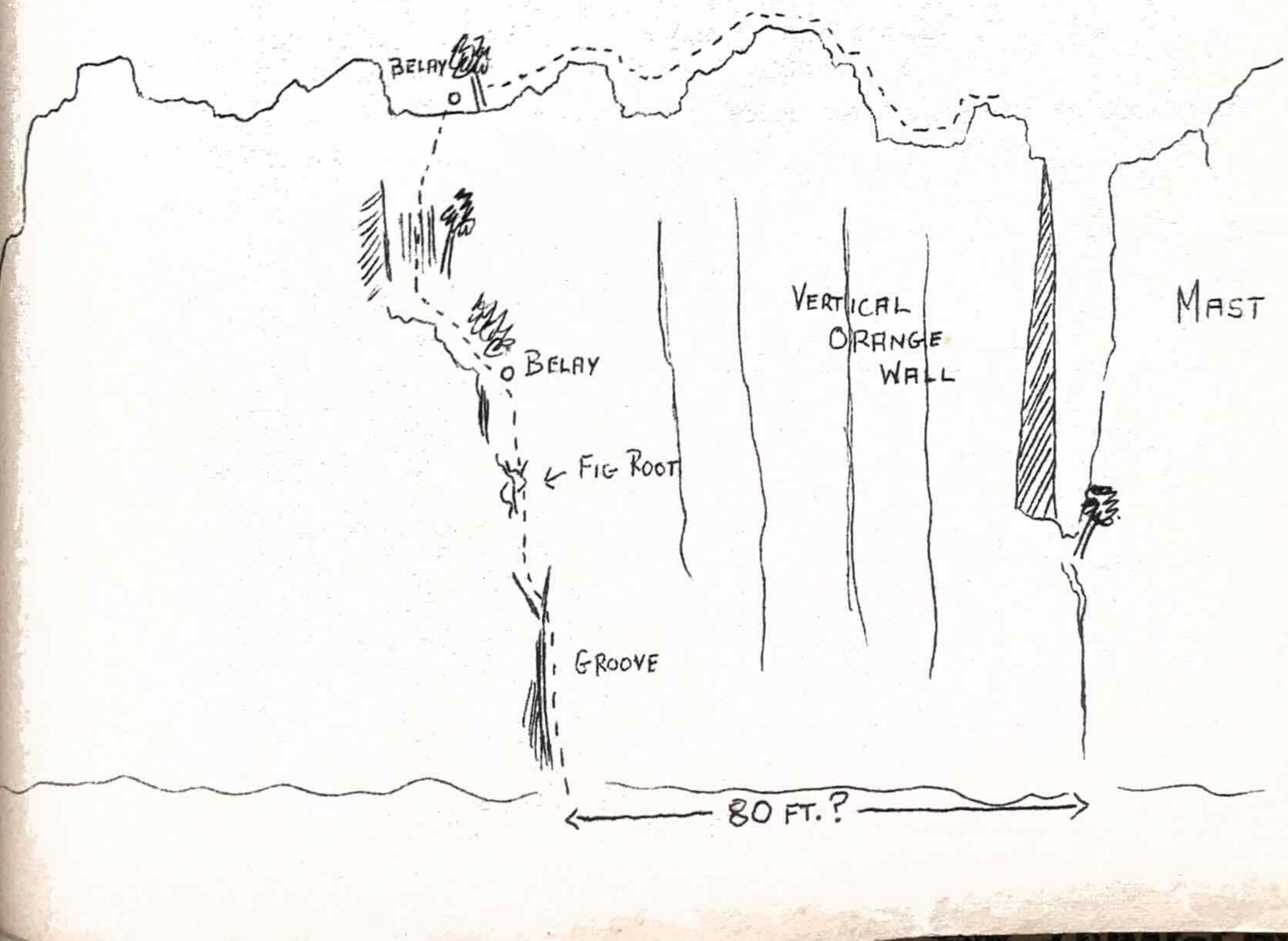
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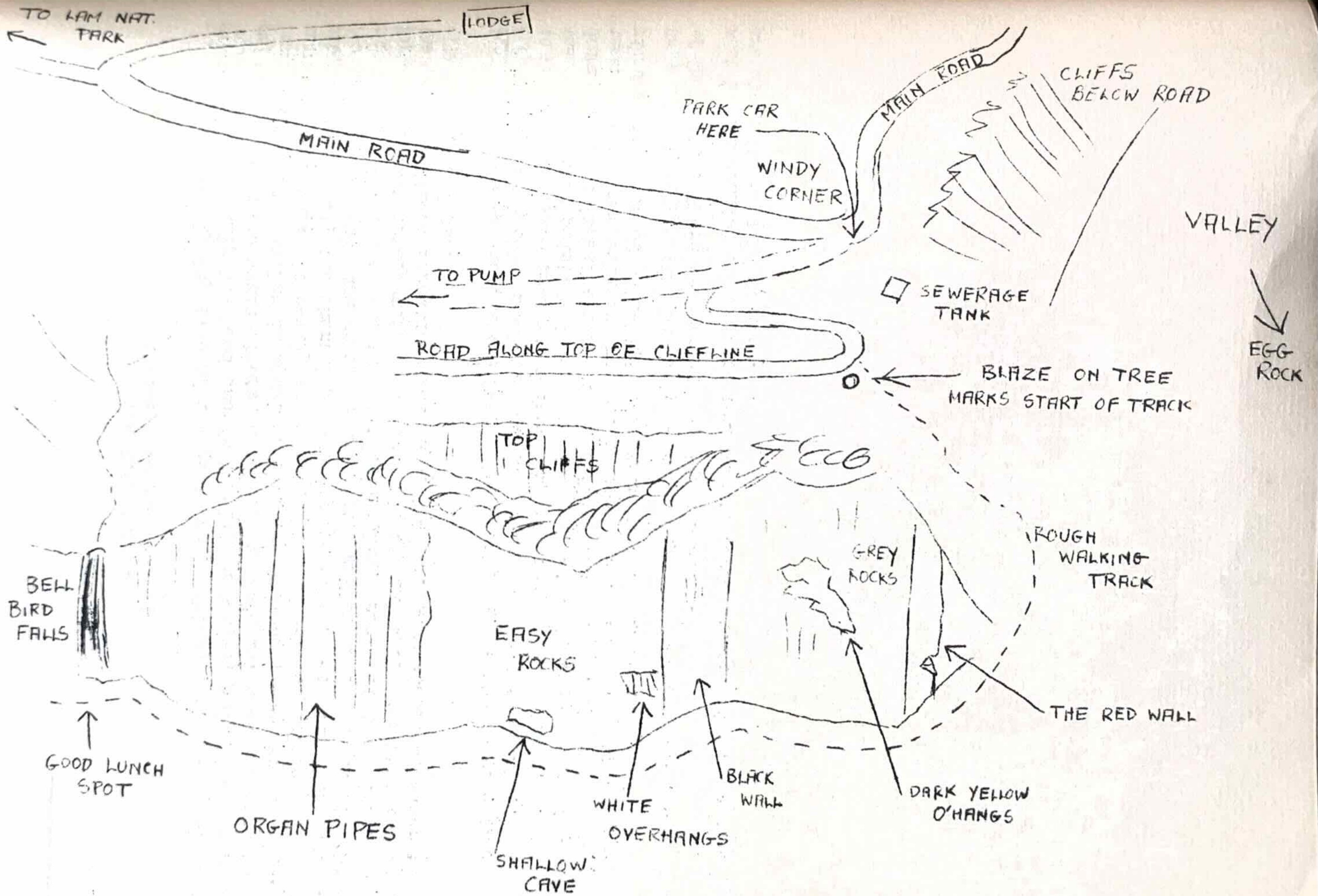
Standard :- Mild Difficult
1st. Ascent :- J.Comino, R.Waring - 1952

Start :- Walk along under the North Face of the Mast until you come to a chimney which leads up to a large tree and the gap between the Pinnacle and Mast. The wedge shaped, uniform, vertical, orange face of the Pinnacle is more or less straight above. Traverse still further, under the Pinnacles North face until you come to a second groove; 50 ft. up there is a fig root which is obvious from below.

1 ....105 ft. ..3-....Up groove or corner, slightly to the left to a ledge below fig root. Thread sling runner around root, through bushes and then slant up a diagonal broken ledge. Short steep corner and then bush belay.

2 ....80 ft. ..3- (might be more)....Up to left slightly for 15 ft. and then up to base of vertical wall. Up wall for 8 ft. to tree; runner. Up right behind tree, rather loose here, and over top onto summit ridge. Good tree belay.
To gain top, walk along ridge towards Mast. Watch out for many huge, loose, blocks!




TO LAM NAT. PARK
LODGE
MAIN ROAD
PARK CAR HERE
WINDY CORNER
MAIN ROAD
CLIFFS BELOW ROAD
VALLEY
TO PUMP
SEWERAGE TANK
EGG ROCK
ROAD ALONG TOP OF CLIFFLINE
BLAZE ON TREE MARKS START OF TRACK
TOP CLIFFS
ECG
BELL BIRD FALLS
EASY ROCKS
GREY ROCKS
ROUGH WALKING TRACK
THE RED WALL
GOOD LUNCH SPOT
ORGAN PIPES
SHALLOW CAVE
WHITE OVERHANGS
BLACK WALL
DARK YELLOW O'HANGS

# SWANSONG : EAST CLIFFS

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Standard :-Severe
1st.Ascent :- Donn Groom,Ken Purnell 3/7/67

Start :-About 20yds. to the right of Gravedigger,below and slightly to the right of a prominent overhanging block on the face. The climb goes up a grey wall.

1....110ft....4....From the top of a small pinnacle step onto the grey wall and move up and left for about 50ft.,peg runner,up a few feet and then traverse right into the groove above some bushes. Up the groove until below the cave or overhang.Traverse left for 15ft, into another groove,up this and left onto a ledge and the stance. Tree and peg belay.

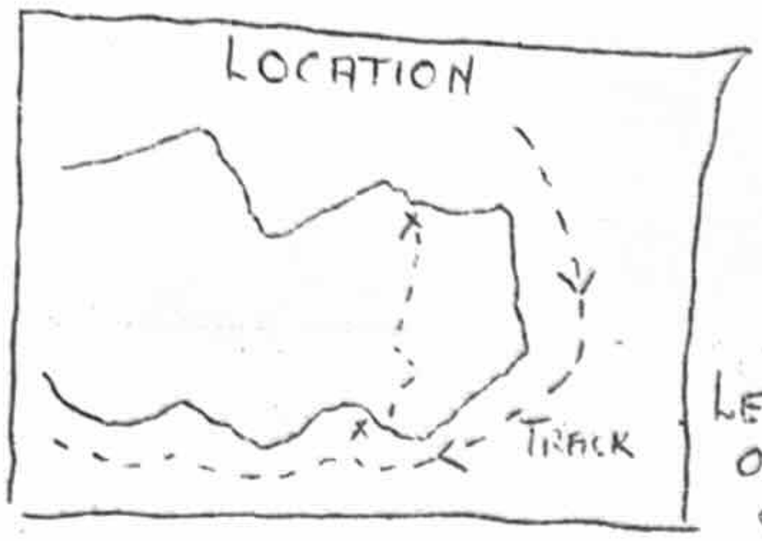
2....80ft....5....Straight up above the stance for about 10 ft.,nut runner, then a short hand traverse right and into the groove. Straight up the groove for about 60ft.,wide bridging in places over two small overhangs. Out of the groove and up into a substantial cave. Jammed nut belay.

3....100ft....4+...Out of the cave on the left and into the yellow gully,up this until it runs into an overhanging bulge..very loose.Up over this with care and onto a ledge at the top of a block.Nut runner before a steep short wall,moving up and to the right,into a short groove with an awkward move at the top,then onto a large ledge and the stance. Tree belay.

A good climb,moving into some striking positions and with some superb stances (comfortable !) There are anumber of escape routes off the first and third pitches,however the second pitch (probably the crux) is a complete pitch with no escape.

From the top ledge,rappel down to the right or continue another 100ft. approx over easy ground to the top and the walking track.

# SWANSONG


LOCATION
TRACK


LARGE LEDGE
STEEP WALL
NUT
LEDGE ON TOP OF PILLAR
NUT
YELLOW GULLY
CAVE
SMALL OVERHANGS
NUT
NUT
YELLOW O'HANGS + CAVES.
NUT
LEDGE
OVERHANG AND CAVE
PROMINENT O'HANG
GRAVEDIGGER
WALL
TEE
GROOVE
TRACK

BINNA BURRA

# WAY OUT : EAST CLIFFS

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Standard :- Mild Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Donn Groom, John Larkin April 1965

Start :- Just before the high black wall near the middle section of the cliffs. To the right of a large tallow-wood growing up and against the cliff. A chimney start.

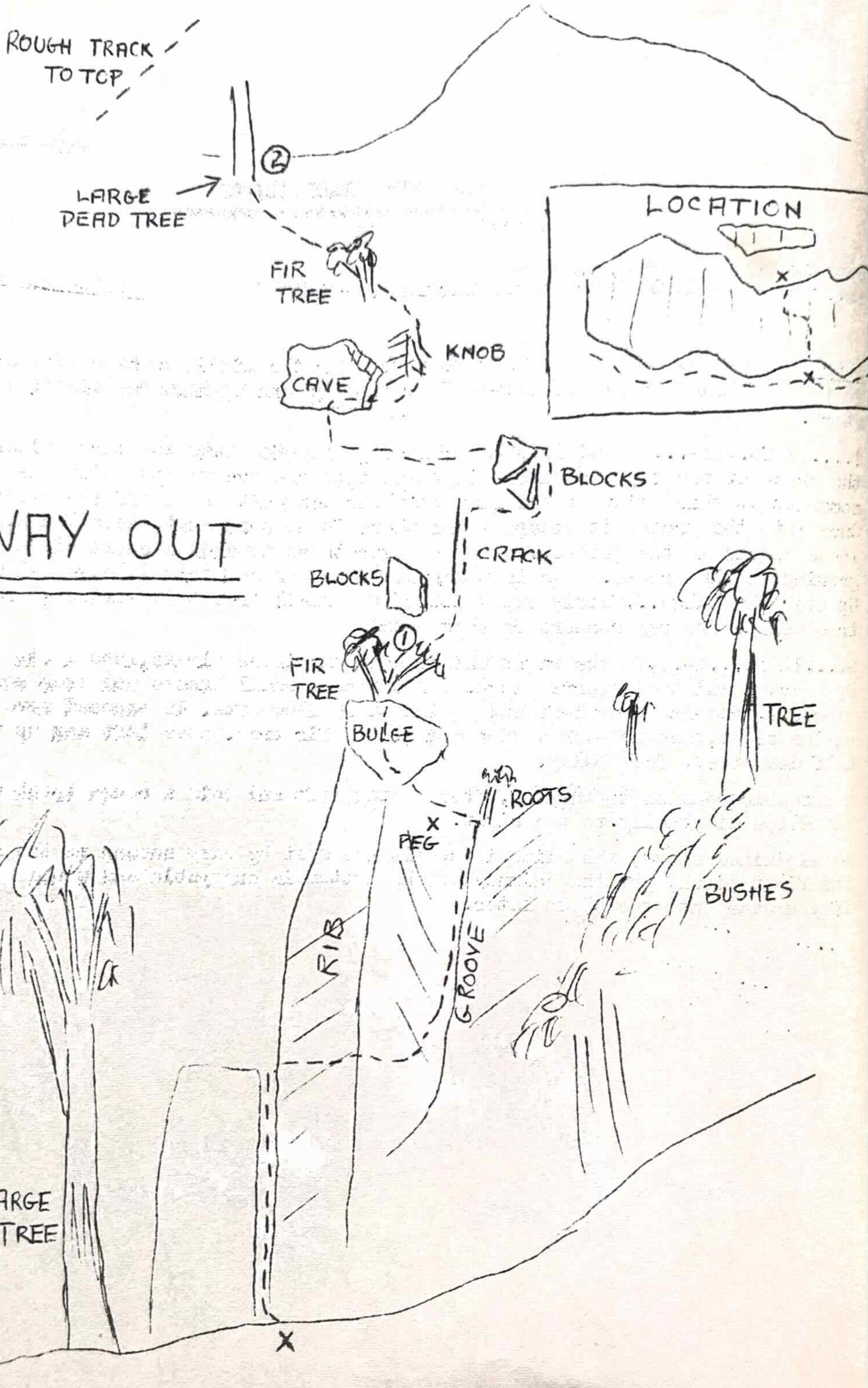
1....120ft...4-...Up and into the chimney, stepping onto the large block forming the crack at the top. Traverse right and into the groove (the climb is spoilt somewhat at this point by the fact that you can walk on or off the climb at will). Once into the groove it steepens and there is no such exit. Some large,slightly loose blocks in the groove...climb up over these towards a small clump of roots growing in the groove. Move left across the roots and onto a ledge below a bulge. Up over the bulge...fairly exposed...past a small tree to a stance near a fir tree, tree belay. Two peg runners on this pitch.

2....120ft...4-...To the right and around some loose blocks,into a bit of a gully. Up a crack and then over a block. Through some small bushes and over some more blocks...traverse over left and up into a shallow cave. An exposed move out of on the right,then up over a knob and past a fir tree. Move left and up to a large half dead tree. Tree belay.

A scramble remains to the top,after moving left and onto a rough track which climbs the slope diagonally to the right.

As explained above, the climb is spoilt somewhat by easy access to the middle of the first pitch, but the chimney at the bottom is enjoyable and would be missed if you came onto the climb later.

# WAY OUT


ROUGH TRACK TO TOP
2
LARGE DEAD TREE
FIR TREE
KNOB
CAVE
BLOCKS
CRACK
BLOCKS
1
FIR TREE
BULGE
ROOTS
X
PEG
RIB
GROOVE
LARGE TREE
LOCATION
X
X
TREE
BUSHES

# THE CAVES ROUTE : EAST CLIFFS

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Standard :- Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Donn Groom ?

Start :- About ten yards before the bottom of the first gully after the start of the cliff line proper. At the foot of of a very pot-holed and pitted rib. Below the caves which can be seen in the upper part of the cliff.

1....90ft....3....Straight up the rib using the large holes and ledges etc., behind a small sapling at about 70ft.,up slightly right for about 10ft. then traverse left into the gully and a tree belay below a small overhang.

2....60ft....3....Climb the short wall behind and to the left of the stance into the first cave (very shallow caves), out again to the right into a gully. Move up the gully,very easy,to the foot of a short steeper gully with a chimney move in it. A tree belay on a wide ledge at the top.

3....50ft....4....A traverse to the right onto the rib and around the corner on top of a block. Over the block to the foot of a short,slightly overhanging wall Up this section through some saplings and onto a wide platform. Tree belay.

## Alternative start.....via Red Stone Gully

Standard :- Very Difficult

Start :- about 10 yds. past the start of the Caves Route, at the foot of a red coloured gully.

1....80ft....4....Either straight up a steep wall and into the gully or come in from the left along a broken ledge. Up the gully...a bit loose in places..until you meet a slight overhang with a narrow crack in the gully on the left. If you are thin enough climb the crack,if not a delicate move to the right over the slightly overhanging bulge. Tree belay on the ledge above the bulge.

From here the climb joins the normal Caves Route at the first cave.



LOCATION ON CLIFFLINE

# CAVES ROUTE

WALKING TRACK

RED WALL

CRACKS

CAVE

CAVE

CAVE

CRACK

BULGE

BLOCK

RIB

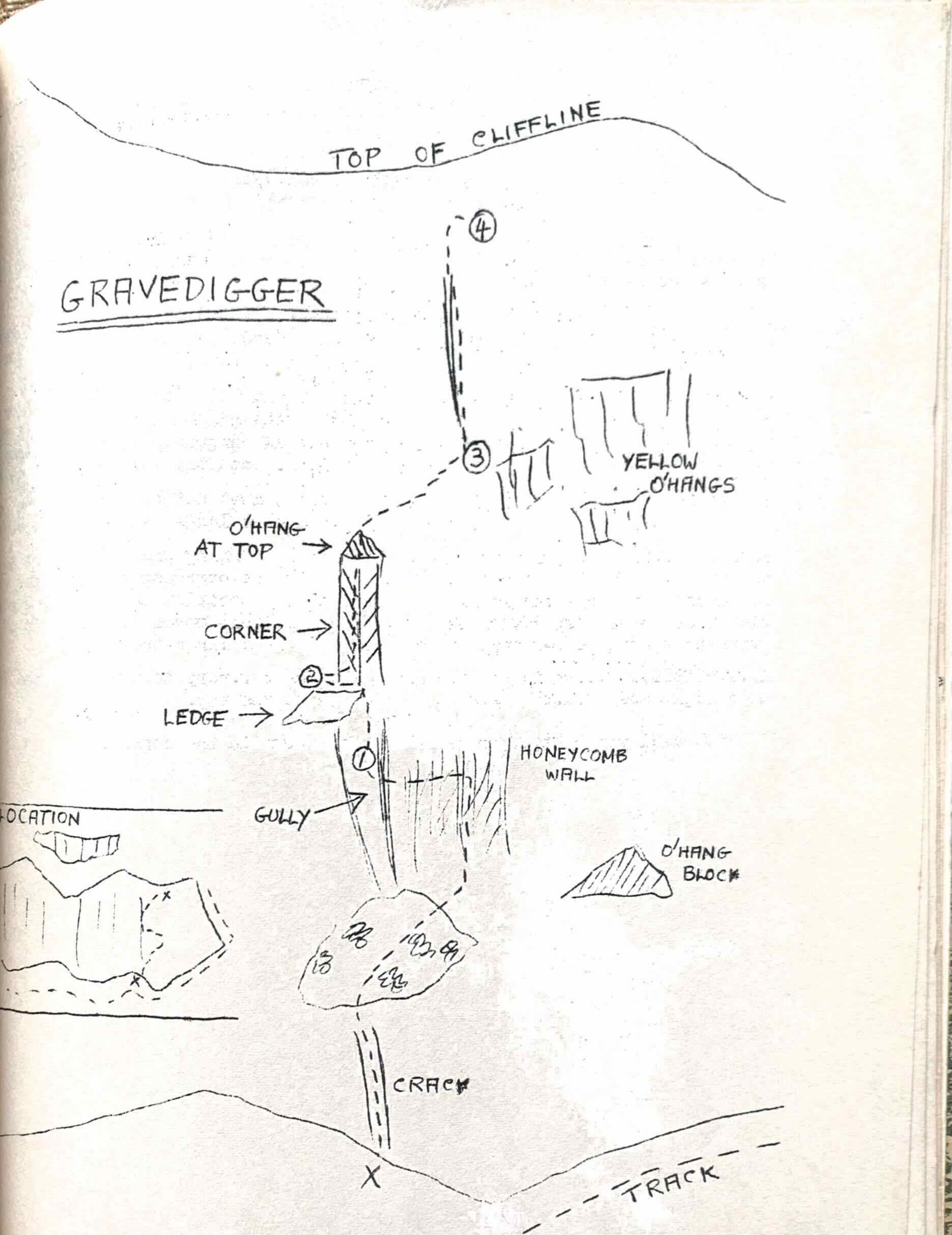
WALL

START ALTERNATIVE RED STONE GULLY

START NORMAL ROUTE

TRACK

# GRAVEDIGGER



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# GRAVEDIGGER : EAST CLIFFS

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Standard :- Hard Severe
1st. Ascent :- Les Wood, Donn Groom 20/5/66

Start :-below the dark yellow overhangs about a third of the way along the line. At a point where the track starts to go down and away slightly from foot of the cliff. Straight in to the foot of a crack.

1....110ft...4+...Up in the crack or chimney and out onto a large bowl or form with some bushes. Through the bushes to the right to the foot of a ve honeycombed wall. This wall looks rotten but is surprisingly sound. Straig for 20ft.,then traverse left for another 20ft. into the gully and a tree b

2....40ft....3....a short one up to a better stance before tackling the ov groove above. Move up and slightly left to a good ledge below the groove/c

3....60ft....5+...up the groove and under the overhang where you start to ney in the narrowing corner and move out with the overhang to the point wh is possible to do a turning move from a chimney position to a bridging pos with feet on the outside of the overhang. Difficult moves over the top of overhang through a few small bushes and left to a large tree.

4....60ft....4....up the obvious hand jam crack...very thin rock at the to move right and up...the rest is a scramble to the top.

A climb well worth it,if only for the hard move in the corner.

# DISLOCATION : EAST CLIFFS

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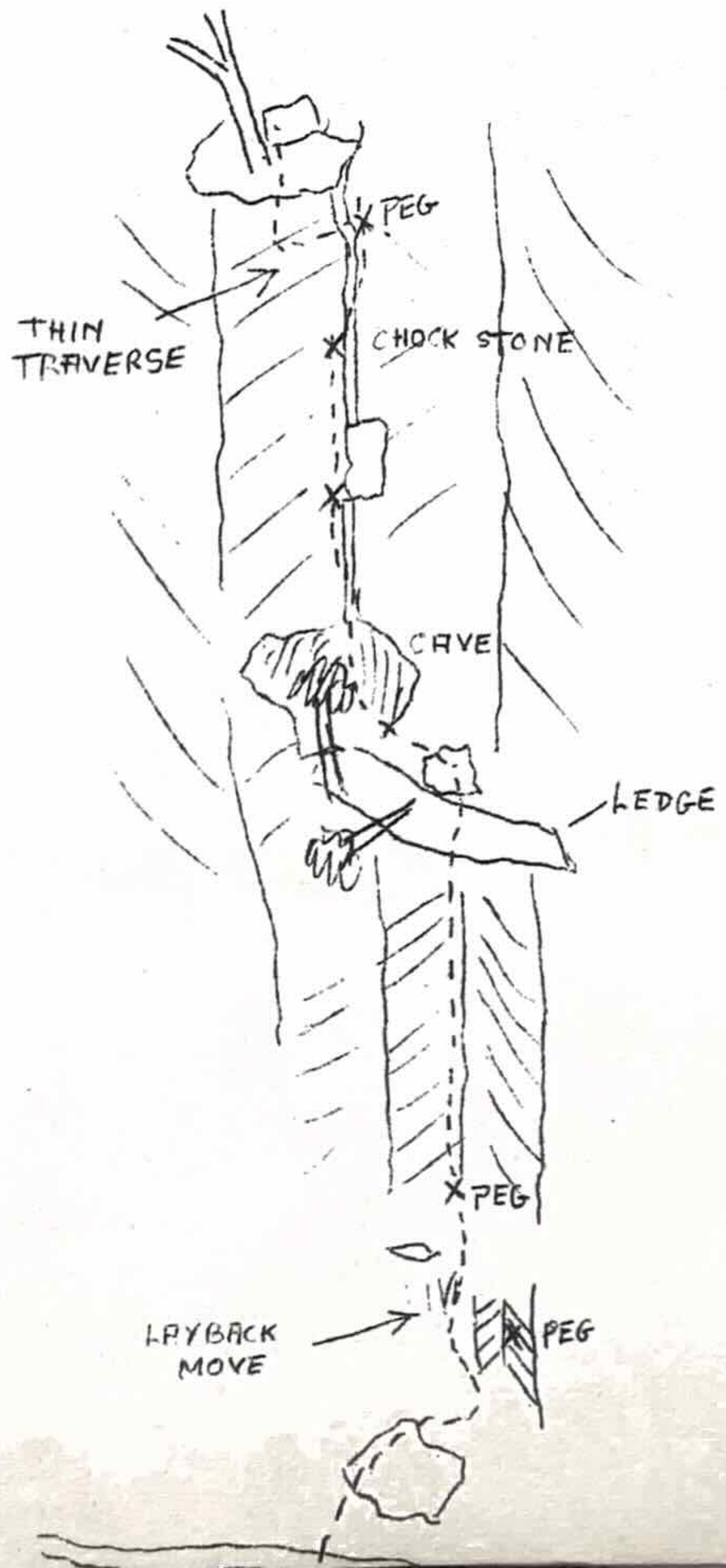
Standard :- Hard Severe
1st.Ascent :- Donn Groom, Ken Purnell 15/11/66

Start :- About 20ft. before (i.e. to the right) of Alcheringa, below an obvious groove which starts about 30ft. up a steep wall.

1....100ft....5....Over the boulders on the left and up steep rock to a peg in place behind a block. Up to left of block, then layback type move to start of groove. Hard move into groove, then follow groove up to wide ledge and tree belay.

2....115ft....5+...Traverse ledge left to cave...up and out of cave via the tree. Into the crack and up to a somewhat loose, large block....chockstone runners possible...round block on right, and then up crack for another 10-15ft. to another chockstone. Difficult piece for about 15ft. to peg runner and then a very thin traverse to left out onto wall and a few more thin moves to large tree on ledge.

The rest is a bit of a scramble



BINNA BURRA

# ALCHERINGA : EAST CLIFFS

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Alcheringa : Aboriginal ...Land of the Dreamtime or the Hereafter

Standard :- Mild Very Severe
1st. Ascent :- Donn Groom, John Larkin 24/7/66

Start :- Slightly right of the middle of the Organ Pipes, below a steep yellow corner.

1....115ft...6-...Up into the corner over slightly overhanging rock with a lay-back move in one spot. Chockstone runner. Once in the corner move up slightly easier rock to a tree root in a crack, used for a runner. Up again using small finger jams and bridging with the feet on the corner walls. A long reach and step at one point here. Into some small potholes for the feet below the blank yellow section with two channel pegs (in place) above. Only one finger hold here enables you to reach the pegs for the first sling to be placed. Up in slings on the two pegs, with your back against the right hand wall, into a small cave at the top. Over the roof of the cave..not very sound rock..and move left to a welcome ledge at the foot of a very steep rib. Piton runner in the corner to the right. Move up the very exposed rib for about 20ft. to a broken yellow band. Standing below the band in an unnerving position swing left over the left wall of the rib using a jug hold for the right hand. A desperate traverse to some blocks in the gully and then easier ground to the foot of the chimney.

2....100ft...5+...Up the crack, hard at first with nothing much available as a runner. Opens enough to chimney up to the top of the pinnacle which forms the crack. Directly up the following wall with a doubtful peg runner in a bit of a corner which overhangs slightly at the top. A long step and a very hard move to the right, pulling up over the overhang with nothing much but the leaves of a grass tree as you come over the top. A stance has to be made here somewhere, either at a dead tree above the overhang or right along the ledge at a smaller tree.

3.....Depends on the way off chosen. Either directly up from the dead tree or right along the ledge. Both ways involve climbing a wall about 25ft. high. The wall on the right is slightly easier, both about 4. A scramble to the top through some bush.

A very strenuous but rewarding climb. Most of the holds are where you want them, but it is a matter of making up your mind to move ahead and use them.

# ALCHERINGA

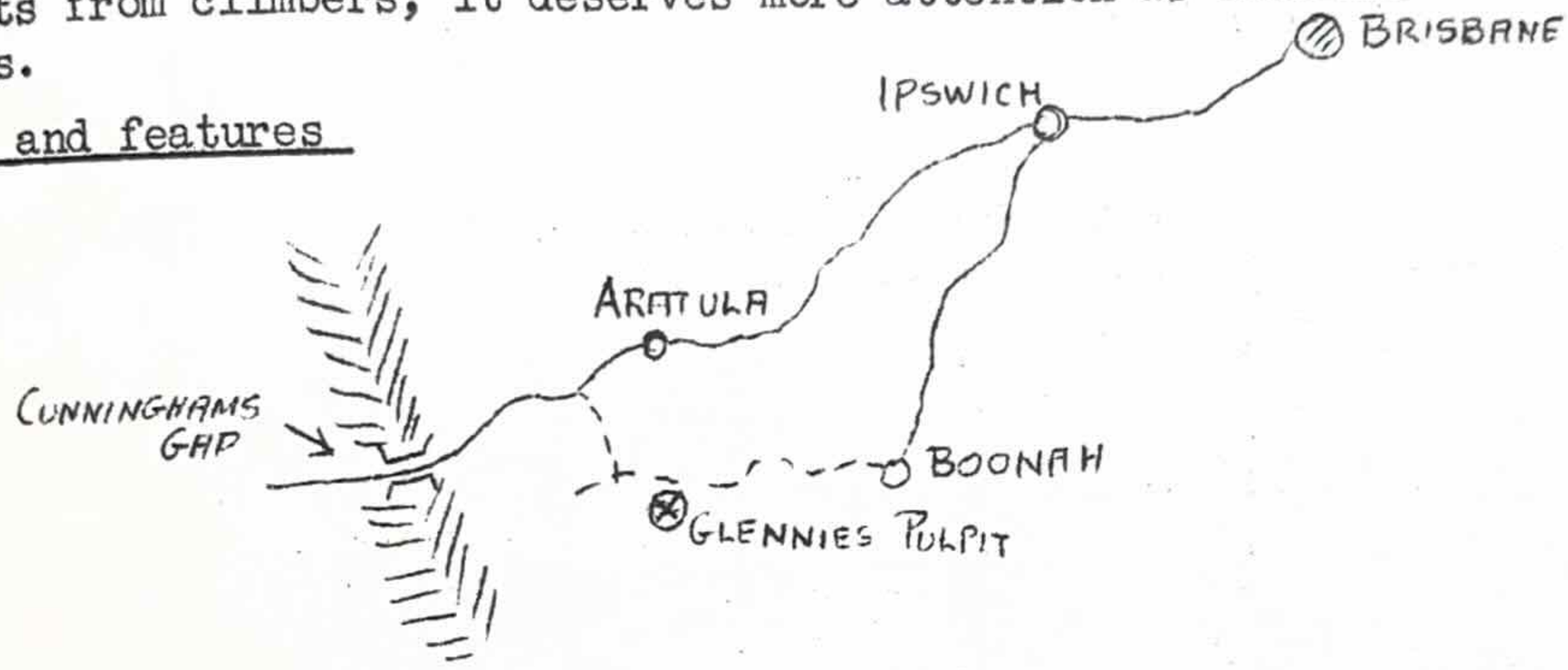

SCRUB
WALL
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ALTERNATIVE WAY OFF
BELL BIRD FALLS
WALL
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X - LOCATION
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DOUBTFUL
HARD TRAVERSE
1
LEDGE
ANCHOR PEG
(LEFT IN)
LEDGE
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AID PEGS (LEFT IN)
YELLOW CORNER
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CHOCK STONE
TRACK

# GLENNIE'S PULPIT

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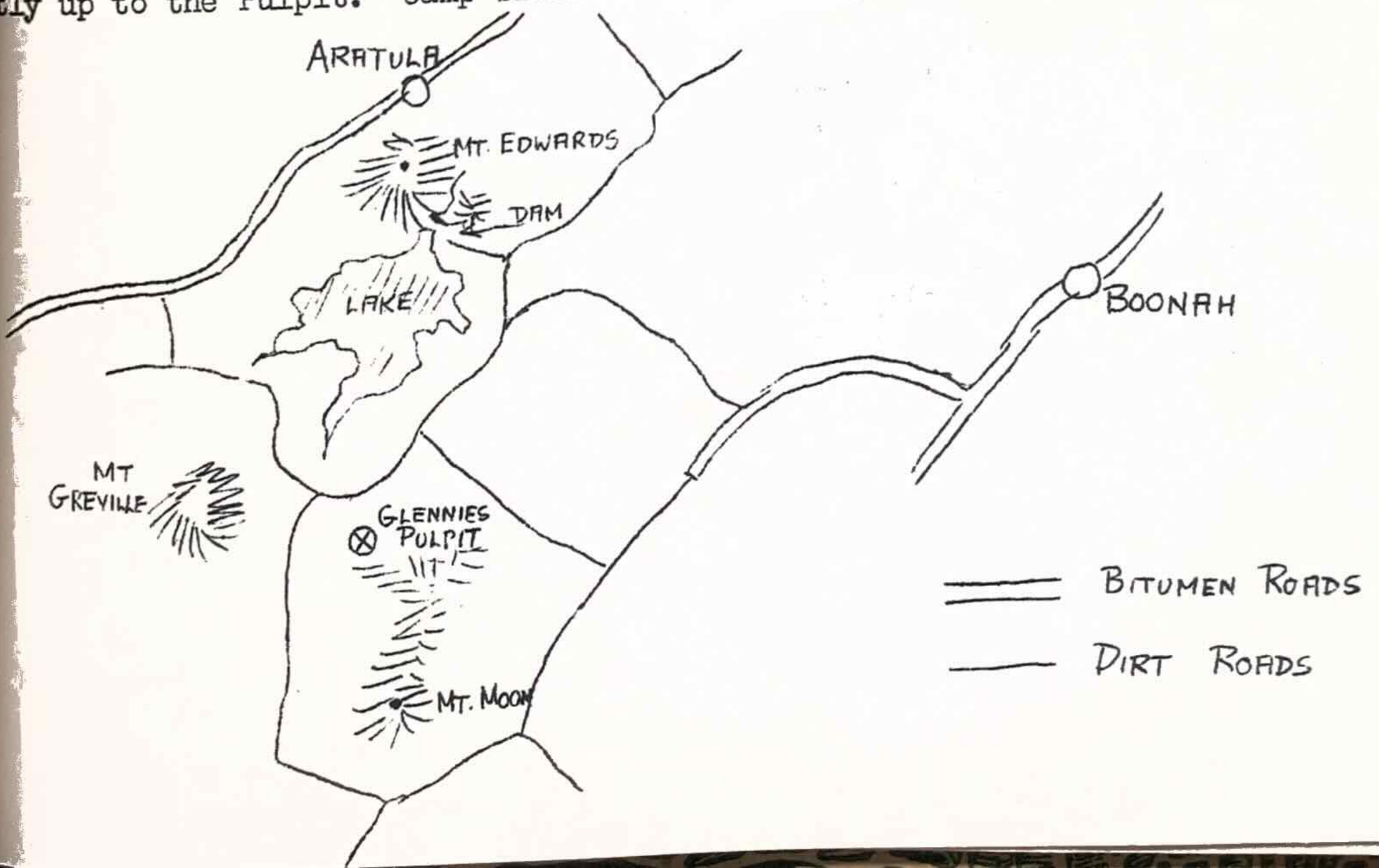
**ntroduction** Glennies Pulpit is an interesting little monolith which provides high uality climbing in extremely scenic surroundings. The Pulpit is somewhat reminiscent f a very miniature Crater Bluff in appearance. The rock is Trachyte and has a surfae a bit like that of East Tibro. Although a rather tedious approach has resulted in ew visits from climbers, it deserves more attention as considerable scope exists for ew lines.

**ocation and features**




There are two ways to reach the Pulpit :
(i) Via the New England Highway, turning off to the left just past Mt.Edwards some 3 miles out of Aratula, and following the dirt road in. Once you can see the Pulpit up on the slopes of Mt.Alford it is best to follow your nose along the dirt roads, which take you to within a half mile of the rock.

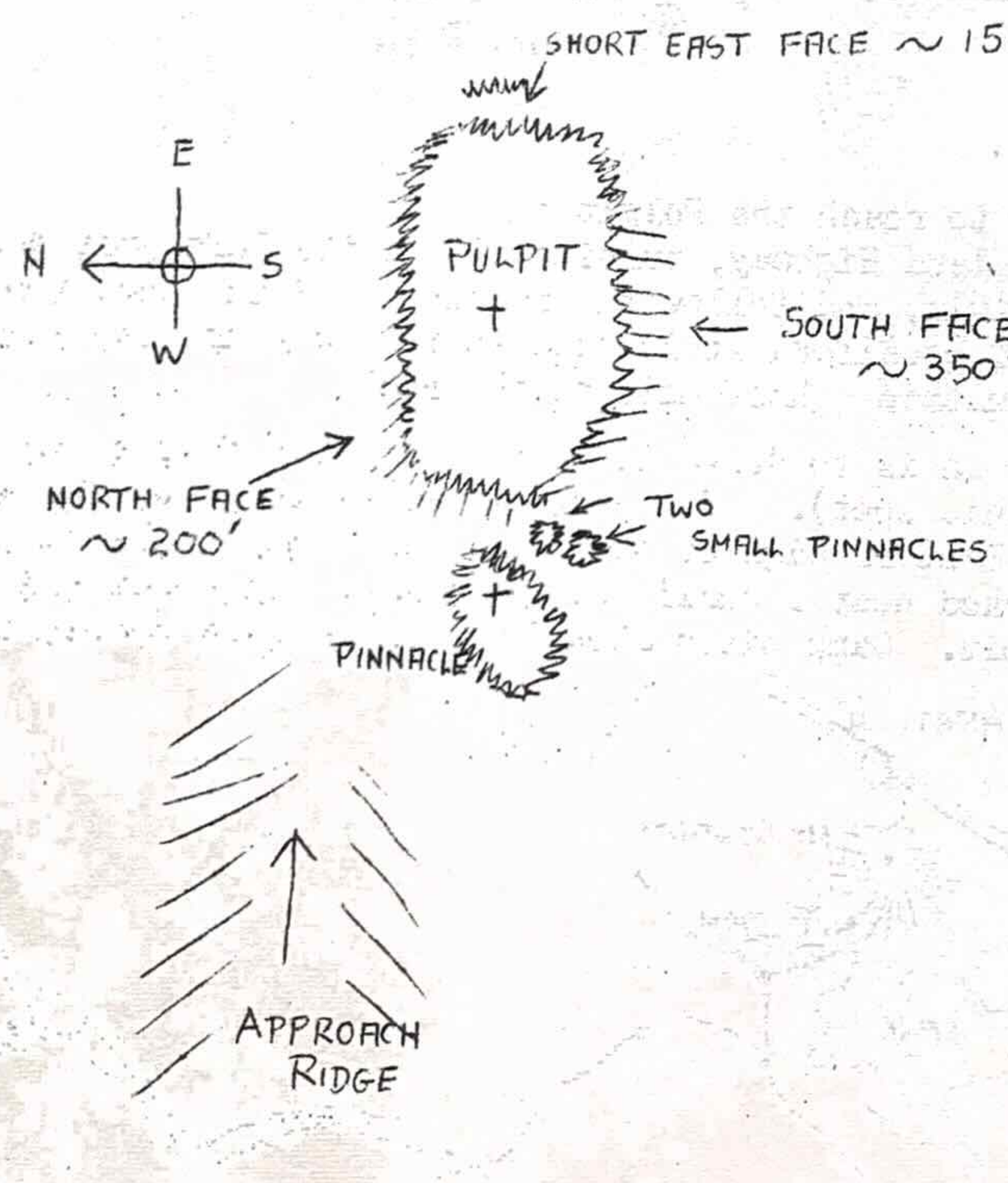
(ii) The other way in is to drive to Boonah and then follow the signs to Moogerah Dam (a popular picnic spot). Before turning right to go to the dam carry straight on and follow the Eastern edge of the lake. The Pulpit will be seen up on the left, and the car is parked near a small bridge, below a long open ridge which runs directly up to the Pulpit. Camp sites abound along the many creeks in the area.



Features

The Pulpit is actually a complex of seperate monoliths. There is the Pulpit itself, the largest mass, and seperated from it on the Western side by about 30ft. there is a smaller mass known as the Pinnacle. Between these two, on the Southern end, there are two smaller pinnacles.

Reference 1"-mile Army Map -DUGANDAN
Pulpit is at 669 168



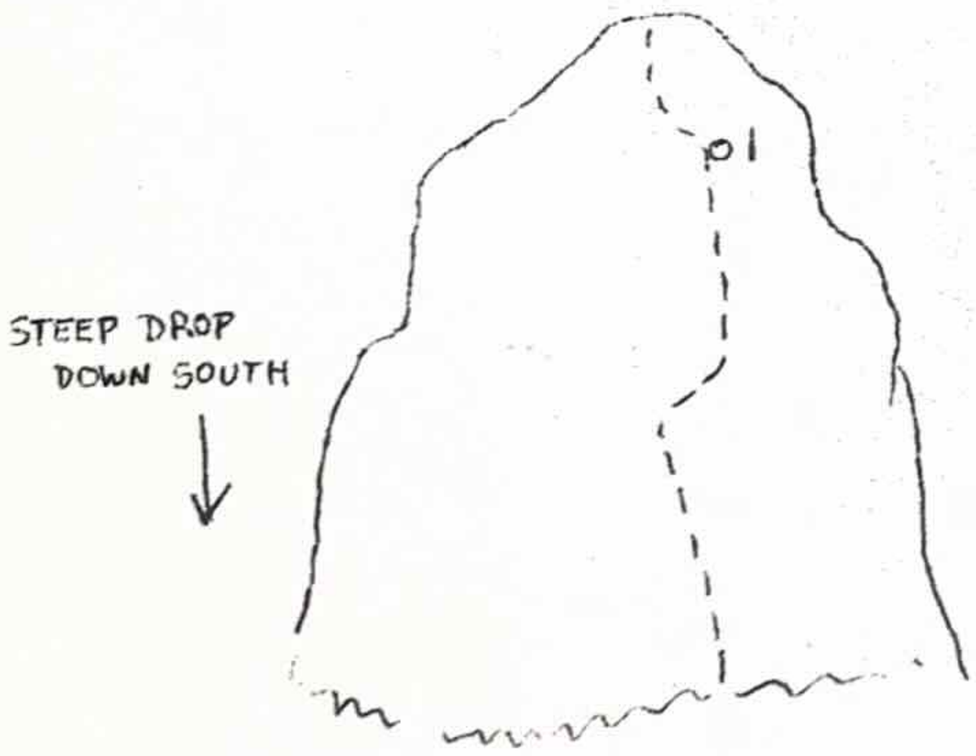
## GLENNIES PULPIT : THE PINNACLE : EAST FACE

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Standard :- Hard Difficult
1st.Ascent :- John Comino ?

Start :- Directly opposite the Pulpit on the obvious steep Eastern rib.

1...35ft....3+....Straight up on beautiful rock, some neat moves on small holds to a bush belay near the summit. Easy walk to the top.



## GLENNIE'S PULPIT : TOURIST ROUTE :WEST FACE

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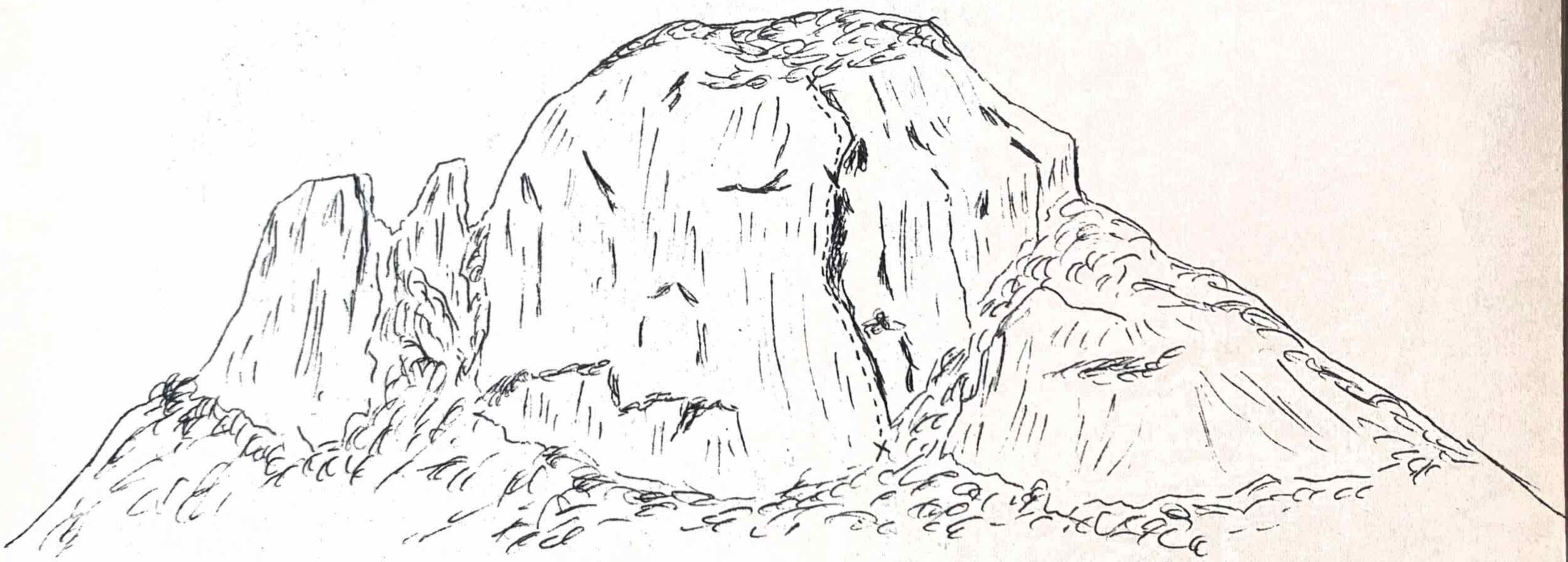
# ACHERON

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Standard :- Hard Very Difficult
1st. Ascent :- Dennis Stocks, Bob Fick , Judy Freeman 22/5/66

Start :- To the right (i.e. West) of main North- Eastern wall, up scree slope tending right to base of broken ramp running diagonally up to the left. This can be found to the left of a large blank wall 40 ft. in height, immediatly across the fern covered scree from a knob of large blocks. Piton belay 10ft. up from scree into start of ramp.

1....120ft....3-...Ascend to the left following the broken ramp for 20-25ft. Then vertical ascent to small overhanging block to left of small tree. Traverse left and up smooth slab. Traverse right to grassy shelf. Piton belay if possible (cracks scarce) or belay around tree just below the shelf.
2....120ft....3+...Vertical ascent tending left behind belay into open chimney. Climb chimney. Up right wall and ascend diagonally left across top of chimney onto broken rib. Ascend until rope is fully run out . Tree belay.
3....115ft....3-...Continue diagonal ascent left over very broken & loose rocks. Continue directly up rib. Piton belay below loose tree on edge of rib.
4....115ft....4+...Traverse left from belay up gully. Out to the right around overhanging block. Peg runner. Delicate hand traverse followed by mantleshelf during traverse.Vertical ascent to below scunge covered ledge. Traverse right, around ledge & vertical ascent via good crack for a semi-layback to second tree above crack. Belay from this tree.
5....120ft....3+...Straight up above belay crossing numerous smooth slabs. Tree belay.
6....110ft....3....Continue vertical ascent tending slightly right over good holds although patches of loose rock are present. Tree belay.
7....120ft....3....Continue ascent to forest covered dome. Tree belay.
Easy walk from here leads to the summit proper.



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## THE LOWER CLIFF.

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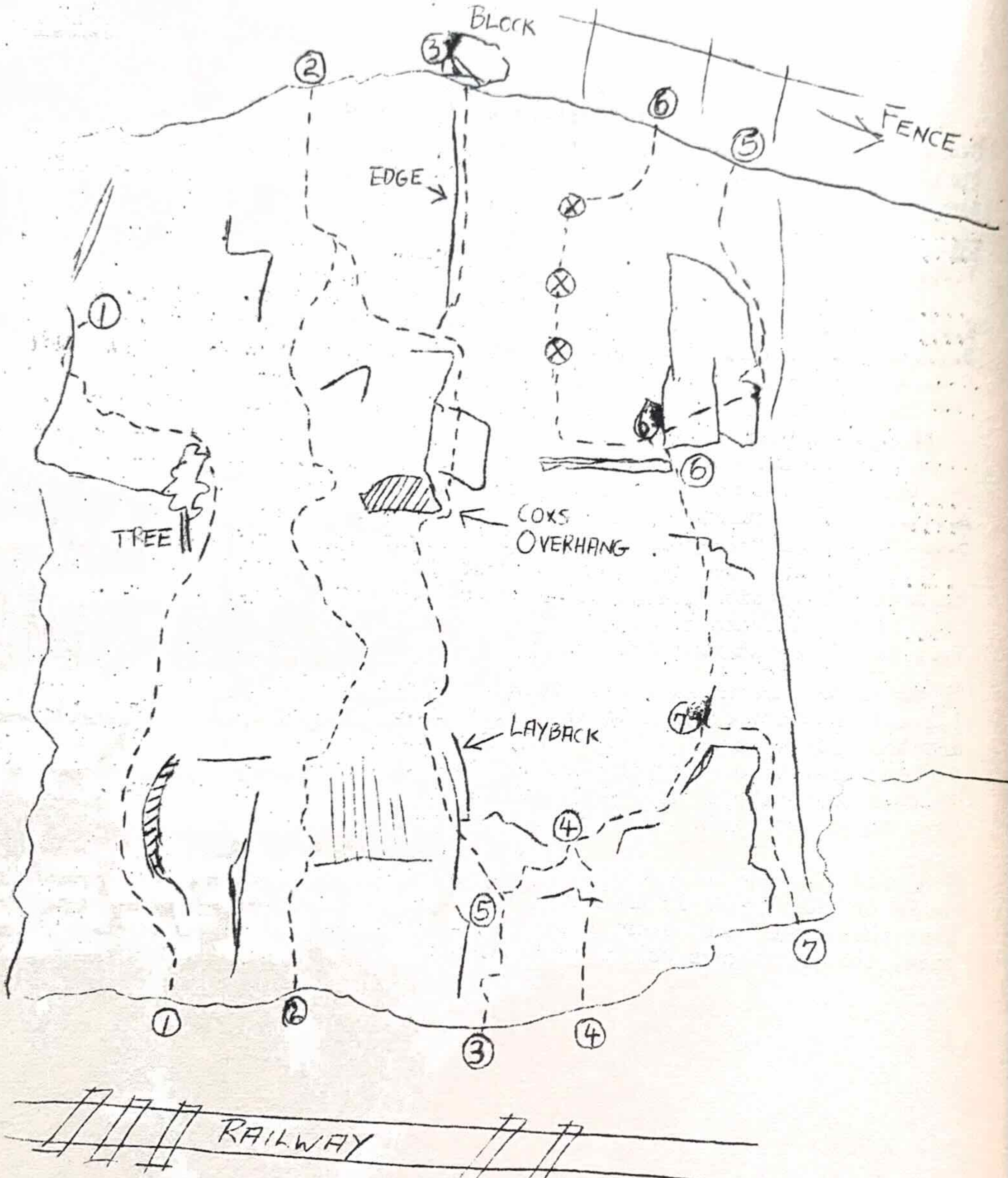
Cox's Buttress is the only place where extensive free climbing has been done. Further left is one bolt artificial and then Hanger Wall. Further left stiil the rock is appalling. Average height 60-80ft.

Cox's Buttress

1....Up to the layback crack & then tree. Up & swing out left over wall. One usually abseils off from here, but can finish at top (dirty). No problems.
2....The easiest route, following an obvious line of broken rock.
3....The Cox Climb. The first technical V.S, to be done in Qld. First up in little corner to bottom of layback. Up and out to right on small holds (Severe) Then up to bottom of overhang. Not really that hard provided you know the moves but it is very strenuous. Swing up and do battle with aching arms. Mantleshelf to below final edge. Up final edge; very, very delicate especially when you are wrecked from the overhang. Finish at the block.
4....A nastier start to the climb. Fingery and strenuous.
5....The Grand Traverse. Cross wall to right and up and back left to ledge below bolts. Now move right on undercut and up final corner.
6....An alternative finish to 5. Up on three 1/4" bolts (fixed hangers), then out right on loose hold.
7....An easier start to 5.

These climbs are usually done with a top rope (120ft.) using the fence as a belay. 1,2 and the bottom 35ft. of the Grand Traverse have been led. Again these climbs are the only worthwhile ones here. The rock and rubbish doesn't encourage route finding elsewhere along the cliff. However, way up left just past the quarry (before the steps up the cliff) there is a long clean slab of rock, but it would have to be artificial. Anyway it might be on Givernment property.

Kangaroo Pt. has its good and bad days. Usually after Christmas, when the climber surfs or just loafs in the heat; it is subject to a siege nearly every weekend. Then when just about every one has gone to their limit, and got their standard back, the place goes out of fashion. S'pose this happens to all training cliffs.


BLOCK
FENCE
EDGE
TREE
COKS
OVERHANG
LAYBACK
RAILWAY
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## THE UPPER CLIFF

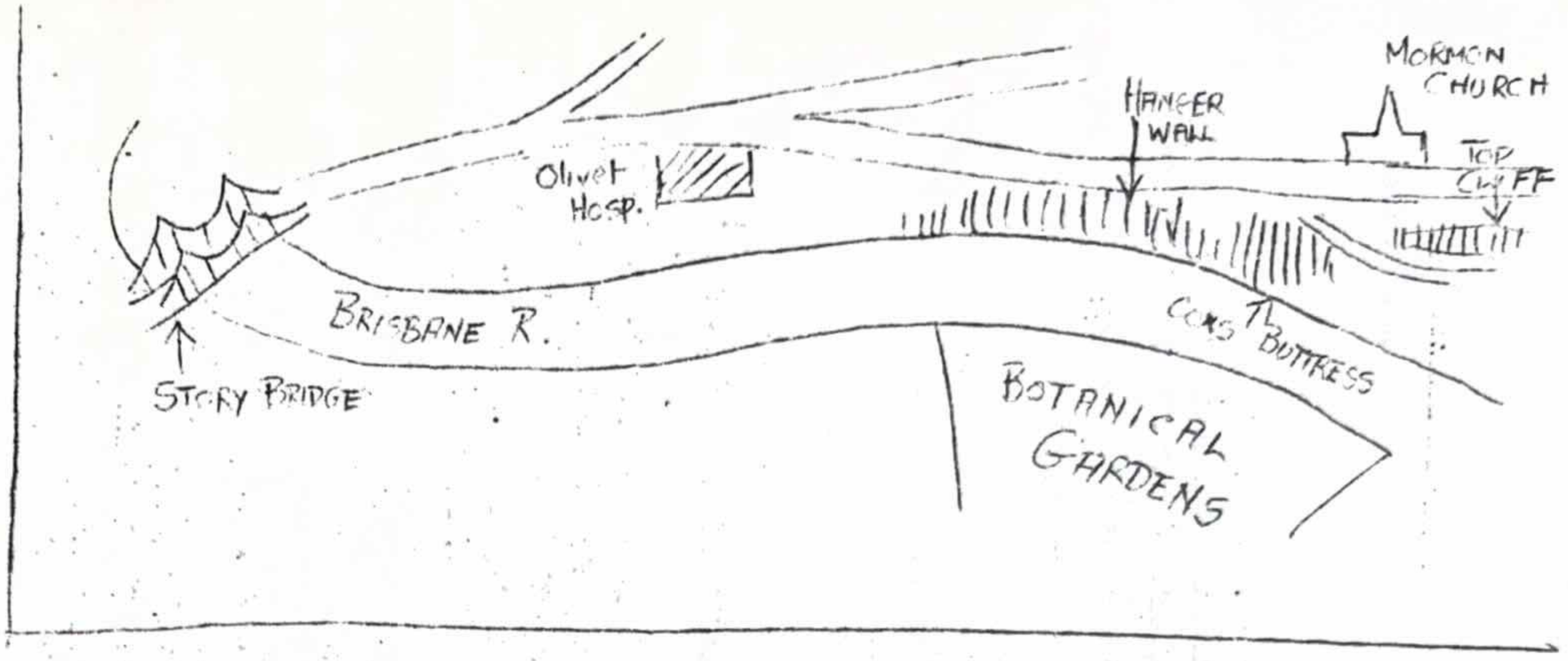
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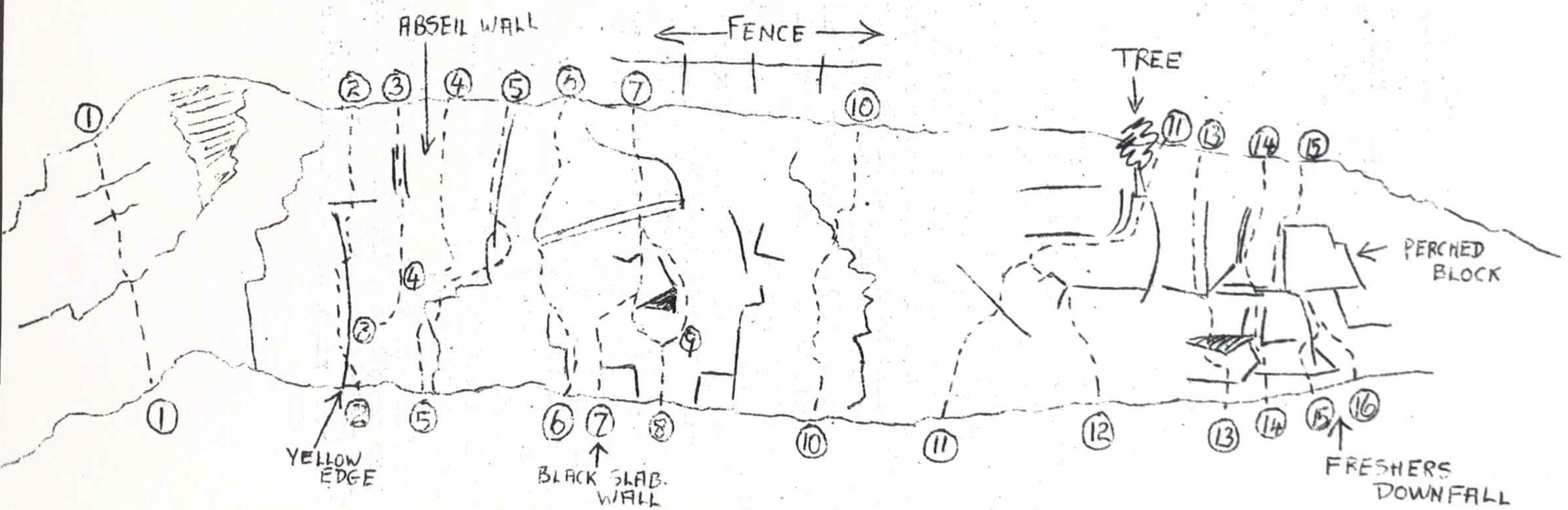
The cliffs provide a good training ground for Brisbane climbers. They are opposite the botanical gardens on the south side of the river. The rock is volcanic tuff, and provides sharp holds but tends to be friable. It is readily drilled for bolts.

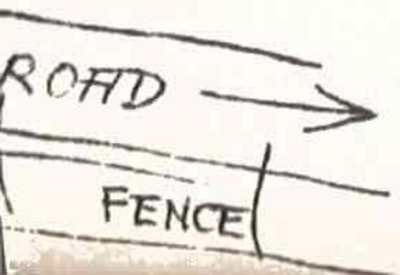
The small upper cliffline has more climbs for beginners than the lower, and top ropes are set up on the fence. Height about 30ft.

1...A delicate climb up the little wall.
2...Up the corner of the yellow edge. Not hard. Mantle shelf at top.
3...A variant slightly to the right up the groove.
4...Up abseil wall; bit delicate.
5...Up the garbagey edge; pretty worthless.
6...Another climb of little merit.
7...The original route up black slab wall;up to left of nose & swing up on good incuts. Undercut hold in crack to finish.
8...A more direct start,up below nose & traverse left & finish as in No.7
9...An extremely delicate move,start as in No.8 & then right on vanishing ledge (1"wide).Now right foot up to little pocket,right hand on very small lay-back edge & left hand on another pocket. Up on right foot & put left foot next to left hand on the little pocket. Calm the nerves & stand up. Traverse left over nose & finish as for No.7. This climb has been led!
10..Up to little wall. Tricky move and up.
11..Up & ascend right to base of vertical wall.Up & swing right to tree. Up on tree
12..Just another climb.
13..Up below the little roof. Up & over on good holds.
14..A fierce problem which has not beem led without a top rope yet. Up to the dihedral & through the overhangs. Up on a two finger tips hold & move into layback posn. on a vertical incut. Mantleshelf to finish.
15..The fiercest climb here.Little blokes find it easier but it is still very hard. One technical move only though.Right foot jam in 2"drill hole (made by Works Dept. for blasting) & fingertips hold on edge.Left foot high up to 1"ledge. Up.Out right and finish as in No.16.
16..Freshers Downfall. An old standard which is not hard once you have the technique. Move up & back up in groove. High right handhold & swing out left & mantle shelf onto ledge.Now up edge on left or layback in corner.Or finish straight up (easiest).

There are no more worthwhile climbs possible. The above represents the better ones and other scrambles exist but are worthless. A Girdle was done in 1966 (solo) but has only three technical moves at black slab wall,crossing route 10 and at 15. It was done from right to left and is rather worthless.


MORMON CHURCH
HANGER WALL
TOP CLIFF
Olivet Hosp.
BRISBANE R.
CONS BUTTRESS
STORY BRIDGE
BOTANICAL GARDENS


ABSEIL WALL
FENCE
TREE
PERCHED BLOCK
YELLOW EDGE
BLACK SLAB. WALL
FRESHERS DOWNFALL


ROAD
FENCE

# HANGER WALL

**Standard :-** Very Difficult, A1.
**1st. Ascent :-** Ted Cais, Pat Conaghan 1966

Start :- From Cox's buttress ( layback, overhang and edge ) follow the right hand branch of the train line left for about 120 yds. The cliff line steepens, becomes higher and the route goes up the clean yellow wall here. The wall consists of 15 ft. of loose, broken rock, a smooth 70° slab, a niche, a vertical 15ft. wall, and broken rock to the top. A black streak comes down on the upper right hand wall.

1....75ft....4 A1....Start on yellow broken rock, up for 15 ft. and traverse right to first bolt. Up to second bolt, then high reach to third bolt. Now to cadmium peg to left in crack and up to the niche. Very high stretch from peg to bolt in the vertical wall above. Up on two more bolts. Vertical crack in side of flake for long bladed horizontal peg (it fell out on first ascent). Up to good peg on top of flake. This flake has been somewhat loosened in a subsequent ascent. Delicate mantleshelf to foothold on flake, then up on the last two bolts. Standing on the last bolt ascend right, rather delicate, and traverse back left and so over the top. Fence belay.

The best climb led so far at the point. It is hoped that more exploration will be done on the lower cliff line along here. This route provides good introduction to artificial techniques. Six key-hole hangers are needed and three etriers. See committee members for these. Bottom three bolts need not be left as runners.

FENCE (X.S. WALL CLIMB)

INSET

300'?

COXS CLIF

START

TRAIN TRACKS

BLACK PAINT STREAK

PEG NEEDED IN HERE

VERTICAL SMOOTH WALL

NICHE

CRACK

CORNER

LOOSE BLOCKS

70° SLAB

YELLOW BROKEN ROCK

OPEN GROOVE

⊙ = BOLT

⊗ = PEG

+++ = FREE

---- = ARTIFICIAL

BOWEN TERRACE

# BARNACLE BUTTRESS

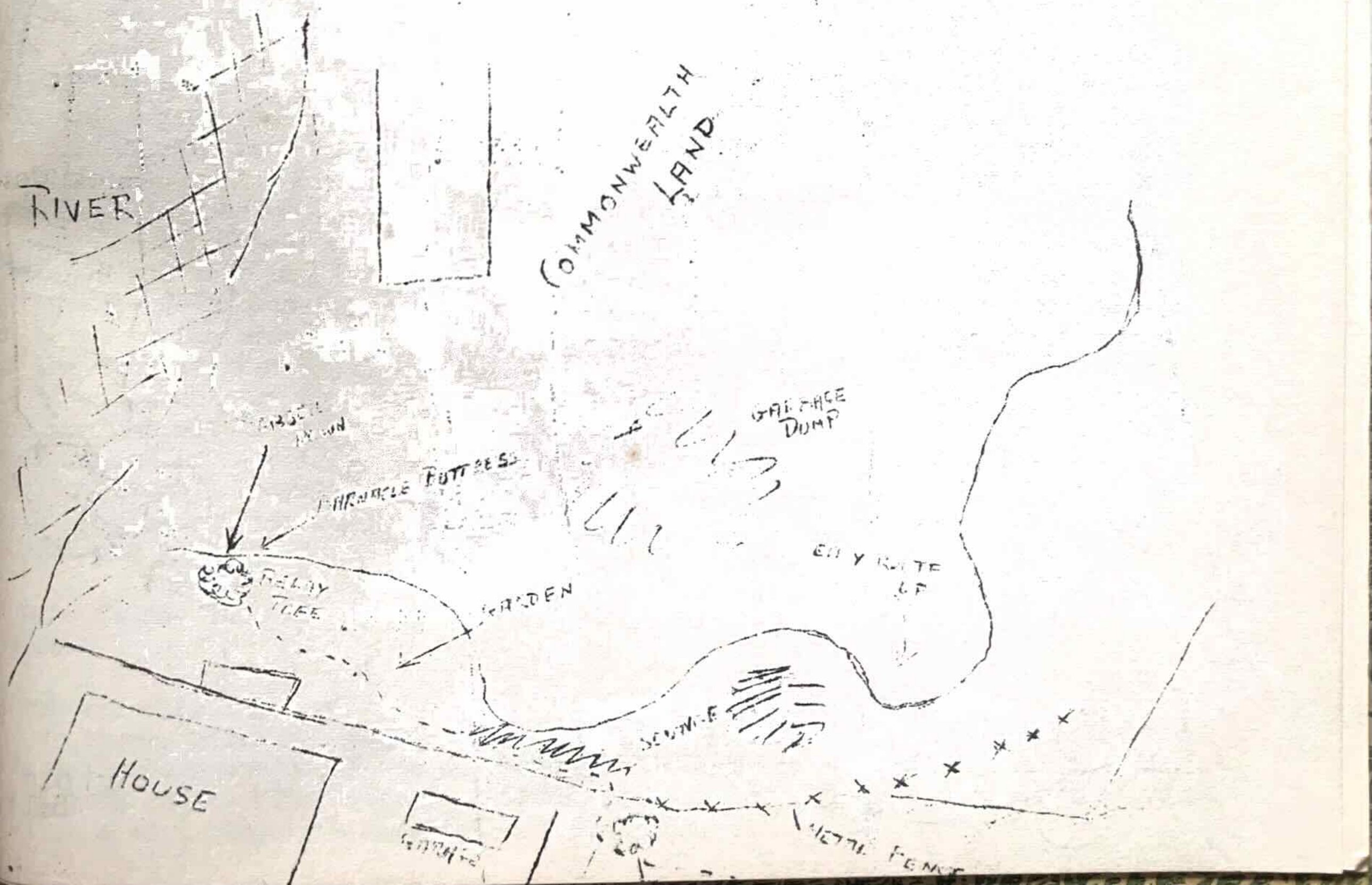
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Standard :- Severe A2
1st.Ascent :- Ted Cais,Dennis Stocks 27/11/67

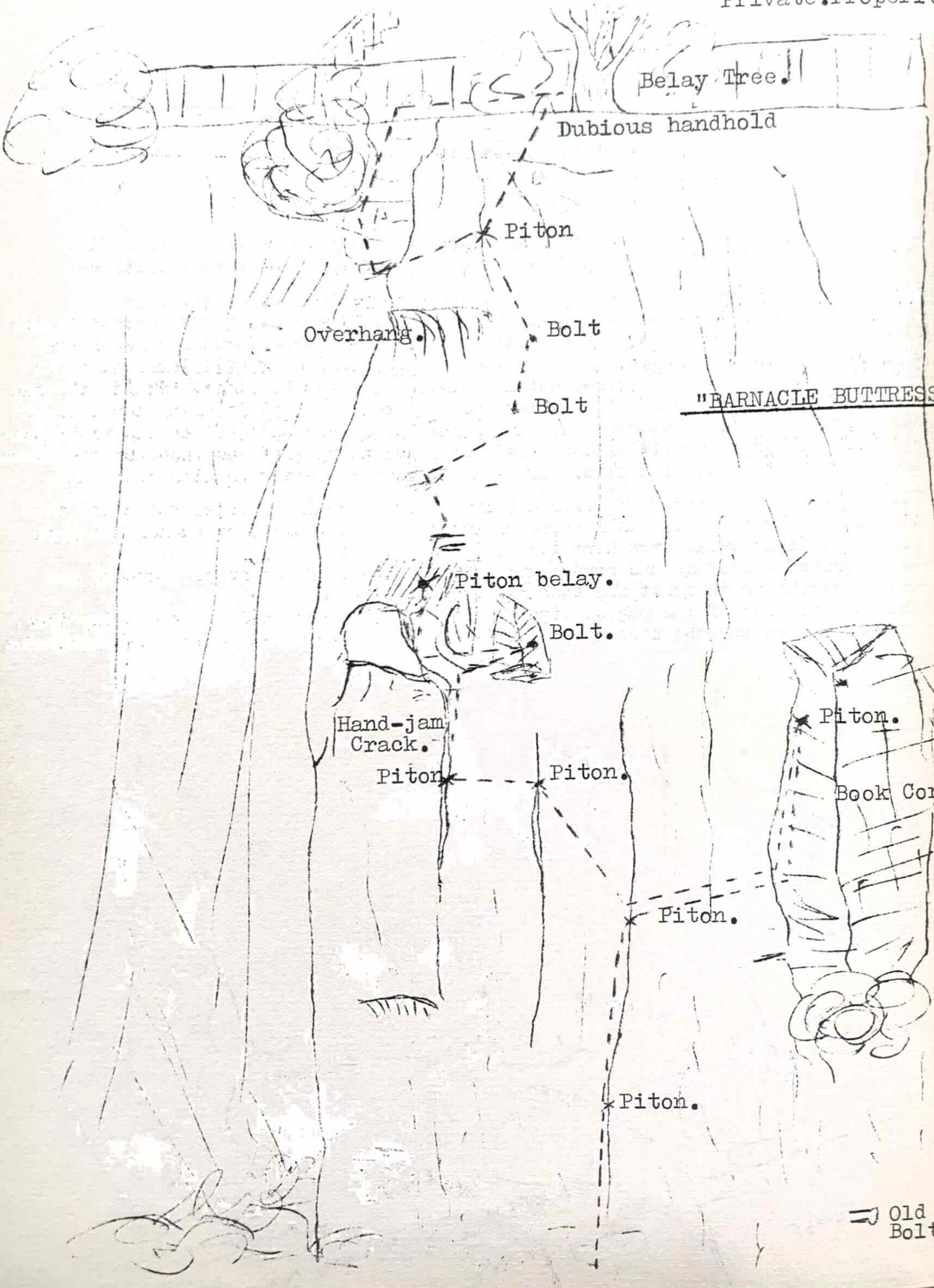
Start Below an obvious blank wall to the left of a large buttress which falls straight into the Brisbane River as the cliff line swings around the corner.

1...75ft...5,A2...(Most pegs need to be tied off with tape).Up the right hand crack on two pegs and slings.From the head of the 2nd,peg step across to the right and around the corner into a rather loose book corner. Place a peg runner under the top of this book corner on the left wall.Descend,until level with the 2nd.peg and then tension across until a further peg may be placed high in the adjoining left hand crack.Up in a sling and then out to the left using a peg in the next loose crack for balance.Hand jam up this crack and then out to the right usinga bolt runner in a small niche (tied off).Back to the left and then up over large loose blocks to a sloping slab. Peg belay in vertical crack running down slab.

2...55ft...(a)3 A1 (b)4+ A1....From belay up over two large loose footholds to a wide ledge above. Up the wall above on two bolts (2nd.bolt poor runner) to good peg below final wall. From here two finishes possible.
(a) Traverse left around corner using good foothold on crest of overhang and then straight up to crest and then right to belay tree.
(b)From the head of the peg straight up on small dubious holds to the belay tree.
A good finish for the second but the leader should treat all holds with suspicion.



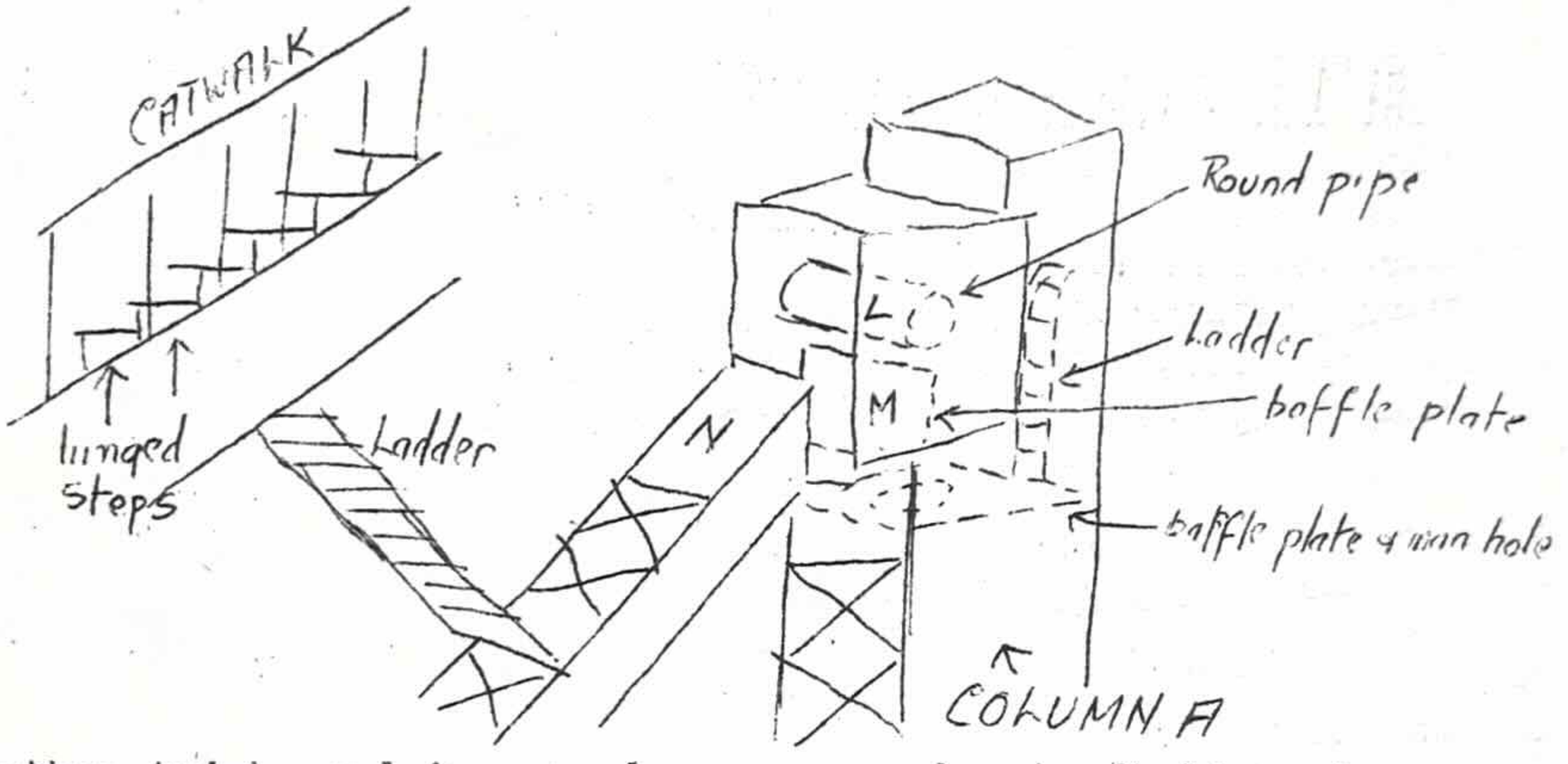
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"BARNACLE BUTTRESS.

By several awkward moves it is possible to climb a diagonal girder and enter column B and climb up the inside to the top. Entering girder D by a hinged step in the catwalk. This last section is also a way of escaping from column C,i.e. continue up from point X,through two manholes in two baffle plates (caution,no floor in between)crossing over the top of column B on the inside until examination reveals hinged steps which enables one to squeeze out onto the catwalk.

One of the best climbs on the bridge is the large columns, A in the diagram. These can be entered by leaping over the fence from the footpath and entering a man hole situated below the road level between the motorway and the footpath.A short ladder is found on the right hand side and these columns are sealed on the point side.This allows ascent through seemingly endless baffle plates and man-holes by a semi-chimney,semi-climbing technique up the criss-c crossed bars on the city side.Continue up until a ladder on the Point side is reached.Climb ladder,further progress is restricted so move out of the column over round pipe and onto diagonal beam.




This move is rather tricky and increased exposure makes handholds welcome. One way is to reverse out of the main column so you are sitting on a round pipe L with your feet on the top edge of a baffle plate M.It is now just poss- to reverse and lower and lower yourself down the top plate of the diagonal co- lumn until your feet make contact with the criss-crosses,using the top edge of the plateN as a hand hold.Cross over ladder and enter the girder above E and examine steps until a hinged one is found which gives access to the catwalk on section E just below the lamp.

About half way along section E where a checkered pattern expansion plate is set into the footpath,there is an upright column with two fuse boxes attached.This provides an interesting descent from the catwalk to the footpath or below to the underside of the roadway..Also naturally this provides access to the catwalk above.

Leap over fence to where the diagonal girder meets the upright.Enter the upright,either through manhole (awkward if not impossible)or via the diag- onal.Ascend or descend as you wish.At the top by moving either to the city or the Point,small compartments can be reached.Exit is via hinged sections in cat- walk.If you move towards the point whilst just under the catwalk,i.e. still inside the girder,access to the inside of another diagonal can be made.

Further back towards the main uprights A,along E,a small trap door can be found. This provides access to an efficient hiding place if one is being pursued.

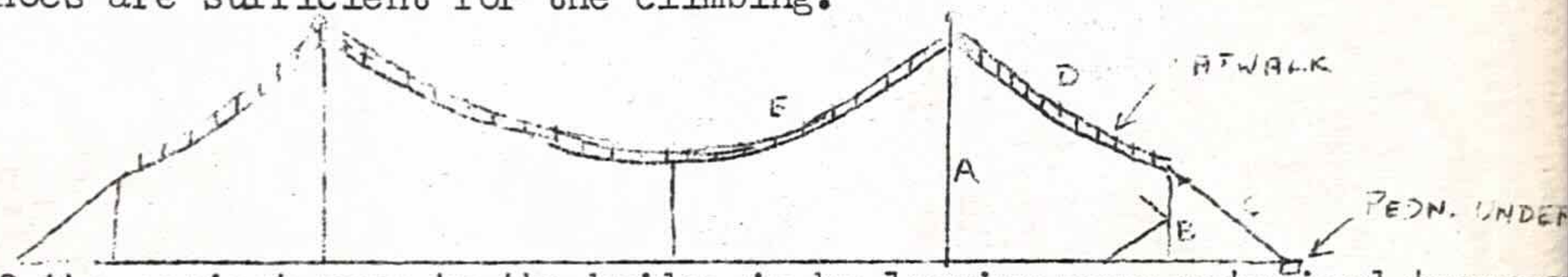
These are only a few of the routes.To really get to know the bridge you need to go up there. Talking should naturally be refrained when pedestrians are abroad. Flash lights photographs can be taken if some care is exercised as to traffic movements at the time.However it is unlikely that a climber who knows the bridge can be caught since you can hide an army up there.

# AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY BRIDGE

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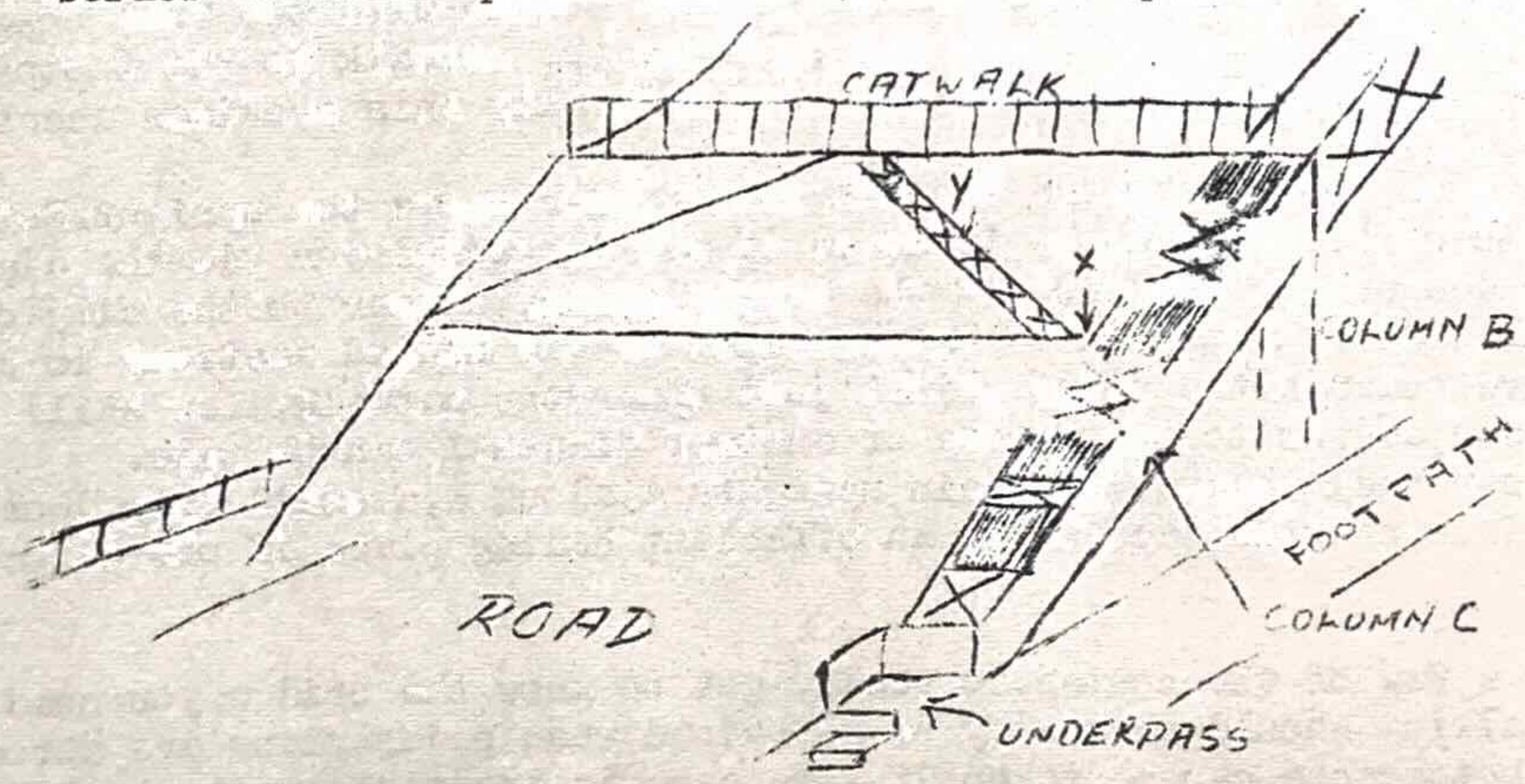
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now to nocturnal and frustrated rockclimbers. Climbing on the bridge is fo
unknown reason illegal ,and the following script is not intended as an inc
for otherwise sober,law abiding citizens to take leave of their senses and
ies and descend in droves upon the bridge. Piton cracks are few and far be
and besides,the resultant noises might attract unwelcome attention,therefo
irommongery is only a nuisance.

For ease of reference,the following is a short glossary necessary to help
movement on the bridge.
"Left" and "right" are taken as looking at the bridge from the Kangaroo Pt
"City side or end" is any area,point,line,spot,position,trig point etc. fa
the Kemp Place,Fire Brigade,Brewery etc. This area is rather well lit and
best ignored,that is unless you actually want to find what the inside of t
"lock-up" is like.
"The point end" is the opposite tp the above,facing the Kangaroo Pt. secti
our community.
Dark clothing,whilst not absolutely essential,helps in preserving a climbe
privacy from the attention of misunderstanding motorists and upset police.
Sandshoes are sufficient for the climbing.




One of the easiest ways to the bridge is by leaving your motorised transpo
(assuming you have such apparatus) in the continuation of Main St. which r
down the left hand side of the bridge ,or in Baildon St. (the second stree
which runs at right angles to Main St. i.e. crosses under the bridge). Fro
Baildon St.a winding staircase rises in 82 steps (I think) to the roadway
emerging about 100yds. from the steel work rising from the road level.

An easy way to the catwalk is to enter column C either from the footpath o
from the pedestrian underpass beneath the road. A baffle plate without a ma
has to be climbed over during a pause in the traffic. Climb on inside throu
series of baffle plates and man holes until point X in the diagram is reach



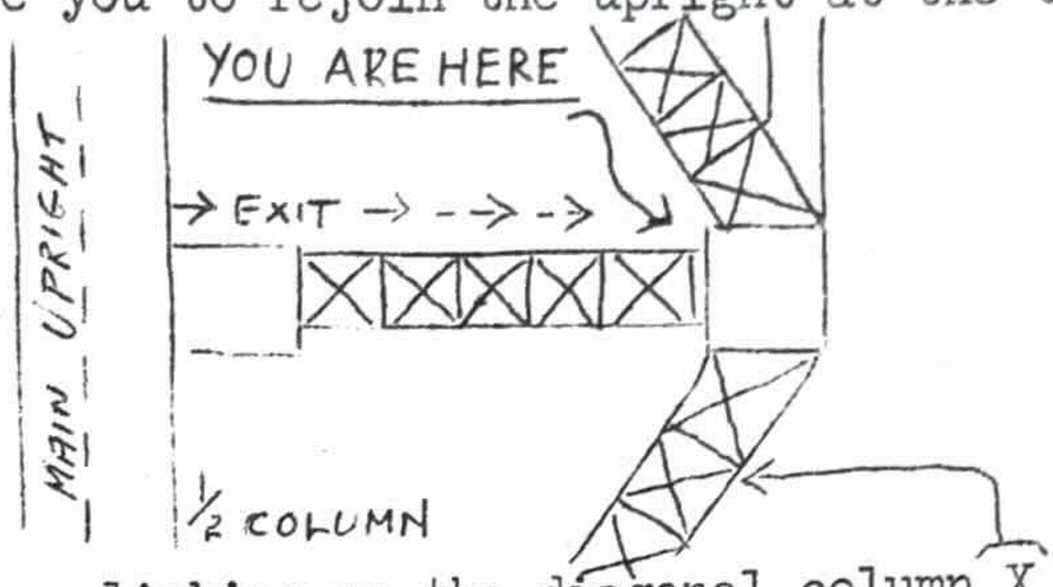

From here climbing out and across girder Y brigs you to the catwalk on t
beams joining columns B.

# THE STORY BRIDGE 2

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Half way up the upright column A (see previous sheet) a horizontal column is found running at 90° to the upright. A tight squeeze through the X piece leads out onto the plate on top of the column. Walk away from the upright you have just left and enter a diagonal column running back above you to rejoin the upright at the top.

(Note: This point :-




can be reached by climbing up the diagonal column X which meets the upright below ; just below street level.)

Climb up diagonal column (exposure worth noting) and exit just below the ladder (mentioned in previous guide ) which leads to the columns and thus onto the steps. This was written for the half of the main upright facing Kangaroo Pt.; no doubt the same is duplicated on the other half.

Access to the concrete pylons can be made by dropping down onto them from where the main uprights emerge from below the road. An interesting time can be had by walking along the beams under the road, zig-zagging your way across underneath.These beams, however,narrow to the point where it becomes necessary to swing along on their outside and the "roof" comes in close. But the exposure is worth the effort of walking out here. Exit anywhere on the edges by climbing up and over railing bordering pedestrian footpath.(N.B. nesting birds when frightened can also frighten you to the point of falling off,so watch it)

Once the top has been reached,a trap door close to the left hand light is found on the cross member which runs across to the opposite main upright.Lift this heavy trap-door and a ladder bolted to the side of one of the girders can be followed down. An interesting time can be had zig-zagging down towards the road until the amber lights are reached. Unfortunately this route does not lead anywhere and you have to climb back the zig-zag to the top.

Just down from the "summit" towards the Kangaroo Pt. end there is a thin column running horizontally across above the road.You can zig-zag down from here on the outside of the columns as they are too small to allow relatively free movement inside. Again you can climb down to just above the road then swing out around the corner and into one of the vertical columns which run down to the road. It is then a simple matter to climb down and leap out onto the footpath.

Anon. (chicken)