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Preparation

1 Research

South America it is then, the group of five agreed that that was the place for 2006. Now all we had to do was decide where and to find an interesting and 'unexplored' area. That was really difficult. Since 1993 I have been off, in general, every two years and never to the same place. I am beginning to see the value of returning, one knows the area and what there is there. The research has been done by the previous visit rather than hours, days even, of trawling through reports and internet searches.

There were three areas that were thought to be of possible interest, Eastern Blanca, Huayhuash and somewhere that Ken had spotted. I concentrated on the Blanca and Huayhuash. The Huayhuash won out in the end as all I had to present to the group at the decision time was a picture of 'somewhere' in the Eastern Blanca a map from an old guide book and some comments from Al Powell when we visited him in Otley. However I was still interested and was delighted when Tony Barton eventually e-mailed me with some photos of a possible area.

I was then hooked on the idea and hatched a plan to combine the Huayhuash trip with an Eastern Blanca on before it!



My only picture of the Easter Blanca. Somewhere!

2 Agents

It is always a difficult thing to choose from afar an agent that will assist and not rip you off, or just ruin ones expedition by being ineffective and disorganised, to some extent it is always a bit of pot luck. Reading an account of previous trips helps and there were a couple on the internet that had used Cima Logistics and recommended them for others. Contacting Brad Johnson I liked the sound of their operation.

Hi Paul,

At La Cima Logistics I am in partnership with Chris Benway an American in Huaraz. I work as the marketing guy, answering questions, making suggestions and giving advice for people like yourself. Chris does the 'on the ground' organisation.

We help climbers and trekkers who want to have all or part of the logistics arranged for their trip, thus helping you avoid the loss of any time in Huaraz making arrangements and organizing food etc... This is especially important for trips to the Huayhuash because not only is it time consuming to arrange for burros but transportation from Huaraz to the Huayhuash needs to be arrange for in advance as well.

Our charges (for a group up to 4 people) a flat fee of \$250.00 for all our services. For larger groups of 5 people and above, we normally charges a per-person fee of \$100, unless it is a big group splitting into smaller groups all going in different directions.

Our services can include arranging for airport transfers in Lima and hotels in Lima and Huaraz, (we have some very good clean, inexpensive places we can recommend), bus tickets from Lima to Huaraz, we will meet you at the bus station in Huaraz and transfer you to the hotel, we will get all the food organized for you based on the length of your trip and how many people you have and your type of diet (climbing food you should organize). We will arrange for all transportation to and from the mountains, we will organize all the arrieros and burros needed. In addition we are familiar with the current fees now being charged in certain valleys in both the Cordillera Blanca and

Huayhuash mountains. Things like this are constantly changing from year to year and is rather frustrating as the local communities in the Huayhuash are starting to charge gringos for camping and grazing their burros and even charging to “pass through” communities. Since the Huayhuash is not a national park yet the communities are making their own rules.

Because there are now so many little shops offering trekking services it has become common for these “agencies” making arrangements, to either charge more than the daily rate for say, a cook or porter, and then keep the difference or get a kickback from the arrieros/porters/guides they contract. Being the customer you never really know what you are paying for. We prefer to charge this flat fee for our logistical services and any rental fees for our kitchens, tents, and other gear is extra. This way our cooks, porters, arrieros and guides get paid what they deserve and are not cheated.

Our accounting to you for the services we contract is available for you to examine, and our contracted staff are the best available. In addition most all these agencies in Huaraz are not organized enough to provide reliable services beyond the city limits of Huaraz in terms of Lima airport transfers, bus tickets and hotel reservations.

Not only do we specialize in the Cordillera Blanca but we have developed a great staff of cooks and arrieros who live in the Huayhuash region. These guys have been working with all of our Huayhuash groups for a number of years now. They are very hard workers, very reliable and know the region like the backs of their hands.

As far as transportation goes I would NOT recommend using public transportation as it will be slow and not on your time schedule. Having your own vehicle you will get to the trailhead faster allowing you to possibly start walking the same day and second, given the amount of equipment you will have you will be better off with your own vehicle than traveling with the local busses. We would be happy to arrange private transport for you and your crew (leave when you want from your hotel, pick you up when you want to return).

Burro drivers (arrieros), burros or horses need to be arranged in advance. These arrieros are good guys and they will jump in and help with anything from setting up tents to washing dishes and helping the cook. You must provide food and shelter for them, which is not a big deal as the cook will purchase enough food for the arrieros going with you and usually the arrieros sleep in the dining tent or kitchen tent.

We have some great cooks who work for us throughout the season, they will organize all the food and kitchen supplies for you in Huaraz and get it all boxed up in burro loads prior to departure. The cook can act as camp guard as he won't usually be going past a moraine camp. Cooks can use MSR type stoves (ours or yours) however we recommend a larger propane-type stove for trekking and base camps. We have bigger kitchen and dining tents available, stoves, propane tanks, pressure cookers, table and chairs, but all of these items have their associated rental cost (not too expensive).

One thing for you to decide is how much gear you want to bring as opposed to renting from us. We are cool with mixing and matching a plan to meet your needs.

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Hi Paul,
In response to some of your questions...

2- La Cima Logistics can easily arrange for airport transfers for you in Lima, we would have someone meet you and transfer you to a hotel in Lima, we can organize the bus tickets to Huaraz and organize a hotel in Huaraz for you all to stay in.

3- We can definitely arrange for private transportation from Huaraz to the trail head in the Huayhuash or the Cordillera Blanca.

5- We can rent you base camp tents and a kitchen tent, I need to check with my partner Chris Benway on the prices of these items for this year. A full kitchen will rent for \$20/day, I believe.

6- We can arrange arrieros and burros for you. Plan on \$10/day for the arriero and \$5/day for a burro.

To proceed from here... We would be glad to make any and all arrangements that you need, but before we start doing so and before we are able to give you a cost of all services you would require, we need to have a commitment on your part. This means that we would ask that you transfer \$100 per person into our account to show that you are serious about having La Cima Logistics handle everything for you.

Once this happens then you need to provide us with your complete itinerary and all the services you would need each day. Then we will spend the time to list all of the services and price everything out. Again these prices are the actual cost for a cook, arriero, transportation, hotel, bus ticket etc. We do not pad an costs. We make our money from the initial \$100/person fee we charge for 5 people or more.

Here is the information to pay us the \$100/person into Chris Benway's Wells Fargo account.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N. A.

Checking Account

account number: 2020028843

routing number: 121000248

attention: Christopher Benway

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Later I was in contact with Chris Benway and also asked his about the Eastern Blanca area around the village of Pompey.

Paul - I am not personally experienced in that eastern area you mention, but I know some very good local mountain guides who are. I am fairly certain they would have photos. DO you have any specific routes in mind - and if you want to keep that info discreet, maybe general mountains from the eastern aspect? I might be able to scrounge up some photos for you after the holidays.

The lack of information has more to do with the tendency of climbers through the years going where the going is easy - where there is information and transportation is routine...etc.. Combined with the language and cultural challenges, and the abundance of routes close to Huaraz - people don't do a lot of new around here. There is a lot of stuff to do, especially on the east side. My long winded way of saying that I don't think it's a (lack of) snow or rock quality issue.

Chris

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Paul,

I have had a bit of a challenge trying to locate and confirm an arriero and burros for your Pompey adventure. There are not dedicated mountain workers there like there are on the west side of the CB, as you might guess.

Yesterday afternoon, I was able to meet with a guide from Chacas who told me that he was going to arrange through his brother (in Chacas) and let me know on Sunday. I feel good about where the status is now. When you get off the bus (in Pompey) there will be someone to meet you, the arriero with three burros, and you guys might actually be able to make it into BC that day.

When you get to the airport, and through immigration and customs, there will be a guy (among the many) with a sign

with your name on it. This person is from the Hotel Espana, and they will take you there, where you will have a single room (which is actually a double, but billed for single occupancy) with attached bath.

It is important to remember that there are two charges in Lima that you will have to pay yourself...well, three, really. The airport p/u and transfer to España, which is \$9 (usd) and the room, which is about \$13 or \$14 (because it is a single) and in the morning, a taxi to the bus station, which should be about \$3 to \$3.50

It is ok and a good idea to change maybe 40 or 50 dollars in the kiosk in the airport baggage claim area, as they give a pretty good rate.

Your bus ticket will be paid for by me, and available for you to pick up at the bus station when you show your passport at the ticket counter. It would be a good idea to leave the España by 8:15am, asking the desk-person to get a taxi for you, and be sure to go to the JAVIER PRADO Cruz del Sur station in San Isidro.

Then, we will see you in Huaraz.

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(from Lima) 043 991 4063 ~ 1 sol per minute

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The Plan

July 13th, 2006 12:50 arr.

July 14th Huaraz

July 15th Huaraz - Pompey

July 16th Pompey Mountains

July 17th Pompey Mountains

July 18th Pompey Mountains

July 19th Pompey Mountains

July 20th Pompey Mountains

July 21st Pompey Mountains

July 22nd Pompey - Mountains/pack up

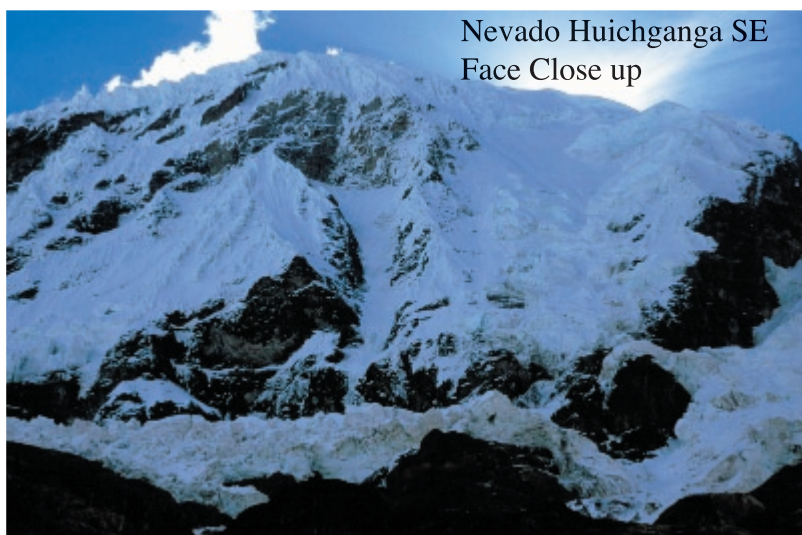
July 23rd BC Pompey - Huaraz

July 24th Huaraz - meet up with Huayhuash Hikers Group.

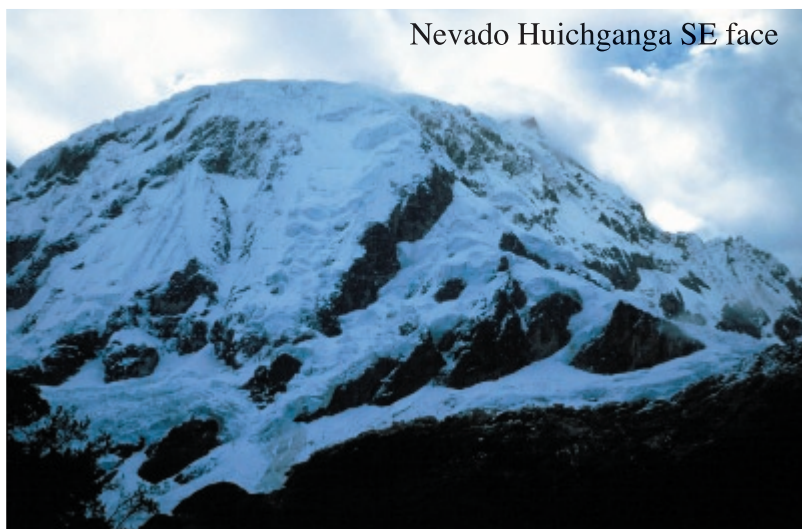
Eastern Blanca Reconnaissance Trip

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The original idea for this trip was a two man trip to explore an area that seemed both interesting and unexplored. During the preparation for the trip my partner had to pull out quite late in the proceedings. Fortuitously just at that time I had the chance to change the flight as the original one had been moved by the operator. This meant that a more suitable time allocation could be given to this now reconnaissance trip.



Nevado Huichganga SE Face Close up



Nevado Huichganga SE face



Nevado Huichganga E Face

Upon my return informing the MEF and BMC of my failure to mount the proper trip as applied for in the grant process, the MEF allowed me to keep a proportion of the grant and the BMC required theirs returning in full.

This report is really about the photographs of the area and their use to anyone wishing to visit the area with at least one partner. The potential here looks good and there were quite a few lines of adventure that might be followed.

Research for this area was difficult but intriguing as there was not much information at all the most came after a bit of a wait from Tony Barton. He sent some details and photos which showed a nice peak in this far flung area of the range. They arrived too late for the group to consider as by then the Huayhuash group had been chosen.

Access is by way of the Quebrada Huichganga. Follow the stream bed at the top right hand side of the Quebrada Huichganga. This stream bed leads to a small laguna just below the SE face of Huichganga, from here access to both this side and the E side of the mountain is easy.

This Info and pictures from **Tony Barton.**

Story:- Starting

Ken had been kind enough to get me to Leeds station and the train ride went smoothly. The flight from Manchester got off to a good start with reports about fuel bottles and stove confiscation baring no fruit. The scans showed no alarming shapes or concerns to the officers there..

The plane trip went convivially with a conversation about a new design of pump to extract oil from well below the sea with little pressure left in them; a sort of twin Archimedes screw apparently. He was off to Canada to monitor some trials.

Toronto airport is a straggling affair with buses needed to take passengers from one terminal to another, and a charge to use the trolleys there! Try Ullam Bator, Isamabad, Lima, LaPaz, the trolleys are free to use! The baggage reclaim was large so I waited to receive the two bags left for safekeeping and transportation at Manchester I waited for a long time and when nearly everyone else had gone and the carousel had been turned off I went off to report the missing items.

That done and the unused trolley in tow I went off to find what happened next. Well you return the trolley to the right place and from the \$2 Canadian it cost you get 25cents returned. Wow!

At the next terminal the flight boarding which was to be at 16.55 now said 17.25. I sat and waited knowing that I had plastic boots on my feet and some mountain food in one of the two carry one bags with some bits and pieces in the other, a Rab waterproof jacket and that was all. Boarding went well and only when the pilots decided that the balance of the plane needed changing and stuff needed to be moved from one hold to another did the trouble start.

The upshot was that the hold could not be closed again securely so the engineers had to be called to fix it. This went on and on..... At Lima instead of getting out of the airport at 12.50 I was emerging into the main concourse at 4.30am.

It must be that I do need to have help in these situations as I always lose the plot when travelling on my own. This time it was that I did not spot the person who might have been meeting me at the airport from the Hotel Espania that Chris had chosen for the overnight stop in Lima. It was a good hotel too as I saw when I stopped off with the others for a few hours on our return journey from the Huayhuash bit of the trip.

Anyway spending the night in the airport was no big deal except that I lost the 'jungle' hat which had started its career in 1993 on the Shimshal trip.

Story:- Travel in Peru

At about 6.30 I decided to move on and got a taxi to the Bus station, Cruz del Sur. It was 7.15 by the time I reached there and paid the \$15 fare. I phoned Chris (043 991 4063) at around 8am to clarify that I was due in Huaraz. Lima was in a grey and overcast mood as I waited in the Cafe, for the bus to arrive.

There seemed to be a lot of Germans on the bus and a group from the World Challenge set up. During the 8 hour journey I chatted to their leader sitting next to me. The journey up to Huaraz started off with a long long road running at the side of the ocean. Dunes of sand and abandoned fish drying areas came and went in the sea frets. Eventually we left that road for a valley road that soon began to climb into the hills. Like the last time there was a game of Bingo which I did not will being far too slow with the Spanish numbers and a Karioke session.

At 5pm the bus pulled into the Huaraz bus station, well one of them, and I was immediately met by a young lady. It was no problem getting to that hotel as all I had was the hand baggage. I met Chris Benway and he showed me to my room at Family Meza Lodging which was behind Cafe Andino, Lucar Y Torre 530. By 7pm I felt like it was midnight, after a meal of salad, a wrap and LOTS of tea (37sol) at Chris's coffee shop and restaurant I went out for a walk on the busy main street used up some of the evening, it was the Chamonix of Peru it seemed.

Story:- Huaraz

The main street is lined with Adventure organisations, clean and bright pharmacies, clothing and drink places. There were lots of people around and in the park at the top of the street more people sat around chatting their evening away.

I slept well but woke early. I do need to get help with this time difference thing! There were horns tooting all the time as at every street intersection they are required to indicate their presence... The altitude, dehydration and tiredness combined to give me a slight feeling of muzziness in the head so I took half an aspirin. I started to sort out what I had arrived with and what I could take to Pompey.

The early morning of the 14th July moved into the normal day and I went off to Chris Benway's house to see if he could help with the bag situation. There were two other people in the same situation Tony and L..., Their bags were somewhere in America which was closer than mine, still at Manchester.

Tony and L are heading off shortly to do an unsupported circuit of the Huayhuash massive. They are both quite fit and somewhere all their special rations and clothing for the trip lie abandoned. Chris eventually managed to make the phone call, no real news though. Back in the UK Ian spent a lot of time looking into the BMC insurance for me - he is like that. Later Chris suggested the idea of using a porter from a Catholic 'mission' school in the area, rather than using donkeys. It seems that Chris had not booked any burros for my trip, perhaps he did not know how to make contact with the people in Pompey. Earlier he had indicated that he had been in contact with a guide from near the area and was contacting a school teacher there.



The porter will probably be the only/best option now. I am not sure about carrying half the weight though, especially as it will be the first journey on foot at that height on this trip. A burrow will carry 30k a porter 20k.

The afternoon saw me exploring the area above Huaraz on the eastern side of the valley, Fields, houses went on and on so decided to call it a day before I ever reached any open hillside. I took an alternative route on the way back past the international school. I met up with Chris, Tony and L in the evening deciding to join them for a walk the following day. No news on the baggage situation. Gave Chris the go ahead for the porter Abilio and paid Chris some money to cover current costs, 600sol and \$200us.

On the 15th I again woke early and wrote up the diary sorted out some things to give Chris for safekeeping (£110, \$280, Eu20 and the passport).

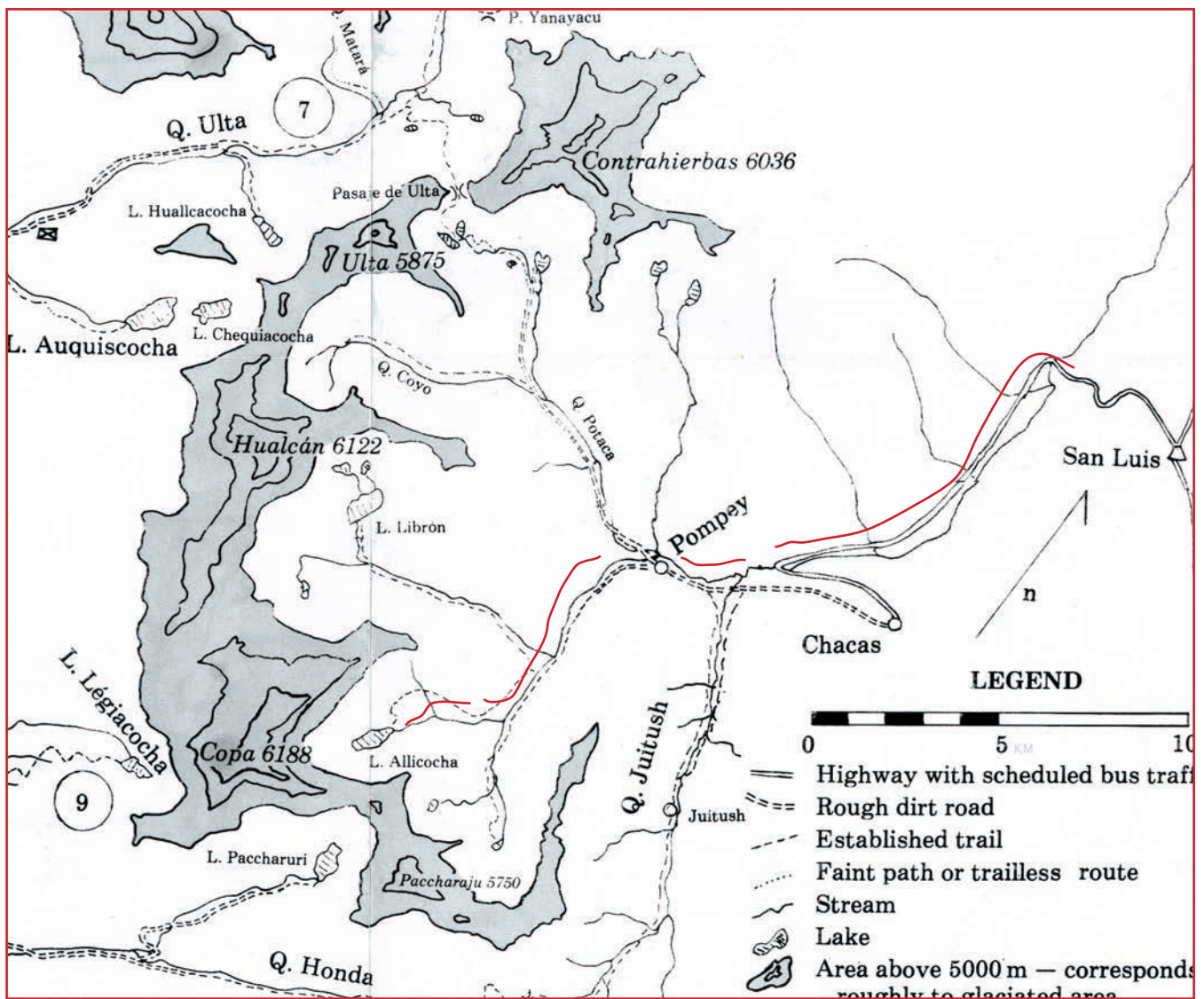
Tony, Lolli and I got a taxi to a park entrance and then set about walking up to a lake at the foot of a snowy mountain. It was a good walk with some scrambling and though the other two were always in front I did not fall too far behind, acclimatisation event anyway. It got colder as we neared the lakes as the wind came directly over a col and across the snow. We all got on well and it was really good to have some company.

The descent was a long way as we had to walk a long way down well past the drop off point on the way up. Eventually we got to a village where we thought we could get a bus for the rest of the way. We waited for some time outside a small shop when a 'local' chap decided to check about the situation. It appeared that we were in the wrong place so started a quick descent to the proper place. It was all downhill but was quite a distance. Back at the Coffee bar we all had drinks and waited to see if Chris had any news on our bags, he did not arrive so we went our separate ways.

I went off to do some shopping in preparation for the trip to the Eastern Blanca, called into the cafe but at 7pm Chris was not there. As I left however I met Chris outside on the pavement, still no bags. The report is that they were taken to the bus station in the early morning and paid for to be put onto the bus. That was not done as there was 'no room'. It appears that they might get on the bus tomorrow! It would set off at 6am so would be here the same day.

We had booked a ticket for the bus on the following day which left at 6.30 so Chris went off to see if it could be changed for the afternoon one leaving at 3pm. If that was not possible there is a bus on Monday, after that it would possibly not be worth going at all. Leaving on the Monday would give 5 days maximum if there was only one days walk in.

It was the 16th July, a Sunday. Over night I had thought about it and decided to fork out the money if necessary, I had come all this way so might as well go mad and invest the \$100 needed for personal transport. The arriving luggage probably arrived on time or even early however the official decided that we had to wait over an hour to get the pieces from him. Once he got on with it, it only took a few minutes! While Chris went off delivering Tony's bags to their hotel I started sorting things out. That took until 9am.



Story: Setting out to the East

Abilio Janampa was not contactable by phone as no one was answering the phone, well it was Sunday. Chris arrived with a taxi and driver and thus I left ready for the mountains hoping that I could collect Abilio, guide and porter, on the way. After collecting the driver's wife, after Mongolia collecting just one person seemed absolutely acceptable. We set off down the Valley to find and collect Abilio. After getting directions a couple of times we found the school and Abilio and after a very short wait set off for the mountain road and the pass to Pompey.

I have never seen such a spectacular and terrible road. The surface was unbelievable at the time just a selection of random rocks that had to be avoided, a four-wheel drive landrover would have been OK but all he had was a saloon car with a low clearance. As we made progress the driver would keep looking at the clock in the car and I began to suspect that all would not go as planned.

Since getting the information from Tony Barton I had been planning to get into his valley, but with the disintegration of the expedition I had rethought the best place to be and had decided to set up base at Allicocha. This it seemed would give me a better starting point for visiting more areas.

As we climbed we passed through a national park area and then ascended the near vertical slope towards the pass. The switchbacks meant that after an hour's progress we had gained lots of height but were actu-

ally over our starting point way below. The road continued to worsen and the driver began to swear more often. The pass was reached however and the descent begun. More clock watching gave way to occasional inspection of the underside of the vehicle. So at last the driver declared (I think) that the car was finished, well it had been making some strange sounds but that could have been a stone caught in the wheels. One of the problems here was the fact that Chris had made the deal with the taxi driver and money had already exchanged hands, thus I had no leverage over the situation.

Story: Walkin - day1

At 2pm Abilio and I unloaded the packs and expecting the driver to join us set off for the 45 minute walk to Pompey. When we were about 50 yard from the car it set off back up the pass! Later I was to discover that the taxi was just hailed off the street by Chris who did not know the driver from Adam. Not quite the organisational elements I was expecting. There was nothing else to do now but continue down to Pompey and then set off along the Valley towards the Lake. We were passed by an Adventure Tours bus but no offer of a lift! At 4.30 the day began to loose its light as we tramped along the road and soon it was decided to camp by the side of a stream. Getting the stove out I started a meal for us only to find that the stove which had NEVER give any trouble ever before was losing pressure and leaking fuel. Thus it was just quick soup for tea- not very good at all. The air was cold now but the sky was clear with lots of stars.

Story: Walkin - day2

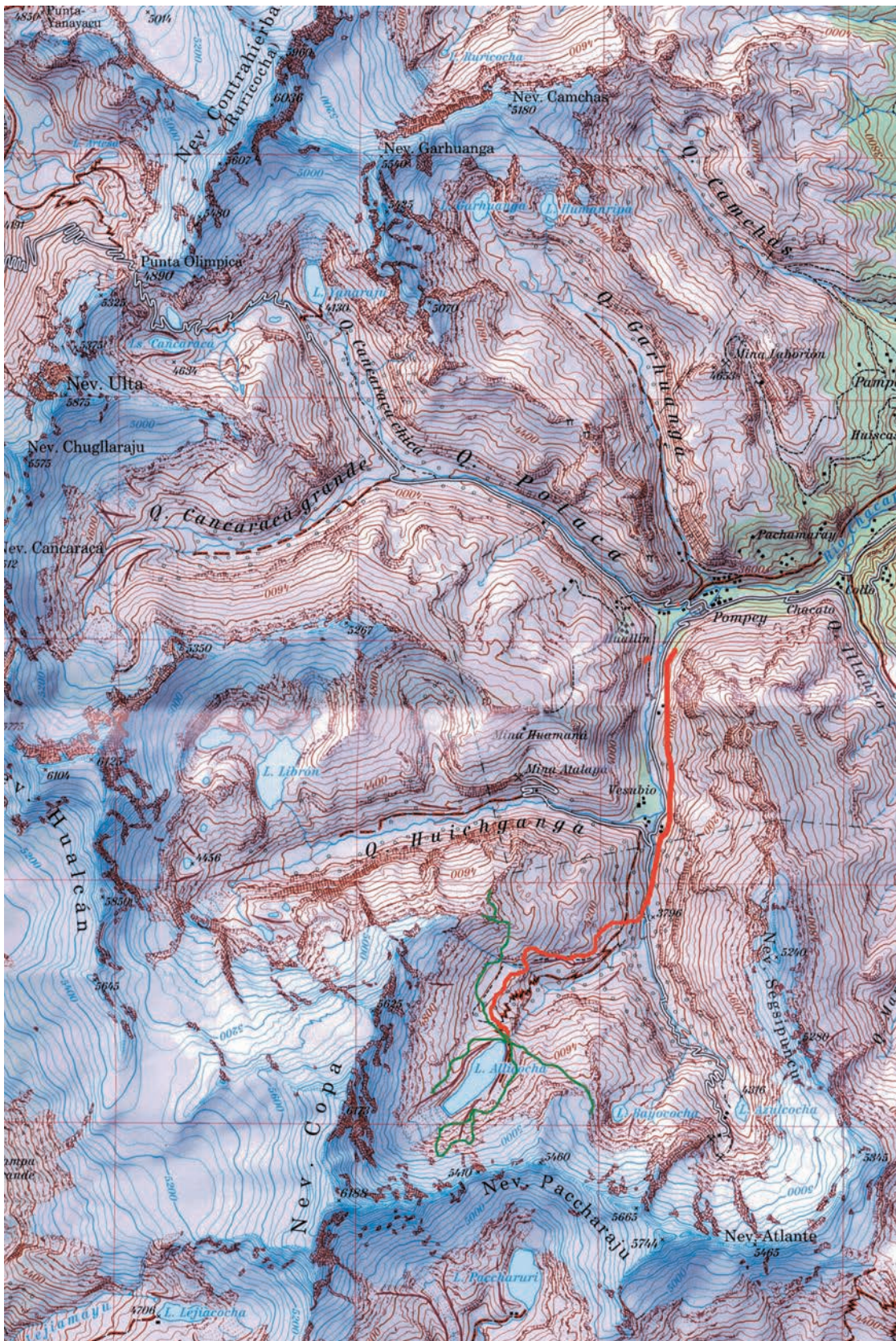
Morning saw us up at 5.30 and ready to set of reasonably early, we passed the camp of the tour group and went on up the hill. Just after passing the camp I saw the valley leading off to the Tony Barton area. This would have been too far down the valley, though I suppose I would have been just a different area to explore and a different view of the Copa ridge. Abilio chose an interesting way up, small tracks leading one to another but there was a relentless upness. Abilio had take more of the share of stuff than the division we had started out with yesterday but even so my going was slow. At several points I nearly called it a day but we continued on towards Lake Allicocha. At 1pm I was absolutely exhausted but made a last effort up the steep sides of the lakeside to its rim. Camp!

Abilio had been unsure about what to do stay or descend but his mind was made up by the fact that some of the Adventure group had also come up and were soon to descend, after a quick drink and some biscuits he descended with them. We agreed that he would return on the 22nd for a descent on the 23rd.

Mushroom Ragout for me (6/10) and an early cold night. In the night I had a headache so took 3 aspirin, it was gone in the morning.

Story:- Base Camp and exploration

On the 18th I went for a walk on the south moraine which I intended as just a short excursion but went off to its end. The mountains here were bare for some distance with the ice starting high up on the slopes. It seemed that there might be line to give access over the rock and moraine but they were not clear.



This map shows in more detail the area explored and locations of the various ridges

Returning to camp by 10am I set off again on the west side of the lake, taking photographs as I went. At 12 midday I set off down the lakes side to a ruin at the base of the path. I took photos of that as well and found the start of the path up, Abilio had gone straight up the slope yesterday! Locals!!! Near the top of the zigzag I noticed a two room building and arrived back at the tent at 2pm.

That evening using a thin plastic bag as PTFE tape the screw joint of the stove fixed the problem and after it worked wonderfully all for the rest of the time in Peru. **Notes** Cloud around all day - thickened up in afternoon in East - clouded over in evening. Sun dropped below hills at 4.30

The 19th dawned with clear skies and I was away at 6.45. Heading east towards the Nevada Paccharaju, where it swung round from running NEE to SE, I slowly made my way up the lower slopes and beneath the cliffs. Traversing below them I took an easy line to gain height and at 9.45 reached an area that would give good bivviing possibilities. There were rock hollows and pools giving protection and water here. The line of hills could be reached by an easy ascent on rock or by descent and ascent to a separate group running away east to the head of the main valley. The wind was cold here coming straight off the higher snow fields and glaciers. I photographed the hills on both sides of the valley from this viewpoint and scrambled a short way up the case rocks towards the snow. The ridged looked passable but just a bit dangerous for a lone climber so I decided not to continue.

The descent was straight forward just retracing my steps. Bumped into Humming Bird on way down. Finding my way off the lower slopes was more difficult and it took 4 tries before I found the route avoiding the cliffs.

Notes. *Two geese flew into the lake at 6pm-ish, small duck diving for food on the lake.*

On the 20th I set off to explore the opposite direction, I was away before 8am and made the lower area of the ridge by 10, about 5000m. I continued up the ridge until it narrowed to a sharp arete. I decided, again, that this was beyond the risk I should take as a lone climber with no one else around so then went off to observe the hills and valley to the north. It was around 12 mid-day that I reached the best viewpoint looking north and photographed the hills there, overlooking L Libron and the Q Huichgarga area.

The 21st was a fine cloudless day, I did chores and catching up with rest. Visited ruin area in afternoon.

Notes Tuffty duck still on lake, golden 'cormorant' like birds on rocks above lake

Some avalanches from the slopes of Copa came down at random times, day and night through my stay.

Abilio returned on time and we returned to Huaraz by bus. This was a sensible amount of money about 13 soles rather than the \$100 on the way out.

Inca Ruin?





Huaraz

Spoke to Chris Benway about the taxi hire and the journey, found out more of the story, Taxi driver was not even sure about making the trip! He had said to Chris he would go as far as he could - that was ALL! In other areas Chris Benway was good in the preparation and planning, getting the bags from the airline for example, but I think he fell down here.

Abilio on the way out to Pompey



Expenditure

I list below the expenses connected to this short 'expedition'

Air Fare	£950.00	Flight via Canada	(common to the Huayhuash Hikers Exped)
Jab	£ 47.00		
Accommodation	£ 50.00	Huaraz	
Coach Travel	£ 10.00	Lima to Huaraz	
Bus travel	£ 10.00	Return from Pompey - 2 people	
Taxi travel	£ 60.00	Huaraz to near Pompey	
Foods UK	£ 20.00	Lightweight dried foods	
Foods local	£ 30.00	Fresh and local supplies	
Porter/guide	£ 50.00	3 days hire	

The MEF continued their support despite the failure of the expedition to climb.

Report costs £

Medical

No medical issues on this trip.

Well there was stress (lost bags and taxi) but that is the way of the world

Inoculations and Jabs

Possible	Needed	OK	Decided Against
HepA	Boost		
HepB	Test		
Tetanus		Tetanus	
Yellow fever			Yellow fever
Cholera			Cholera
Diphtheria	Diphtheria		
Rabies	Rabies		
Tuberculosis			Tuberculosis
Malaria			Malaria

After visiting my Doctor I needed to find someone to get one extra jab. The Leeds clinic was full with no vacant slots, I did try one in Bradford but then found out that MASTA had opened a clinic in Yeadon. I phoned them and went the same day. Very good service, -www.masta.org.

Weather

July

13th~ Fine day in both Lima (misty early on and some mist along coastal road) and Huaraz

14th~ Fine day in Huaraz, cloudy on eastern side of the Blanca hills

15th~ Fine day clear skies all round, cold wind when in the hills

16th~ Fine day clear skies all round

17th~ Fine day peaks clear

18th~ All clear in the morning, then a cloud buildup from 8am, by 9.30 all peaks covered in cloud. Stayed cloudy all day, thickened up around 3 in the west but later cloud broke up with cloud only on highest peaks

19th~ Really fine no cloud at all, cold wind from north on the hills

20th~ Really fine no cloud at all, haze in sky around 1pm but cleared later

21st~ Really fine no cloud at all, haze in sky around 1pm but cleared later

22nd~ Really fine no cloud at all, haze in sky around 1pm but cleared later

23rd~ Really fine no cloud at all

24th~ Broken cloud around Huaraz and on the hills

25th~ Broken cloud around Huaraz and on the hills

Research

Internet

Trails of the Cordilleras Blanca and Huayhuash of Peru	Jim Bartle	1980
Jeremy Frimer	<jeremyfrimer@hotmail.com>	
Yuraq Janka Cordilleras Blanca and Rosco	John F Ricker	1981
Guide to the Worlds Mountains	Michael R Kelsey	1990
MEF Reports in the Sheffield Library		
BMC		

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Organisation who assisted me in this venture and in the Huayhuash venture after this had finished, Friendly and helpful - some reservations - see text, Straight forward accounting at end of the trip, all charges identified, thus any anomalies soon sorted out,

Family Meza Lodging

Cafe Andino, Lucar y Torre 530, Corner of Jiron de la Mar & Jiron u Torre
Tel home office 421884 or Cafe Andino 42120

Excellent for all climbers and other travellers, Safe area through locked outer gate (own key to outside gate and room) Communal kitchen area, drying roof, TV. Clean, attractive rooms. Sheets changed on a regular basis. NB. streets around can be noisy at times.

Abilio Janampa

Porter/Guide

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via <andesbosco@hotmail.com> organisation <http://www.rifugi-omg.org/>

Excellent person who assisted me in this small expedition. Small amount of English.

Bus service

Cruz Del Sur, Av Javier Prado 1109 San Isidro. Good straight forward service. Good value.

Airline

Canadian airlines, food ok all vegetarian meals were there,
Flights delayed from Manchester to Canada and from Canada to
Peru. Baggage left behind in Manchester, retrieval could have
been more efficient. Overall perhaps best to try and avoid

inside Cafe Andino

