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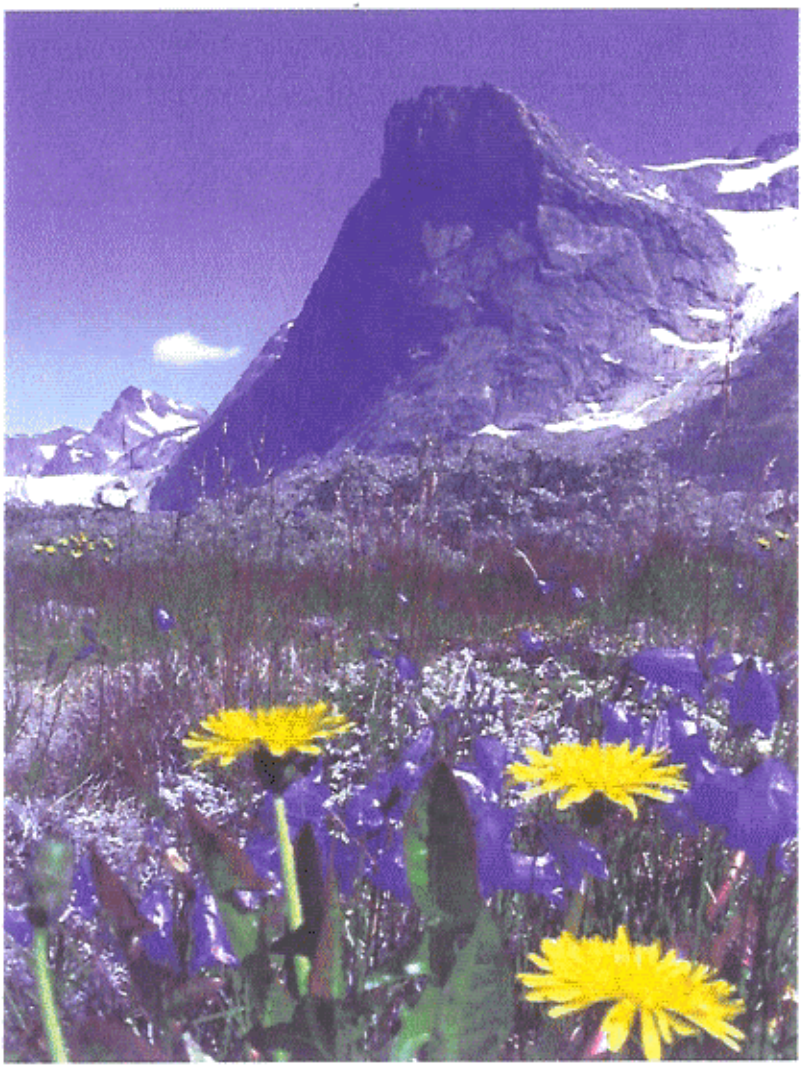
Igdlorsuitt Havn "The Saft"



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Preamble

Having missed out on the opportunity of joining my brother and some friends on an expedition to the area in July 2001 I'd spent much of the past two years wishing I'd gone anyway, despite my financial restrictions at the time. The photos and stories they came back with inspired me even more to check out all the huge unclimbed granite monoliths in and around the Igdlorsuitt Havn valley. And the fact that their expedition had confirmed the area's world class quality, and that there was still the rock to put up some fantastic free routes in such a stunning setting was all I needed to entice me further.

Having spent much of the past few years concentrating on shorter, more physically and mentally demanding "convenience climbing", I was eager to reward myself with a long overdue adventurous expedition.

With several world class objectives within relatively easy reach of one another it didn't take long before I'd got a team of keen, and very strong, climbers psyched to get in on some of the action.

Expedition Objectives

Our primary objective was an unclimbed and un-named granite face / peak immediately East of Igdlorsuitt Havn.

Our secondary objective was to hire a boat to get to the impressive un-climbed and un-named pinnacle on the island of Angnikitsoq, to the West of Igdlorsuitt Havn.

Our Third objective was to attempts some free climbs up the West face of the Igdlorsuitt Havn Tower, A 900m vertical granite wall with only two routes up its main face, neither of which had been climbed free.

See page 21 for maps etc.

Summary

Our first objective had been recommended by members of a previous expedition to the valley. They had told us about an impressive unclimbed tower in the neighboring valley. In reality this wall didn't look anywhere near as impressive as our third objective, and because we were there one month earlier than the previous expedition there was far more snow cover at the base, and to the sides of the wall, making it an unrealistic prospect given our equipment and time constraints.

We were unable to access our secondary objective because we could not hire a boat. We were incredibly surprised at how difficult (and expensive when available) these were to hire from the local towns.

So we were left with our third objective, and some imagination. The main face of Igdlorsuitt Havn was far more impressive than any photo, or indeed any words, had prepared us for. And the fact that there were several lines which had not bee free climbed, as well as the prospect of attempting some entirely new routes on such a world class rock face, was more than enough to keep us happy.

Travel Transport

Due to its increased popularity as a world class venue for big wall climbing, organizing an expedition to remote areas, within striking distance from the small town of Nanortalik, has become easier in recent years, due to the well organized local tourist board, run by Niels Taekker Jespen. However, it's still a time consuming and expensive journey, requiring considerable planning.

Stanstead to Reykjavik

There are no direct flights from the UK to Greenland.
Iceland Express have recently introduced the option of flying via Reykjavik, rather than Copenhagen which previously was the only option. This reduces the overall cost, and flight time, of the whole journey. Several flights run daily between Stanstead and Reykjavik. We paid £151 each, return for this 3 hour flight.

Reykjavik to Narsarsuaq

There are only two flights per week. But they take only 2 hours, making this leg of the journey fairly convenient, providing you can arrange connecting travel within Greenland. We paid £306 each, return, using the Danish Travel company Arctic Adventure. This was the most memorable flight any of us had ever been on – magnificent views whilst flying over the icecap!

Narsarsuaq to Base Camp (return)

We chose to travel by boat, rather than the considerably quicker, but vastly more expensive option of flying by helicopter. Our all in fee of 32,400DKK paid for our smooth travel from the airport, to the small town of Nanortalik, where we spent one night (inward and outward) and stocked up on provisions, before moving on to Base Camp.

Accommodation

Reykjavik

Due to incompatible flight transfer times we were forced to spend one night in Reykjavik, both on the way out and on our return home. When I tried to book accommodation in one of the two official Youth Hostels in Reykjavik I was shocked to find that they were both fully booked for more than three months in advance – so if you want to stay in them book early!

Upon arrival in Reykjavik airport we arranged accommodation in a small Youth Hostel which was advertised on a notice board there.

On the way back we decided to camp in order both to save money, and so that we were within easy walking distance of the city centre. It cost about £5 a night each and was only about 15 minutes walk from the centre.

Nanortalik

We had already pre arranged, by email, to stay in the "Maltese House", a small well equipped (incl. hot shower, bunks and kitchen) self catering youth hostel (sleeping 8 to 12) next to the sea, and only about 2 minutes walk from the "town centre". It cost 175 DKK per night per person, and is highly recommendable.

Base Camp

Everyone slept in tents (6 in separate tents, and two sharing) at Base Camp and we constructed a large sturdy mess tent using several tarpaulins, driftwood, rope and plenty of ingenuity!

On the wall

All 8 members of the expedition ended up spending one night away from base camp, however there were always at least 4 people at Base Camp every night. Everyone spent one night sleeping on the wall, either on a portaledge or a cramped bivvy ledge.

Narsarsuaq

We had to spend the night in the small village of Narsarsuaq before catching our flight back to Reykjavik the following lunchtime. We wild camped in a small flat area a few minutes walk above the large hotel.

Equipment

Climbing Equipment

We made sure that, as an average base rack, everyone took out a full rack of cams (0 – 3), two full sets of wires (0 – 9), 10 quickdraws, an assortment of slings,
As part of the communal pool of extra gear we had an extra 4 sets of cams (including 4 full sets of micro cams, 8 # 4's, 4 # 5's and 3 # 6's) and dozens of extra wires and slings.
We also took out a comprehensive aid rack, two bouldering pads, two haul bags and two portaledges.

We took out a 100m and a 60m static rope, as well as 10 single ropes and 7 double ropes.

We took 4 ice axes and 2 pairs of crampons, for use in exploring up the glacier.

At the last minute we decided, against our morals, to take a small hand placing bolt kit, purely for emergencies sake. The kit was left in base camp the entire time.

Tents

We had 6 tents at base camp, as well as our large mess tent (several tarpaulins constructed together under the shelter of a large boulder.

Stoves

Two MSR stoves and two small gas stoves were taken for use away from base camp. Two double ringed gas stoves (one with a grill) for use at base camp. We bought petrol and two large (11kg) Gas cylinders in Nanortalik.

Cooking Equipment

Large Wok. 4 large nesting aluminum billies with lids, two smaller pans, frying pan, collapsible oven (made by optimus), baking trays, measuring jug, mixing bowl, large colander, chopping board, wooden spoon & spatula, assortment of Tupperware's, 20 lighters, 2 x 30 litre water carriers, 1 washing up bowl, chopping knife, whisk, grater.

Tool Kit

Hacksaw, small wood saw, nails, pliers, selection of screwdrivers, WD40, gaffer tape, wire brush (essential for cleaning off lichen on boulders around base camp!).

Other Stuff

One of the expedition members had a digital video camera which provided us with an excellent post expedition video record. Only two batteries (they're £80 a piece!) and no charging possibilities meant that filming had to be kept to a premium.

We also had a telescope and tripod for spying out potential lines.
An assortment of games, a set of boules, plenty of music (with small speakers), plenty of loo roll, and a couple of gas lamps. Unfortunately the mantle for the gas lamp broke by the third day and the spare mantles never materialized...

Food

We chose to ship out the vast majority of our food, because food is considerably more expensive in Nanortalik (the only place that we passed through which had a supermarket) than in the UK. We of course bought all our fresh produce in Greenland.

Popular Food

Simple things that, even though we thought we'd taken out loads of them, it would have been really nice to have had more of them.

Hot Chocolate
Sugar
Milk powder
Chocolate spread
Coffee
Garlic
Onions
Potatoes
Crackers (the rye bread, bought locally, was only palatable for the first week or two)

We bought loads of fresh salami and cheeses (as well as plenty of fresh veg) in Nanortalik, which lasted for our entire time at Base Camp. These really were a highly recommendable "luxury item", and well worth getting plenty of!

As planned, we had a large volume of food left over - especially tins of tomatoes! Had there been a storm, making it impossible for us to be picked at our pre arranged time, then we would obviously have been very grateful for the extra food to keep us going until we were picked up.

First Aid Kit / Injuries

We got together a very comprehensive Medical kit, with the help of Martin Rhodes, the XXX. We also had a concise but extensive First Aid Manual. Most of the members of the expedition had attended First Aid courses in the past. The main First Aid Kit was kept in Base Camp the whole time, but a smaller kit was taken by each group whenever they were away from Base Camp. Fortunately only minor injuries were sustained.

Freight

We used the Icelandic company "Eimskip" to ship our freight from Immingham (near Hull) to Nanortalik, where Niels took care of it until we arrived. To try to avoid any chance of our expedition being hampered by delayed freight we shipped our stuff out over a month in advance. For 728kg (3.120 cubic metres) it cost us £338.96. When we left Nanortalik on our way home we left our freight with Niels. We had 431kg (2.880 cubic metres) and it cost £212.20.

Emergency Plans / Insurance

For emergencies we'd hired out a Satellite phone from 3rd Planet Connections Ltd. This cost £304.07, plus £2.11 per minute for any calls made. Fortunately we didn't need to use it, though it was useful for several "social" calls to be made to the UK.

For use within ourselves we had 5 Motorola TA200 walkie talkies. These proved extremely useful for communicating within up to a 3km radius, so long as a line of sight was maintained. When members of the expedition were away from Base Camp we had a pre arranged system whereby the radios were switched on for 5 minutes on the hour, every hour, from 6pm onwards. Unfortunately leaving the walkie talkies on the whole time would have taken far too much battery power.

We looked into the idea of taking out some kind of solar charger, but as yet the technology seems insufficient to be worthwhile.

Insurance for Expeditions to Greenland fall within two brackets; ice-cap interior, and ice-cap exterior. Fortunately our expedition came within the ice-cap exterior, so was a little less expensive. Although officially governed by Denmark, due to its geographical location, Greenland comes under the World-wide bracket, rather than the European.
Everyone took out their own insurance, with the BMC's coming out the most popular.

Water

There was a large glacial run off river flowing into the sea a couple of hundred metres to the west of our base camp. There were also a couple of small lakes in the immediate vicinity of base camp. These were all useful for washing but we didn't use them for drinking water.

We were lucky to have a continually flowing stream running just past our Base Camp (this was obviously a contributory factor in choosing our base camp) so we used a couple of 30 litre containers to ferry the water. However, our close proximity to fresh water (some parts of the stream were slow moving, almost pools) this meant that there were mosquito's about. We used no sterilization and nobody became ill during our whole time at Base Camp.

Waste Disposal

Perishable rubbish was collected and burned at base camp. Non perishable rubbish was returned to Nanortalik on departure. We made a compost pit for any perishable food waste.

We dug latrines in the soft sand by the edge of the beach, which we filled in when we left.

Weather

We seemed particularly lucky with the our spell of weather, with the more general worldwide spread at the time of hotter and drier than normal weather patterns seemingly reaching all the way out to Southern Greenland. We had only a couple of days of rain during the whole time at Base Camp, and the notoriously savaging high winds that we were expecting to hit us at some point during our trip thankfully never materialised. It never dropped below freezing at base camp, and although we had no thermometer to check, it is unlikely that it reached as low as zero on the mountain, even at night. It was mostly dry and reasonably warm, like a reasonably settled British Autumn spell.
Although the area we were climbing in does not fall within the arctic circle, because we arrived shortly after mid-summer's day, at the beginning of our expedition it started to get dark at about 9:30pm, lighting up from about 2am. By the end of our expedition the darkness window had extended to about 8.30pm to 3:30am. Even in the dead of night it never actually got properly dark!

Wildlife

We were disappointed not to see more wildlife. No one saw any whales nor arctic foxes, or any other mammals. Birds were always about, though never plentiful.

There were several small clusters of wild mushrooms, though not enough to be worthy of incorporating into mealtimes, even if they were edible. We had a mushroom ID book which covered Greenland because we had been told by previous expeditions that we may find enough to incorporate into our meals.

The flies and mosquito's were a problem. We all had headnets which we tended to use for the majority of the time whilst outside (until approx 8pm when the air temperature cooled sufficiently to keep them at bay). It was very well worth putting in the time and effort to build a decent base camp shelter, in which to escape from the flies. Fortunately, due to its position directly above a glacier, they were very rarely an issue when climbing up on the main wall.

Research

We carried out extensive research in order to ascertain what all the previous expeditions to the area had achieved. We also talked directly with numerous individuals who had already been on one or more expeditions to Southern Greenland.
The British magazine "High" has a Mountain Info section (now to be found online at www.) covering details of many expeditions to Greenland. The BMC has a large, invaluable library of reports from past expeditions.

Sponsorship

We received generous sponsorship, in the form of cash funding, from the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), The Mount Everest Foundation (MEF) and the Gino Watkins Memorial Fund. The expedition received equipment from HB, Metolius, Mountain Hardware and Beta Designs.

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Costs (per person)

Flights	£483
Travel in Greenland	£400
Other travel	£40
Freight	£70
Accommodation	£60
Food	£125
Other, maps, fuel, admin costs, sat phone etc	£66
TOTAL	**£1,244**

FUNDING (per person)

BMC	£200
MEF	£50
Gino Watkins	£125
TOTAL	**£375**

The remainder was made up by personal contributions

Routes

Cryptic Crossword

E3 5c, 500m, 11 pitches.
Ben Heason & Simon Moore (on sight),3rd July 2003.
Left curving crack / chimney system on the right hand side of the left wing of the main cliff.
(1st ascent Matt Heason & Adam Jackson 29th July 2001)

1. 55m. Follow a deep groove / crack which is quite dirty, moving diagonally right after 25m to belay at 55m.
2. 55m. 5c. Move up and L towards the corner / groove, but keep to its right, following flakes through a few steep bits and eventually a small, easyish stepped overhang. Move diagonally left to belay near the main crack.
3. 40m. 5b. Follow the obvious groove and at about 20m follow the steeper and obvious option on the R.
4. 49m. 5b. Keep on moving upwards, but trend L when you hit a quartz band, until you reach a belay on the left overlooking the gully.
5. 30m. 5b. Pendulum / Lower into the gully (or free climb if dry)and climb the wet off-width with one foray onto the right wall at mid height. Belay and dry off in the sun!
6. 30m. 5a. Climb the continuation cracks, much more enjoyably, to belay in a grassy cave beneath the obvious overhanging wall.
7. 30m. 4b. Traverse R along the big break, around the corner. Then move up, trending L, carefully above your belayer on loose rock. Belay further along the grassy terrace.
8. 60m. 4c. Walk 10m L until below an obvious corner. Climb this for 50m. Very Enjoyable.
9. 30m. 5a. A few difficult moves off the belay lead into the continuation of the corner. After 20m, move L to the arête and then down to a large grassy ledge.
10. 100m. Easy climbing leads to ledges to traverse off to the ridge.

Wonderful Life / Turning Point

E6 6b, 1,115m, 24 pitches, (all on sight)
1st ascent (free) Ben Heason & Simon Moore, 7th & 8th July 2003

Day 1

1 – 3. 165m 4b. Obvious rightwards slanting crack / chimney system, keeping just to the right of large clean slab.
4. 45m. E1 5a. Continue up the crack to belay in a small, sloping niche.
5. 55m. E2 5b. Traverse R along niche, then up short wall. Carry on R and up the obvious steep, short corner.
6. 45m. E1 5a. Climb up the groove and crack. Exit L and along ledge to overhanging nose.
7. 50m. E2 5b. Traverse left under nose and then climb the loose wall before moving right to a detached pinnacle. Climb this and onto slabs above and left to belay at foot of the large corner.
8. 55m. E2 5c. Climb corner and exit L along first ledge systems and up first groove to belay under flakes in niche.
9. 50m. E1 5b. Climb flakes and crack to alcove then up corner and slabs to large ledge above.

Scramble along ledge for 30m to first possible bivvy spot, at the base of the 1st obvious corner.

Day 2

10. 50m. E1 5a. Climb the corner passing detached blocks and up wall above to base of groove. Climb this and belay in groove.
11. 40m. E1 5a. Climb easily out of the groove and exit R onto a large ledge. Traverse right past a detached pillar to belay at head height flake.
12. 45m. E2 5c. Climb flake and rock onto slab. Traverse L under overhang and back up R until a groove. Climb this and then trend R to a double peg belay in an obvious niche.
13. 50m. E4 5c. Climb the steep corner and wall above to peg. Trend L and down for 5m, then up L facing groove for 15m until level with slab on R. Rock over R and traverse slab to another corner. Climb this and rock around arête before descending R facing groove to its base. Traverse across slab and reach crack. Climb this to belay!
14. 60m. 6a. Climb crack to a steep section at 45m (in situ Hex), and rock around R to a boulder choked corner and a ledge.
15. 50m. E6 6b. "Changing Corners" Climb easy wide crack to a rest at 10m then before tackling the 25m overhanging corner crack. Pull round onto slab and continue up crack for 15m.
16. 35m. E4 6a. Climb crack to ledge. Hard moves past short steep section lead to second ledge – belay.
17. 40m. E2 5b / C1. Climb up last 4m of crack before moving left past in situ peg. Place small cams in break before a short tension traverse is needed to drop down to a large hollow flake and ledge. Traverse 6m along ledge then up steep wall above. Climb loose rake to belay in alcove at base of ramp,
18. 55m. E2 5a. Climb the ramp.
19. 50m. E1 4c. Climb the rotten chimney and exit L onto sloping ledge. Scramble up to boulder choked chimney beneath first corner R of the main overhung corner.
20. 40m. E6 6a/b. Climb the rightwards curving crack line to the left. Fingers, turning to hands, before tricky moves to turn lip.
21. 45m. E6 6b. "The Iodine Dose" The large continuation crack above, surmounting the roof to belay in the crack.
22. 35m. E5 6a. More tricky crack climbing before escaping rightwards onto a large ledge as soon as possible.
23. 35m. E1 5a. Move rightwards along ledge before climbing a corner to belay on a large detached block.
24. 20m. E1 5b. Climb to the summit via a short steep groove.

(1st ascent with pitches of Aid "Wonderful Life" – Dave Lucas & Max Dutson August 2001)

Waiting for the Sun

E7 6c, 865m, 22 pitches.
1st ascent (free) Tom Briggs, Nick Boden, Adrian Jebb, Rob Mirfin (no fixed protection was placed)
Start: At the highest point below the wall, on a small col at the foot of easy angled slabs.

1. 50m. Climb a groove up the left hand side of the slabs to a narrow ledge and bolt belay in the middle of the slab.
2. 40m. Continue directly up the slabs above to a bolt belay below overlap.
3. 45m. 5a. Climb a delicate slab/corner trending leftwards below the overlap before stepping right onto the slab above and following broken ground to a ledge. Bolt belay.
4. 50m. 5b. Step left and follow the corner crack to a peg and bolt belay.
5. 45m. 5c. Climb the corner directly above the stance, passing a large chockstone (danger!) to a roof. Step left under the roof and follow cracks in the wall to a stance and bolt/peg belay.
6. 40m. 5b. Follow the obvious crack directly above the stance to a ledge.
7. 40m. 6a. Climb rightwards from the stance into a large grooveline and follow this to a narrow ledge. Bolt belay.
8. 40m Climb to a ledge (bolt) and step right to follow a crack to an overlap on the left. Pull leftwards through the overlap and into a corner. Follow this to a semi-hanging bolt belay.
9. 35m. 6b. Climb the crack and sustained corner above, passing a bolt, before stepping right into an obvious flake crack which is followed to a hanging stance and bolt belay.
10. 25m. 6c. Follow the bolt ladder to the arête and crack above to a small ledge and bolt belay.
11. 25m. 6b. Step right from the stance and cross into the right hand crack. Layback rightwards underneath a roof into a shallow groove and small ledge (2 bolts). Clip the higher bolt, reverse and cross the slab rightwards by difficult face moves into a crack. Follow this to a single bolt belay.
12. 40m. 6a. Follow the corner above to a small ledge. (End of Fixed ropes)
13. 45m. 5c. The awkward hand crack above the stance eventually widens into a chimney before a semi-hanging bolt belay.
14. 40m. 6a. Follow the left hand of two parallel cracks, until a small roof and flake leads rightwards to a stance and bolt belay.
15. 40m. 5a. The easy crack above until a step right into a wider crack leads to broken ledges.
16. 30m. 5b. The steep corner above until a step left onto a large ledge below an obvious chimney. (Possible sit down bivi)
17. 50m. 5b. Climb the chimney to roof (possible bolt belay below - poor) and undercut leftwards into crack and large sloping ledge. 5b.
18. 50m. 5c. Broken flake cracks lead straight up to a stance. Bad bolt belay in poor rock.
19. 30m. 5a. Easy corner crack above stance to semi-hanging belay on cams left of base of chimney.
20. 35m. 6a. Steep chimney (wet), short slab and overhanging continuation crack to ledges (loose rock).
21. 35m. 5a. Crack and corner directly above to short chimney and terrace.
22. 35m. 5a. From middle of terrace, trend leftwards towards skyline. Climb straight up, then step leftwards across corner to exit gully.

(1st ascent with pitches of aid "Ujarak" - Boris Cujic, Darko Dular, Vlado Pausic, Miha Kajzelj, Igor Kalan, July/August1996)

Twenty One

E7 6c, 800m, 23pitches.
1st ascent Steve McClure & Miles Gibson.
The massive central corner system of the main wall of the Saft is gained from the right. Start as for Waiting for the Sun.
1. 50m As for Waiting for the Sun pitch 1.
2. 40m As for Waiting for the Sun pitch 2.
3. – 23. No route description supplied.

A number of shorter routes were also climbed by members of our expedition.

Rob's Slab

E3 5c, 10m, See topo on page 20.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin (flash, after cleaning) 3rd July 2003
Climb the centre of the clean, blank looking slab. See topo

The Shuffler

E2 5b, 13m.
1st ascent Ben Heason (on sight),4th July 2003
The obvious off width crack splitting the large barrel shaped boulder, above the lake near base camp.

Mirf's Arête

E5 6b,16m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin, (headpoint), 4th July 2003.
The striking left arête of the largest block in the boulder field surrounding base camp. Climb boldly to gear at half height, before pulling round left into the bottomless crack. Climb this quickly, before making a final difficulty move rightwards, back around the arête.

Nose Dive

E5 6a, 15m,
1st ascent Ben Heason, (on sight), 13th July 2003.
On the largest boulder near the base of the scree slope (beneath the Saft), traverse boldly leftwards to gain the amazing hanging arête. Boldly climb the arête.

Cryptic Crossword

E3 5c, 500m, 11 pitches.
1st solo ascent Ben Heason, 15th July 2003.
A single half rope, and a few pieces of protection, were carried for the pendulum on pitch 5, as well as for the descent.

Trimlyne

E1 6a, 6m, See topo on page 20.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin, (on sight), 20th July 2003
The short technical wall is sustained, with a tricky finish.

The All Weather Girl
E2 5c, 15m, See topo on page 20.
1st ascent Nick Boden (on sight), 20th July 2003.
The obvious rightwards slanting groove inside the base camp boulders. Gear protects the precarious finishing moves.

Popcorn Challenge
E2 5c, 13m,
1st ascent Ben Heason (flash after cleaning), 23rd July 2003

Ben's groove
E5 6a, 13m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Ben Heason (flash after cleaning),23rd July 2003.

Angel Delight
E3 6a, 13m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Ben Heason, (flash after cleaning), 23rd July 2003.

Wild Card
E7 6c, 13m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Ben Heason, (headpoint), 23rd July 2003.

Ste's Pizza Factory
E1 6a, 9m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin, (on sight), 25th July 2003

Bored of the Flies
E4 5c, 14m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin, (headpoint), 25th July 2003.
The bold arête, 10m right of Rob's Arête.

Danny's Wall
E5 6a, 15m, See topo on page 19.
1st ascent Rob Mirfin (headpoint), 25th July 2003.
Climb the centre of the wall between Rob's Arête and Bored of the Flies. Climb boldly to fiddly gear at 10m before tackling the technical crux.

Glassblower
E5 6a, 16m,
Ben Heason, 1st ascent (on sight), 25th July 2003.

Interstellar Overdrive
E1 5a, 155m, 3 pitches.
Ben Heason, 1st solo ascent (on sight), 25th July 2003.
First ascent. Matt Heason & Adam Jackson. August 13th 2001.
Start 10m right of Homebrew Hangover in an easy angled, R trending corner system.
1. 40m 5a. Follow the corner to the belay at 40m, stepping L at half height into another parallel corner.
2. 55m. 5b. Move L again and follow the corner past a couple of awkward jamming sections.
3. 60m. 5a. Carry on up the corner to the terrace.

Flying fridge magnet
E5 6a, 12m, (ground up), See topo on page 20.
1st ascent Ben Heason, 25th July 2003.
The obvious steep line, opposite the groove of The All Weather Girl, up the inside of the base camp boulders. Burly moves lead up and rightwards before a committing sequence leads to a precarious mantle onto the easy slab.

Bouldering Topo's

Boulder A **"Camel Boulder"**

1. V2 "*Junior Masterchef*" Balance up wall left of arête.
2. V6 "*Masterchef*", Up arête
3. V5 "*Ghost Dog*", Start at jug and go up via crimps
4. V7 "*The Camel*", Up crimpy arête
5. V7 "*Tufty's Wall*", Going left or right

Boulder B **"Dry Tool Boulder"**

1. V5
2. V7, "*Ooh, you don't want to do it like that*!"
3.
4. E1 6a, V3 "*Trimlyne*"
5. Project (V9?) Bum start, up to jug and top

Boulder C

1. V5, "*F**k off you f***ing flies*" Bum start on low ledge, up and left

Boulder D

1. V2, "*Piss in Boots*" Up vague arête

Boulder E

1. V5, "*Crack Crack Slap*!" Crack

Boulder F

1. Project (V11?) Traverse down and up - last move crux

Boulder G **"The Bass Boulder"**

1. E3 5c, "*Rob's Slab*" Slab
2. HVS 4c"*Sue Cordless*" Flake

Boulder H **"Weather Boulder"**

1. E2 5c, "All Weather Girl" Rightward slanting groove

Boulder I

3. V0, Easy Wall

Boulder J

3. V3, "*Tony and Sarah*" Bum start up arête

Boulder N

1. E5 6b, "*Flying Fridge Magnet*" Steep wall, moving rightwards to sloping mantle

Boulder O

1. V1, "*Black Fly*"

Boulder P

1. V1, Slab
2. V0, Jugs right of arête
3. J1, "*Tom's Leap*"

Boulder Q **"The Drum Boulder"**

1. V3, "Where's the Whales?" Jump to slope and up
2. V8+, "*Northern Lights*" Steep blunt arête
3. V6, "*Lazy Bones*" crimpy wall

Boulder R **"Australia"**

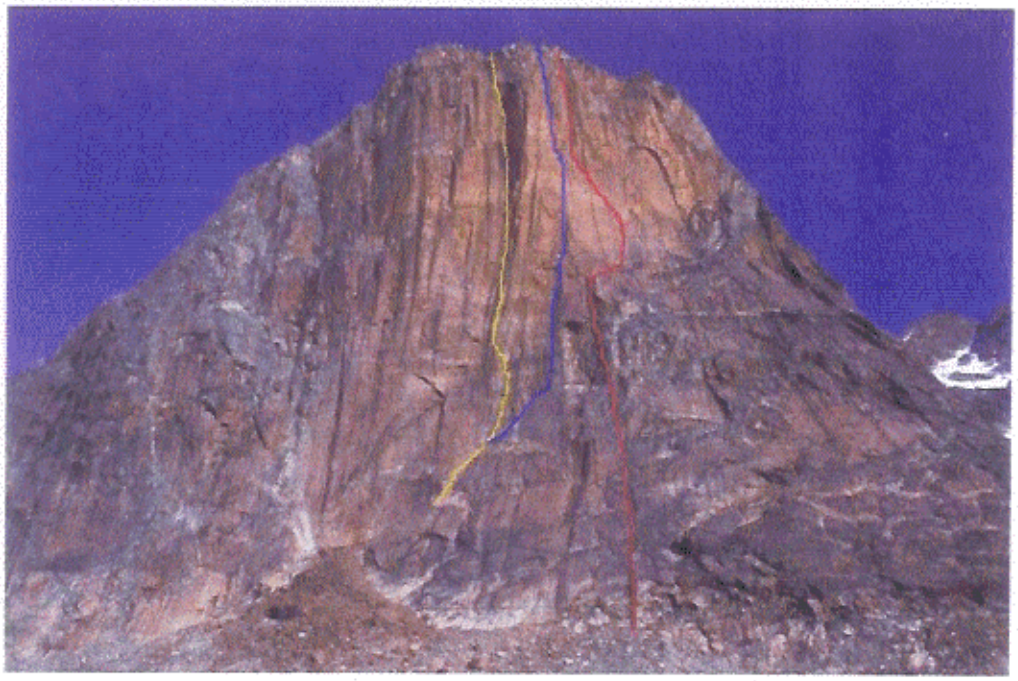
1. V6, "*Mirfatrossity*" Bum start, traverse jugs, pull round rightwards to finish
2. V7, Extended start to 1.
3. V4, Bum start up left wall

Boulder S **"Only Me"**

1. V5, Obvious steep arête, jump off or climb to top – rope needed to get down!

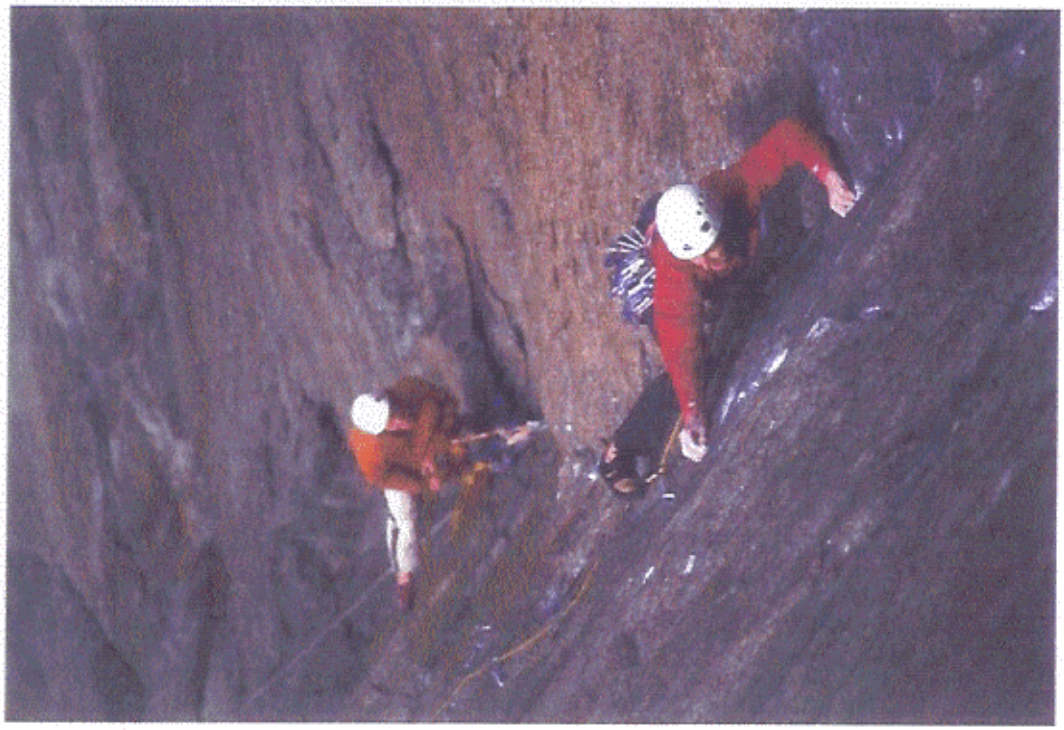
Maps & Photographs

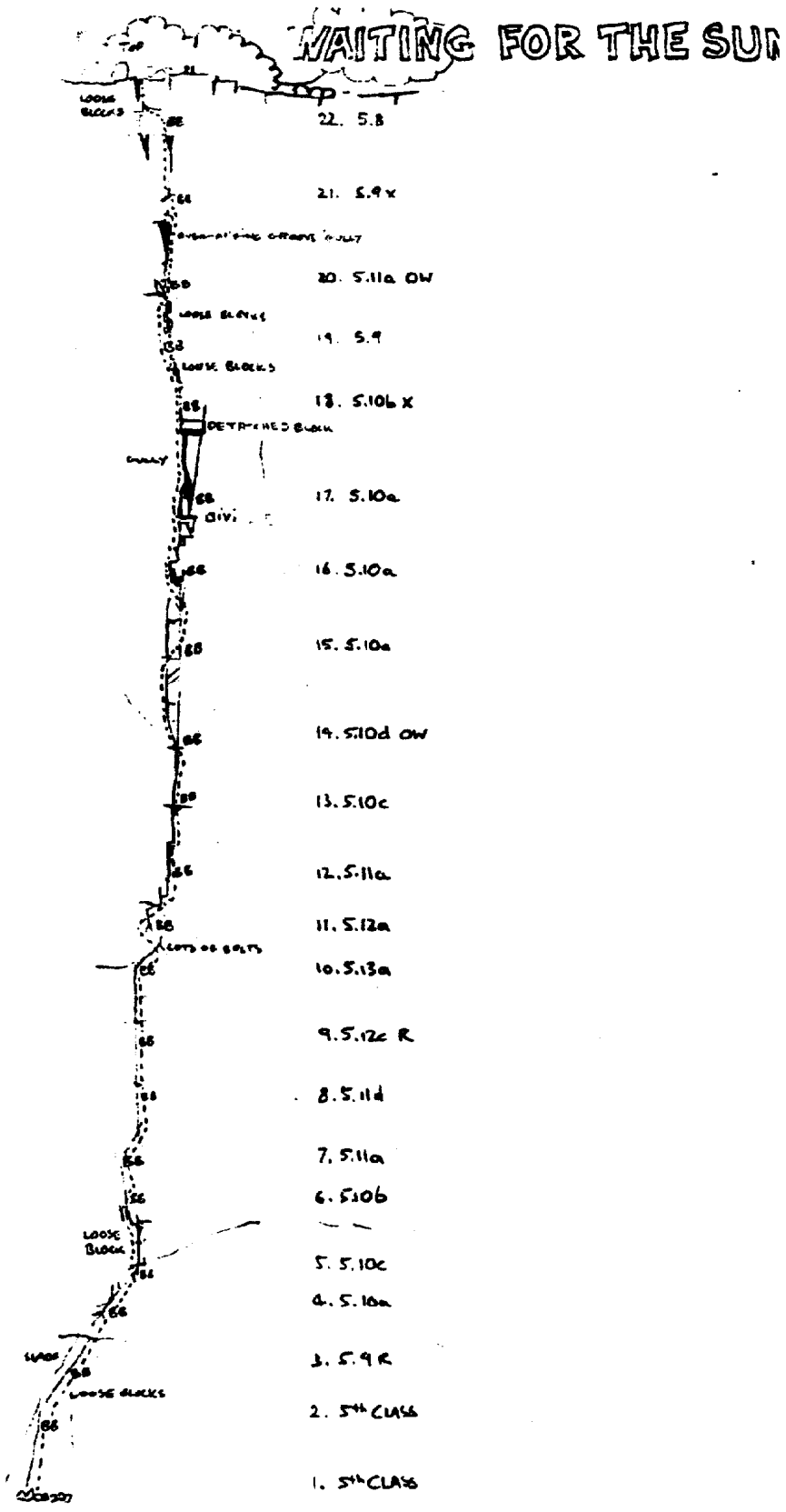
Saft Main Wall



Yellow – Twenty One
Blue – Waiting For The Sun
Red – Turning Point

Adrian Jebb – Pitch 9 – Waiting For The Sun




WAITING FOR THE SUN
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19. 5.9
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17. 5.10a
16. 5.10a
15. 5.10a
14. 5.10d OW
13. 5.10c
12. 5.11a
11. 5.12a
10. 5.13a
9. 5.12c R
8. 5.11d
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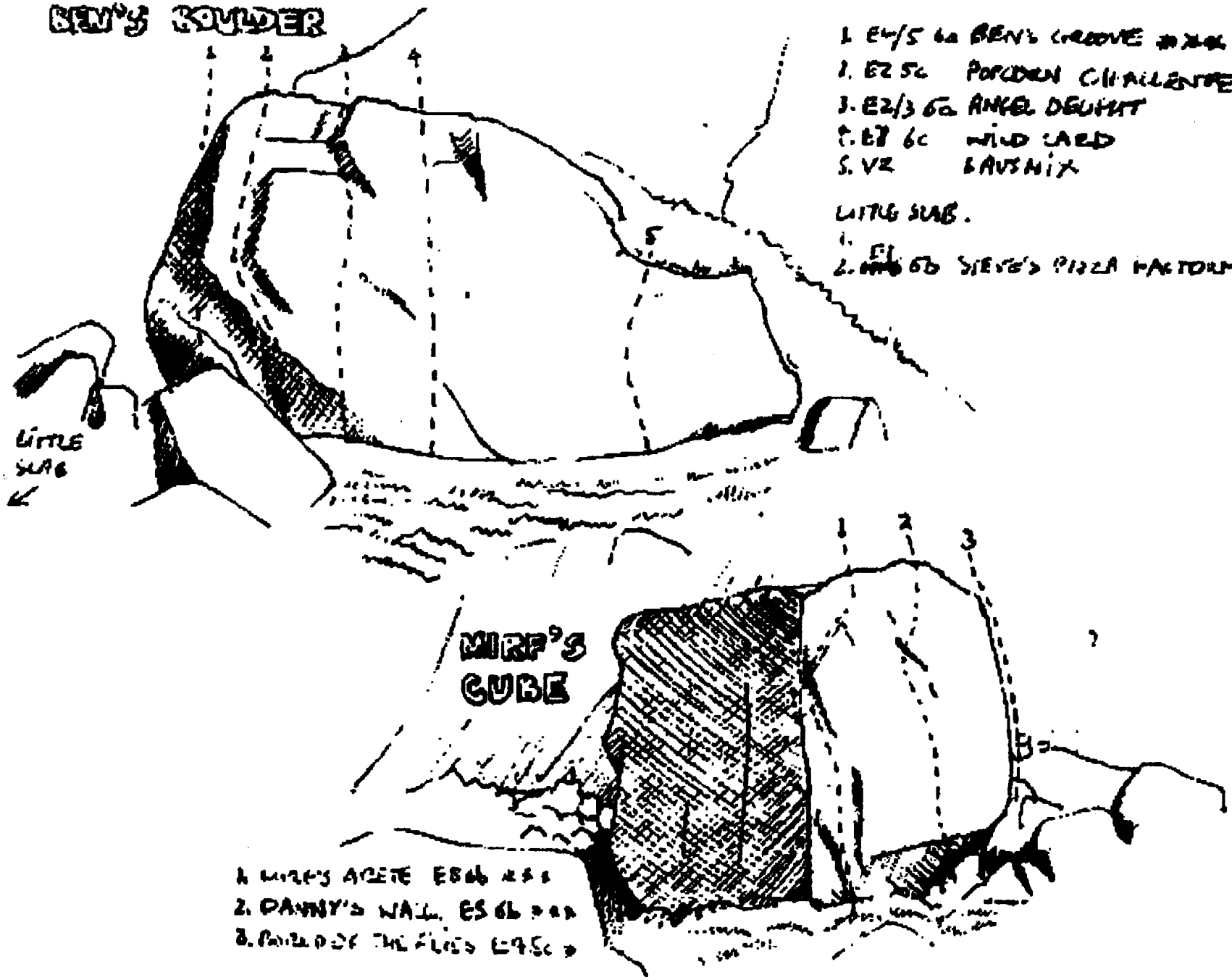
BEN'S BOULDER
1 E4/5 6a BEN'S GROOVE
1. E2 5c POPCORN CHALLENGE
3. E2/3 6a ANGEL DELIGHT
4. E2 6c WIND CAVE
5. VS BANANA
LITTLE SLAB.
1.
2. 6b STEVE'S PIZZA FACTORY.
LITTLE SLAB
MIKE'S CUBE
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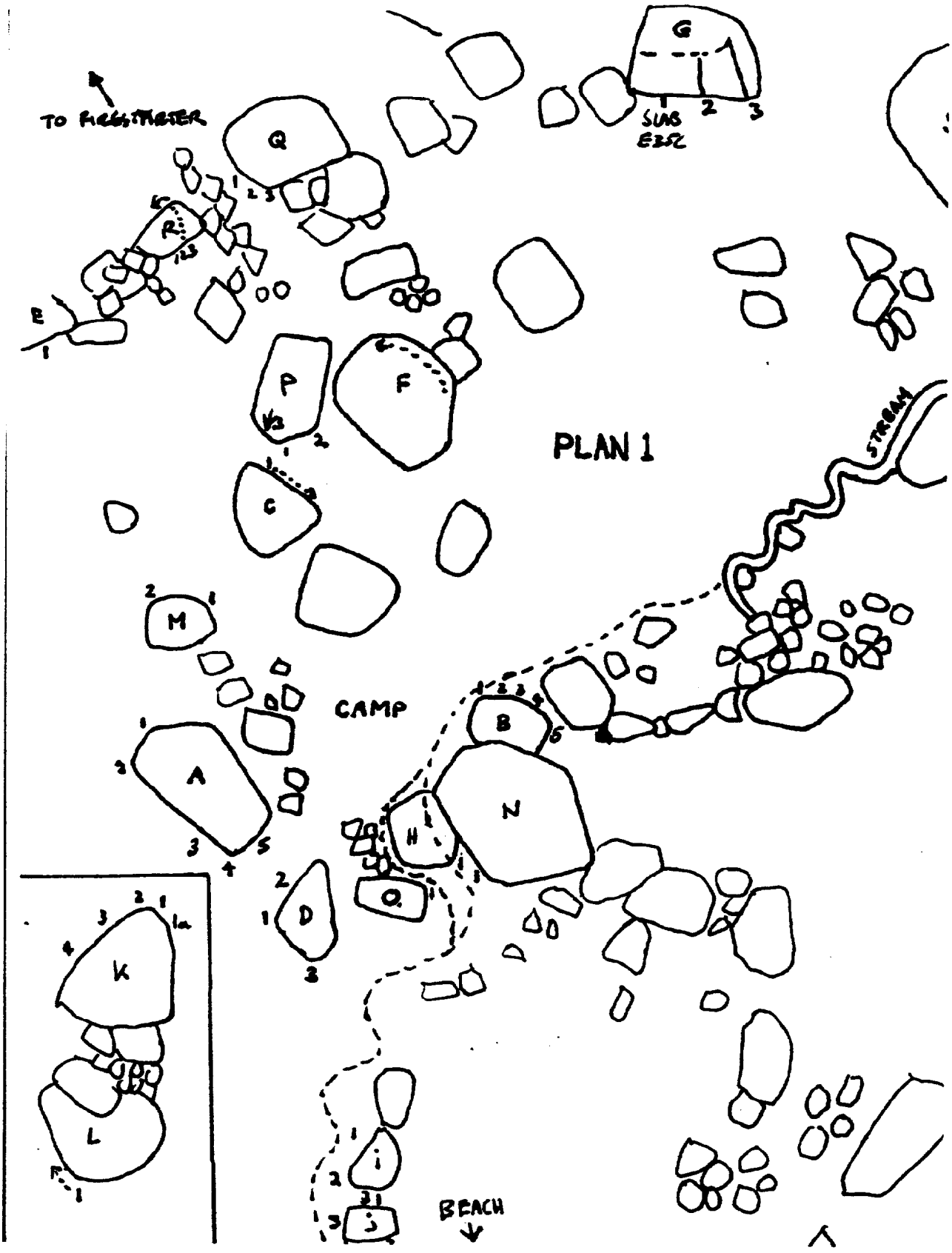
1. MIKE'S ARETE E5 6b
2. DANNY'S WALL E5 6b
3. PARADOX THE FLUTE E4 5c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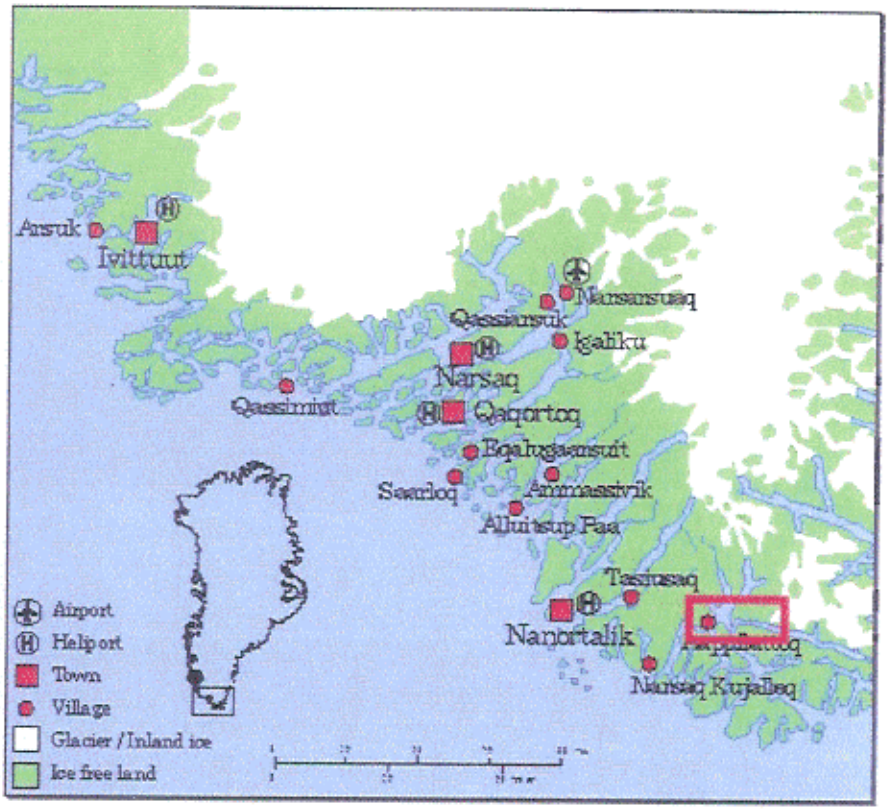
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