

The detackling team began to surface during the early hours of the morning. The plan of campaign for Sunday was for small teams to go in, move the gear as far as possible, then come out as the team following arrived. Melvyn and Kevin went in at 10a.m. followed by Derek and Keith Sanderson at 11.30.a.m. after a suitable interval, Mark Faulkner and Brian Woodward went down about 3.30.p.m. Terry, Tony Reynolds, Paul, and myself went down at about 7p.m. later followed by Doug Staff and Dave Pike. (John and Brian were still designing hauling systems!).

We were amazed to meet Mark and Brian as we entered the Meanders, both buried under a mountain of gear. Everyone had done a remarkable job. Mark and Brian set off out, each with a large tackle bag apiece, whilst the rest of us formed a chain as bags were hauled up the few remaining pitches. The only slight problem was the Cairn pitch where we hauled direct from the bottom through a pulley over the pitch head. The gear was left at the top of the Ruiz shaft for the morning, leaving us to scurry back to the inevitable barbecue and booze-up. The derigging had taken 36hrs. from the time that the Westminster had set out from Camp1 for the bottom.

Early next morning, Brian and John walked over to haul up the gear and ceremoniously derig the entrance pitch before starting back with the first of the return loads. By midday on the Monday, a week after the start, all the gear was back at base camp.

#### Photography.

Expedition members generated a considerable wealth of photographs. Chris Sowe and Pete Hart concentrated their effort on the Hall of the Thirteen and produced some excellent colour slides. Tony Gamble heroically lugged his camera equipment to the final sump, recording several exciting scenes en route. In addition, Ralph, Paul Holdcroft, Dave Pike, Brian Cowie, Russell Carter, Doug Staff, Mel Bratt, Terry Ball and Trevor Faulkner each took photographs between the entrance and Camp2, so that, even allowing for a few failures, a large number of good shots were obtained. A composite set of the thirty best slides was selected as a permanent club record, together with an album of about forty colour prints. The photographs in black and white in this report are as follows:

Cover	The Hall of the Thirteen.	Chris Sowe and Pete Hart.
Facing pagel.	The Hall of the thirteen.	..
..	A Small Group of Members.	Chris Sowe.
Facing pagel6.	The Final Sump.	Tony Gamble.
..	Little Monkey.	..
Facing pagel7.	Ralph on the Tyrolienne. >	..
..	Aldo's.	..

#### Expedition Statistics.

Total Participants = 62 (Including paid-up 'pirates', surface helpers, and people who paid deposits but failed to arrive.)

No. Cavers to reach the Hall of the Thirteen	= 49
No. Cavers to go below 850 metres	= 34
No. Cavers to go below 1000 metres	= 22
No. Caving Clubs represented	= 14