HANGLIP

ROUTE BOOK

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Hanglip is situated at a point along the Waterberg range where its normally West-East configuration commences its curve North. The climbs listed range left and right of the main Hanglip Peak (see map).

A characteristic of the rock in the area is that it consists of massive rough slabs, separated at intervals of 2 - 3 metres by horizontal weathered cracks. The crags range in height from 200 - 300 metres.

The climate is more favourable in winter, but water is scarce at this time. It is advisable to take water in any event.

The various buttresses described have been given prefix letters to assist in climb identification on the photographs. However no illustration is given of Zimbabwe Tower or the climbs to its East numbered I.1 to I.4 and I.7.

The main campsite at Hanglip North serves as the best all-round camp for climbs at Frugal Kop (III) and Hanglip Main Peak (IV). For Buttresses D, E, F and G campsites can be found at the foot. Various tracks do exist. At Hanglip South only the main camp should be used. At Zimbabwe Tower the farmer will point out his recommended campsite.

It is advisable to plan descents in advance. In the Hanglip North area the gullies between the Buttresses B & C and D & E are not recommended for descent after dark. The gullies between A & B, C & D and F & G are easier.

Permission to enter the area must be obtained in advance and in good time to meet the farmers' requirements regarding prior notice.

Access details are obtainable through the Mountain Club of South Africa Access Convenor, Mr. B. I. Harris, (011)726-8743 (not after 8.30 p.m.) who will secure the necessary permission.

Failure to adhere to the above arrangements could jeopardise future access to the area.

Note: There is excellent walking in the area.

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ZIMBABWE TOWER F3 **

The conical mass comprising the tower is split about two-thirds of the way up by a well-defined grassy ledge which divides the climb into two separate portions. Viewed from the East, the monotony of the horizontal slabs is seen to be broken by two vertical cracks - one towards the right on the lower section and one almost on the left ridge of the upper section. The route generally follows these cracks except for a deviation onto the left-hand face near the top of the lower crack below the grass ledge.

1. E2 21m Start on face to left of crack and proceed straight up over horizontal ledges.

2. E1 12m A short chimney leads to a grass ledge below a chockstone.

3. E2 15m Ascend chimney to a higher grass ledge. Proceed to the right of the main chimney over a face broken with horizontal cracks.

4. E3 21m Dassie traverse to the left for about 3m, then proceed upwards to a stance immediately below a series of overhangs. A traverse to the right from this point to rejoin the main crack by-passes the overhangs and a further short ascent leads to a stance on top of some prominent blocks.

5. F2 12m There is a delicate take-off to the left of a large flake. Further ascent in the main crack leads to a ledge below the final overhangs marking the last barrier to the grass ledge.

6. F3 30m Traverse to the left in an extremely exposed position then delicately ascend a face to a point immediately below the main grass ledge and about 18m horizontally to the left of the main crack. A pull-up over a small overhang completes this section.

7. E3 21m The route follows the left section of the chimney straight up for about 18m where a step across is taken to the right and the ascent continues to the right of a narrow crack where a stance is available below an overhang.

8. F3 12m A tricky take-off into the crack on the left which is then followed to a ledge above which two further cracks, about 3m apart, split a massive block. The one on the left is probably the easier of the two but is a hard pull-up.

9. E3 14m Pass through the "worm hole" leading to a block which is traversed to the right, thence up a crack. A traverse to the left, ascent of three short recesses, a further short traverse back to the right and a climb to the top of a huge chockstone brings the climber to a point immediately above the last belay.

10. E1 21m An easy traverse to the left extends to the outer ridge of the tower. Here the route proceeds up a crack about 5m in height lying back from the outer buttress and leads to a stance on a block from which the summit section is visible.

11. E3 18m Traverse to the right to the final column of rock, where a pull-up leads to a ledge passing round to the right in a very exposed position from which the grass ledge is visible vertically beneath. This traverse lands the climber on a grass ledge below a crack from which an adequate belay can be given.

12. D 30m The final pitch is virtually a scramble to the summit taking a route tending to the right.

First ascent: 26.12.37. R. Barry and H. Barker

EASY ROUTE UP ZIMBABWE E2

1. D 18m Commence on grey face 90m to right of frontal climb. Vertical 4m, horizontal 10m to chimney, vertical 4m.

2. E2 9m Traverse 90m right around corner into deep chimney. Up chimney under chockstone.

3. D 33m Proceed vertically up 24m over loose stone and grass. Enter crack on right-hand face facing South, finishing on nose with large boulder, 9m.

4. D 20m Up slightly overhung face then right under pronounced overhang.

5. D 11m Climb up to boulder then right and up vertical sandstone with good handholds.

Proceed up gully to neck between Zimbabwe and the main escarpment.

Opening party unknown.

DIE TIK E2

Approximately 1.5 km North of Zimbabwe buttress there is a long diagonal cleft (gully). The climb starts about 350m to the right of this diagonal cleft (gully), beneath the dome.

1. D 17m Left of red corner with pronounced overhang in crack, climb under and behind chockstone.

2. E2 15m Straddle up corner.

3. E2 20m Follow crack to left of cone-shaped grey face.

4. D 21m Traverse 33m to left on grass. Commence vertically under overhang, go right 2m and then up over corner.

5. D 18m Up chimney under chockstone.

6. Easy scramble up long gully. Finish at back of arete.

   Route down: Proceed into main gully and down as far as waterfall over rockbands. Continue around left (facing mountain).

First ascent: 28 May 1949 - T. Scholes, J. Knox, R. Forsyth and G. Burrow.

CONSOLATION F3,A2 **

1km east of the Zimbabwe climb one can see a very prominent V-shaped rock formation, centered by a huge dome. Running up the right-hand flank of the "V" one can see a number of open book shaped cracks. Counting the very first small open book, the climb starts to the right at the bottom of the seventh, the last open book shaped crack. Viewed from close range, one can see a black streak running down the right-hand side of the open book.

1. F2 20m 15m up open book and traverse 3m left and up to tree belay.

2. F1 25m Start face to left of crack. Climb to good ledge under yellow overhangs (two mantleshelfs). Dassie crawl right along ledge for 4m. Ascend crack 3m. Ledge and piton belay.

3. F2 40m Climb chimney and step out left to ledge. Ascend corner directly above and follow crack to just under grass ledge, make delicate right-hand traverse and up to tree belay.

4. F1 35m Climb up centre of grey face to piton and flake belay under overhangs.

5. F3,A2 20m Walk 8m to right and ascend short chimney to upper overhangs. Move through overhangs (A2) (one piton left in place). Follow crack to tree belay.

6. E3 30m Walk right along ledge past yellow boulder to crack and ascend crack to ledge and belay.

7. E3 25m Climb crack and chimney to neck.

8. E3 25m Ascend centre of face 20m and scramble to top.

First ascent: 25.5.74. J. Linke and E. Druschke

COMBI F3 * I.5

1. F2 20m Scramble up bushy ramp. Start in left corner. 2m up step to the right. Climb to ledge. Continue up open book until it is possible to move out to the left.

2. F2 40m Climb face above to roof. Traverse right and up to ledge.

3. Walk 40m left below huge roof.

E3 45m Climb diagonally right across face.

4. Scramble 50m up and right into original recess line.

F3 40m Climb recess. Place chock high up, climb down 2m and traverse right. Ascend face to ledge. Chimney to top.

5. Walk 50m left.

6 & 7. E3 90m Climb diagonally right to top.

First ascent: 23.5.81. E.Müller and H.Seuring.

INNOMINATA F2 ** I.6

1. F2 40m Climb crack via tree to large ledge.

2. E3 8m Walk across to rock face. Climb to top of small rock pinnacle.

3. F2 25m Step across to main face and traverse left for 2m to below overhanging crack. Pull-up into crack and ascend face to tree belay.

4. Traverse and walk right for about 30m past 2 large open books to corner.

F1 25m Climb corner and face to block stance.

5. F1 25m Climb diagonally right to top.

Names of party responsible for first ascent of first pitch unknown.

Second full ascent: 23.5.81. R.& E.Druschke and H.Zangerl

R.A.C. F1 * I.7

To the left of Afternoon Ascension one can see a big black face high up. 80m to the left of that a red pillar is clearly visible. The climb starts in the corner directly below the right hand side of the pillar.

1. F1 40m Climb vegetated recess to ledge. Climb face with two prominent knobs behind tree. Follow recess above to big ledge.

2. F1 30m Climb chimney via chockstone to top.

First ascent: 6.4.47. T.Bright and J.de V.Graaff.

The route generally follows the shallow recess about 30m to the left of the prominent chimney of Afternoon Ascension. At the base is a steep corner that peters out before reaching the shallow recess above. About 15m to the right is another corner extending from the left of a small overhang about 3m up to a larger overhang about 12m up. Start below this corner.

1. F3,A1 26m Mantleshelf up the face to a small ledge below the corner, then climb the corner to the upper overhang via mixed aid and free climbing. Move to the left under the overhang to a ledge and then traverse to the left around a bulge to a ledge at the base of a recess.

2. G1 40m Climb 6m diagonally to the left up a face, then traverse to the right into a corner behind a huge flake. Climb 7m to a ledge at the top of the flake, then traverse to the left to the arete. Move up a thin face to a small sloping ledge, then move to the left around the arete and into a corner. Climb the corner for about 18m to a small ledge at the top of a pinnacle.

3. F3 30m Continue 12m up the corner to a small ledge on the left-hand face. Continue up the face to another ledge, then traverse to the left until the large ledge can be easily gained.

4. F2 25m Climb the continuation of the recess to a large ledge.

5. G1,A1 32m From the left-hand end of the large ledge, descend to a small ledge and traverse to the left to the base of a bulging crack. Climb the crack, using two nuts for aid in the lower portion, to easier rock above the overhang. Continue to the top.

First ascent : 25.5.74. P. Fatti and A. McGarr

AFTERNOON ASCENSION F2 * II. 9

Start 40m right of chimney. Scramble up to ledge.

1. D 15m Traverse left to foot of chimney.

2. E 30m Climb chimney to top of large chockstone.

3. F1 25m Traverse left around corner. Ascend recess to platform below chimney.

4. F2 25m Ascend chimney to chockstone.

5. F2 25m Climb diagonally across right face towards tree. Traverse 5m below tree to right hand side of ledge. Mantelshelf up to ledge. Tree belay.

6. E3 30m Start in groove 2m left of tree and climb straight up to big overhangs. Traverse out right to corner stance.

7. D 30m Scramble via grass ledges to top.

First ascent: 30.5.46. T. Bright, D. Charlton, P. Petoussis and G. Thorpe.

ROSEMARY'S BABY G1 ** II. 10

The route goes up the prominent crack-line 50m to the right of Afternoon Ascension on the Eastern Buttress above the camp site.

Scramble up to a ledge and tree belay at the foot of the crack.

1. G1 36m Climb the crack (difficult to start) and then continue diagonally up to the left for 13m on broken rock before moving diagonally back to the right into the crack about 5m below a small tree. Climb the crack with difficulty past two small trees, to a stance on a small ledge with a good tree belay.

2. F2 13m Traverse to the right around the corner for 7m to a large ledge, and then climb up steeply to another large ledge with a small tree belay.

3. F2 11m Climb diagonally back up to the left to a stance in the main crack. (Nut belay).

4. G1 16m Climb steeply up the crack for 8m before traversing to the right with difficulty, using a small finger-rail, to a foothold around the corner. Mantleshelf with difficulty onto a small ledge and continue up via two further hard moves to a ledge with a bong belay 3m below a prominent overhang in the main crack.

5. F3 30m Climb up to the overhang and continue strenuously past it on the left. Continue up the steep crack to a small ledge with nut belays about 5m below a large section of red rock.

6. F2 48m Descend 1m from the stance and traverse delicately to the left for 7m into a corner. Traverse further to the left along a grassy ledge and then climb up, bearing slightly left to a grassy stance with a tree belay.

7. C/D 10m Scramble up to the top.

First ascent: May 1971. P. Fatti and L. Mallen

FREAK OUT G3 ** II. 11

Start 15m left of Naked Orange.

1. G3 30m Climb the steep crack (mostly G2 and G3). When the holds run out, make a hard traverse (G3) left and up on small knobs. Move back into the crack and up onto a stance about 5m below the roof.

2. G2 30m Traverse right on small holds to a recess which yields some protection. Continue railing to the end of the roof. Move up on the right to an easy traverse line back left. Where this ends (directly above previous stance) drop down and rail into the flared open book on the left. Climb this with difficulty and then onto the face above and through rightwards to a large flake. Climb this to a stance on the left.

3. F3 30m Climb the recess on the left to a grassy ledge where a scramble to the right leads to easy ground and convenient abseil trees.

First ascent: Nov. 1979. C. Lomax and D. Cheesmond.

NAKED ORANGE F3, A2 ** II. 12

The route follows a line 130m right of Afternoon Ascension and 15m left of a huge boulder.

1. F2+ 30m Start at the base of a crack and corner and climb straight up the crack. Climb up as high as possible, then traverse to the left onto the face. Move up and traverse to the right to an obvious ledge.

2. F3,A2 45m Climb diagonally upward, passing over a small overhang, for 20m until stopped by an overhanging rock. Traverse to the right underdeath this rock to a recess and an overhanging crack.

Climb the crack (A2) to easier rock and a small stance. It may be advisable to divide this pitch into two to reduce rope-drag.

3. F1 40m Traverse right, move up to ledge, then traverse left and climb through overhanging rock bearing slightly left, to a large ledge below a grey open book recess.

4. F2 20m Climb the open book recess to a grass ledge, then traverse right to a tree belay.

5. E2 40m Climb up through easy rock bands, bearing slightly left, to reach the top. Walk off left along a large grass ledge.

First ascent: 19.12.73. E. Druschke and C. Ward

VARIATION: by D. Cheesmond and C. Lomax

From top of first pitch climb diagonally left into shallow groove and follow same to top (G2).

AFRICAN BEE F2

II 13

From the start of Naked Orange, walk along the rock face to the right until a ledge is reached. Continue along the ledge (about 150m) to a 4m open book with a beacon at the start. This is about 50m to the left of C cad.

1. F1 25m Climb the open book, traverse 2m to the right and continue up a crack and a face to a ledge capped by overhangs.

2. F2 10m Climb the recess, traverse delicately 2m to the left, then climb a smooth bulging face to a stance with a wedge belay.

3. F2 25m Move up to just below an overhang, make a tricky move to the left and continue traversing 13m on the same level to a stance in a recess.

4. E3 45m Climb out diagonally to the left to a little tree to the left of a steep face, then move to the right and up a recess to a big tree.

5. F1 30m Continue up to the left at first, then diagonally to the right onto a smooth ledge. Move to the right into a corner, do a delicate pull-up mantleshelf out to the right and move up to a big ledge.

6. E3 45m Scramble diagonally to the left at first, to an obvious crack in a little buttress. The route here crosses Cycad. Climb up to a stance 5m below a tree.

7. E2 45m Climb past the tree and continue up just to the left of a cycad to a comfortable ledge with two trees. This stance is shared with Cycad.

. E1 45m Continue up the face.

Further scrambling leads to the top.

First ascent: 18.12.76. J. Zietsman and E. Baber

CYCAD RIDGE F1 II. 14

This climb follows the ridge 50m to the right of African Bee. Most of the route is fairly obvious. At the top rock band a leftward detour from a recess onto a face is necessary.

First ascent: M. Prior and party

VEGETARIAN F3,A1

The route goes up the prominent buttress unofficially called Frugal Kop, about halfway between the campsite and Hanglip. When leaving the campsite, take the road going to the left just before the first gate, walk through a little stream and carry on, passing another gate. The road peters out at the foot of the buttress. The fence bends to the left, heading straight up to a little buttress against the rock face. From this, the route goes straight up the prominent crack with overhangs going out to the right, then up a thinner crack and finally through large blocks at the top of the face.

1. E2 20m Climb a recess just to the right of the little buttress, going left at the top.

2. F3,A1 15m Climb past a tree into a crack to a handrail going out to the right. Hand-traverse out to the right around the corner (2m). Use two aid moves (one piton) to get up the vertical crack to reach a large stance.

3. F3 40m Climb a chimney up to an overhang. Follow the overhang out to the right by climbing immediately under it. At the end of the overhang, move up an 'open book' to a ledge and continue diagonally to the left to a large ledge with trees.

4. E3 30m Move around an awkward bulge by jamming in one knee for balance, to reach a tree on the right. Climb straight up a recess to a large ledge with trees.

5. F1 30m Scramble up 5m to a large free-standing block, with a chockstone wedged between the block and the face (belay from here). Climb up between the block and the face, going slightly to the left up to overhangs, then up to the right to a ledge. Climb straight up to a prominent chockstone wedged in a crack. Work up behind the chockstone to a ledge with trees and continue slightly to the left to the top.

First ascent: 1.6.74. M. Briggs and E. Haber.

Free Variation:

Climb up a recess 5m to the left of the fence.

1. F2 20m Climb the recess to a ledge above.

2. G1 15m Climb past a tree into a crack. Do a delicate move where the crack narrows then do a pull-up onto a ledge.

From here the main route is joined.

First ascent: 27.1.80. E.Haber and H.Zangerl.

HERBIVOROUS F2 III. 16

Start in a chimney about 100m to the right of Vegetarian. This is 15m to the right of a very prominent chimney.

1. F1 40m Climb the chimney past a little tree to a little ledge. Continue up just right of the edge of some long slabs to a big block.

2. F2 20m Move to the left and climb up just left of the slabs to below a little overhang. Climb awkwardly up right onto a ledge. Step slightly left then with the aid of underhand grips and a layback gain a ledge up to the left. Move onto a big boulder then diagonally right to a tree on the face.

3. F1 40m Continue diagonally up right to a slight overhang and traverse right up to a tree.

4. D 45m Traverse 45m to the right to a slight recess. This is about 5m to the right of a big tree.

5. F2 38m Climb the slight recess to a small overhang. Move up to the left then up a few metres until one can step to the right. Make a tricky move left then up 4m to a stance.

6. F2 45m Climb up 1m then traverse delicately left into a corner. Move delicately left to reach a thin vertical crack 3m. Ascend the crack (strenuous). Continue to the top.

First ascent: 28.10.78. E Haber and H Zangerl

CARNIVOROUS F2 III. 17

Approximately 200m to the right of the fence is a big brown patch of rock 40m up. The right-hand side of this has a big overhang and the left a recessed crack, with a tree about 8m up.

1. F1+ 30m Start at lower rockband, below recess line. Climb short open book, moving out left and up to grassy face. Scramble to foot of main rockband.

2. F1 15m Climb the crack up to a tree, then traverse to the left over a big block to a good tree belay and stance.

3. F1 40m Continue up to the left over blocks to a little overhang. Traverse 2m to the left, then climb a grassy face to a good ledge with a tree belay and stance.

4. F2 40m Move a bit to the left and climb up to a tree directly above the belay ledge. Traverse to the right, step down and across the main crack. Continue up to the right onto a block, then climb a weathered face above to a little overhang. Surmount this and continue for 6m to stance above.

5. F1 43m Traverse 8m to the right to a smooth open book. Straddle and pull-up to the right. Continue diagonally up to the right to a good stance.

6. E2 30m Move up 3m then diagonally to the left to the top.

First ascent: 14.6.75. E. Haber and D. Talma

Note: This route partly resembles a climb called Spinnekop opened in April 1950 by D R Bell and B I Harris. The first pitch starts 50m to the left of Carnivorous. The second and third pitches are synonymous. Unfortunately it was not possible to trace the original route from pitch four onwards.

IV. 18

HANGLIP FRONTAL F2, A1 **

The lower section follows the largest area of grey rock on the South East side of the mountain:

Start 150 steps to the left of the fence, which runs straight up to the rock face. Start at a large tree growing 3m away from the rock face.

1. E2 18m Climb up to stance above tree inside cave-like recess.

2. D 22m Step up to small ledge on right and traverse right out of recess. Climb up to ledge on right. Traverse 3m right into crack and up to stance.

3. E2 30m Move up boulder on right. Traverse round corner and up crack past small overhang to ledge with blocks.

4. E3+ 40m Climb corner above to grass ledge. Follow grass bands via exposed crack with tree on top, and to next tree which is below major rockband.

5. Scramble 5m up to grass ledge and walk left along ledge to a chimney and recess.

E2 15m Climb up to overhang and out left to stance.

6. E3 24m After a long pullup, follow easy rock slightly left to a bush.

7. D 18m Climb diagonally left to rockband and climb out right to main grass band, which divides the upper and lower sections of Hanglip.

The upper section starts just to the right of the highest point of the grass band, where it begins to dip steeply downwards to the right.

8. F2 30m Start well to the right, going up over a series of long ledges, then move left of a pile of small blocks to an overhang. Traverse left just under the small overhang and up to a block on which a stance can be made.

9. F2 15m Traverse left along ledge, crossing an open gap by climbing down 2m in an exposed position or, alternatively, climbing up and jumping down from a sling point (E).

10. F2 33m From the belay climb up to ledge and traverse right ~~left~~ until it is possible to break through rockband above (very tricky on loose rock). Continue right along rock band and up to grassy ledge and stance.

11. F1+ 16m From the top of a block mantleshelf onto le and climb out to the right.

12. F2 18m Start about 13m to the left of a square corner by climbing open book to overhang. Traverse right to cubby-hole.

13. F2,A1 4m Use aid to ascend bottomless recess to anot cubby-hole.
[Free G2]

14. E3 20m Traverse to the right and then climb up to an open book recess. This recess is climbed to a stance on a grass ledge.

15. E3 20m Climb a crack and work out to the left by climbing up to an overhang. Complete the route by climbing out to the right.

First ascent: 25.12.37. R. Barry and C. Purdham.

HANGLIP FRONTAL VARIATION : by R. Davies & H. Graafland

Starting from the top of pitch 8 to near the bottom of pitch 12, this section can be climbed in two direct pitches.

NOTE RE DESCENT:

If the climb is completed in daylight, a fairly quick descent, involving a short abseil, can be made in the vicinity of the first saddle behind the main peak. As this route is not easy to find in darkness, late parties are advised to contour round on the rough, bushy slopes of the next 'hump' to a more obvious route where a steep grassy gully breaks the rock faces.

If camped at Hanglip North, the descent is as follows: From the top beacon of Hanglip, keeping basically right, descend to a neck between a small koppie and Hanglip. The koppie overlooks the valley of Hanglip North. DO NOT go down the gully, but descend the slope diagonally left of the gully.

Start in a recessed chimney 50m to the left of the fence (boundary).

1. E2 25m Traverse out of chimney to the left and ascend diagonally over broken rock to stance at a tree.

2. F2 40m Continue up steep rock directly above belay then traverse diagonally left, move up an open book (awkward) and continue left to a stance.

3. D 20m Climb up diagonally left then up right to the bottom of a right-angled recess.

4. F1 30m Climb the recess to a little tree, then traverse left along a ledge under overhangs to big blocks. Continue up diagonally right, over the overhangs into a recess and traverse delicately right to reach stance on a big block.

5. E2 30m Scramble up at first then diagonally left into a recess. Traverse left and climb diagonally right and up to the top of the first rockband.

On the second rockband start about 25m to the right of the normal route.

6. F2 30m Climb a face until a ledge is reached, which is at the same level as the top of a rock pillar on the right. Traverse right moving over the pillar to a stance.

7. F3,A2 30m Traverse right 5m into a recess. Climb the recess and traverse slightly to the right and then back into upper recess. Climb overhang (aid) to a small ledge, ascend the crack on the wall above (aid) and move right to small recess and ledge (awkward and exposed move). Climb up to large ledge then traverse left to a stance with a big block.

8. F3 25m Traverse diagonally right for 4m. Pull-up a short step and climb a corner. Traverse left along a ledge to below a smooth open book. Climb the open book to a cubbyhole The stance is shared with top pitch 12 of Hanglip Frontal Route. (This pitch is possibly G1 for short climbers.)

9. G1,A1 20m Traverse left 3m and aid up 2 points to a ledge (or move over normal overhang of pitch 13 of Hanglip Frontal Route thereby eliminating the aid). Move right into a corner, ascend the flared crack with difficulty and move out right at the top. Scramble up 3m then climb up a slab moving delicately over a bulge to beneath a little overhang. Layback out to the right and climb up to a ledge. (Stance is shared with pitch 14 of Hanglip Frontal Route).

10. F1 30m From an old ring piton traverse right slightly for 2m and climb the face to a ledge, ascend the crack above and continue diagonally right to the top.

First ascent: 26.11.78. E. Haber and C. Ward

HANGLIP FRONTAL SUPER DIRECT G3,A0 ***IV. 20

The climb starts 10m to the right of where the boundary fence terminates against the rock face. This is about 100m to the right of the start of the Hanglip Frontal route (beaconed).

1. F2 25m Ascend the steep recess to a ledge on top of a protruding spike.

2. G1 20m Continue up awkwardly on thin holds, move over to the left and climb up to some chockstones.

3. F3 25m Continue up to a small tree under an overhang. Climb the recess above and exit out to the left. Move diagonally left then up a recess to a stance.

4. F2 30m Climb the recess above to just below overhangs. Traverse awkwardly left around a bulge until it is possible to climb up diagonally right then up through a break to a stance at a small fig tree.

5. F2 45m Ascend the corner above for 3m then traverse right about 6m. Climb up to the grass band. The top section goes up the very prominent recess which goes straight to the top (to the right of the leaning pillar). Beacon.

6. F3 25m Climb up on left then back right into recess. Climb a small overhang (fixed peg below) and continue up passing a smooth open book intil reaching a cave.

7. F3 22m Climb out on the right side of the cave, then up to a ledge.

8. G2,A0 40m Climb the recess above, move slightly right then back left into upper recess. Climb delicately up to under an overhang. Pull up onto a narrow ledge using one aid handhold (A0). Continue delicately up to a small open book. Move up then right and through a crack to a ledge. Climb up a crack then diagonally right to a ledge beneath an overhang.

9. G3 25m Move up and strenuously climb the overhang. Continue up the steep recess (F3) until it is possible to climb right and up to a ledge.

10. E1 40m Climb to the top.

First ascent: 16/17.12.79. C.Ward and E.Haber.
J MacLennan joined in Pitches 1 - 5.

WITHIN THE WOMB F3,A2 ** A. 5

The climb goes up a recessed crack and chimney system on a buttress 50m to the right of Born Free. Scramble up to ledge below big overhang (20m above).

1. F1 15m Climb a crack past a tree to big detached block and ledge.

2. F2,A1 15m Ascend the crack 5m, then aid up to a hanging tree, continue up left to a stance, long ledge.

3. F2 20m Climb the recessed crack on the right, move slightly left on a ledge then up a chimney to a cubby-hole.

4. F2,A2 15m Chimney up at first then traverse right under a roof. Aid up over difficulties and continue 5m to stance.

5. F3,A1 23m Aid up 3m then move strenuously up to a chockstone. Climb past the chockstone and continue to a tree in the chimney.

6. F2 18m Chimney up 3m then traverse right to beneath chockstones. Climb past the chockstones and continue up to the top of another big chockstone.

7. F2+ 25m Chimney out to the right then awkwardly to gain a ledge. Climb up beneath a tree then continue up the chimney to a large chockstone. Traverse left into darkness, then climb up to upper cave.

8. F1 15m Traverse right 3m and do two mantelshelves. Continue to the right to a recess which is climbed to the top.

First ascent: 30.3.78. E. Haber and C. Ward.

BORN FREE F2+ *** A. 3

The climb starts at the very lowest point of the rock face directly below a large open book high above.

1. F2+ 20m Climb crack to big ledge (beaconed).

2. F1 15m Walk slightly diagonally right to tree belay beneath open book. Ascend open book to chockstone belay.

3. F2 30m Climb right-hand open book deviating left 10m up where crack becomes overhanging. Return to open book and climb via tree to large ledge.

4. F2 35m Climb left-hand crack system and continue up open book to comfortable stance and chock belay.

5. F2 15m Continue climbing open book to good stance and chock belay.

6. F2+ 22m Climb left to hanging bush above to grassy ledge. Continue up crack to tree and chock belay.

7. F2 35m Climb open book to top.

First ascent: October 1977. R. & E. Druschke.

CONCEPTION F3,A3 * A. 1

The climb goes up a recessed crack with a prominent hanging bush halfway up on the first buttress to the right of Hanglip. The climb starts to the left of Born Free and directly beneath the hanging bush. (Beacon).

1. D 20m Scramble up a recess to a ledge above.

2. F2 10m To the right-hand side of a little white streaked amphitheatre are a few boulders with a tree growing out horizontally. From the top of the boulders climb a recess to a small stance below a tree.

3. F3,A2 15m Climb up and through the tree then continue up alternatively using aid. Enter a cubby-hole and move past a tree to a stance.

4. F2 30m Chimney up to a loose flake then traverse right 3m onto an exposed face. Climb a crack in the face and continue diagonally right to the bottom of the chimney with the hanging bush.

5. F3,A1 12m Ascend the chimney then using aid in the final 3m make a hanging belay below a little overhang in the roof.

6. F3,A3 20m Semi hand-traverse left 3m then straddle up to a footrail. Move back to below the roof and up to where a good wedge can be placed in a vertical crack. Aid out on the roof and continue with difficulty up to a stance at the start of a recessed chimney.

7. F1 40m Continue up the chimney to a stance on top of a chockstone.

8. F1 40m Climb past a chockstone at the back then out of the cave. Ascend a few boulders and climb past or over a bush into the continuation of the chimney. Climb up the left side then traverse out on a ledge beneath a narrow crack. Climb out at the end and continue to the top.

First ascent: 5.5.78. E. Müller, E. Nienaber and E. Haber.

INFATUATION G1, A1 ** A.2

Refer to photograph for location.

1. F2 30m Climb recess to tree belay.

2. F3 15m Climb wide crack to ledge and tree belay.

3. F2 30m Climb recess above to cave-like cubby-hole.

4. G1 25m Climb up for 3m and traverse left to ledge. Ascend to right hand ledge (mantleshelf) to base of open book. Jam and layback up crack to overhang. Traverse out left to block and chock belay. Scramble up to ledge (10m).

5. F3 35m Start at right hand corner. Climb crack to grass and traverse left for 15m into a recess. Ascend recess to ledge and chock belay.

6. F2,A1 25m Ascend corner for 2m and traverse left for 8m. Ascend steep face using one sling aid.

7. E3 25m Walk left to end of ledge and climb recess to top.

First ascent: 21.4.79 E. Druschke, E. Haber & H. Zangerl

CUPID F3, A1 ** A. 4

Start 5m to the left of green barked tree at foot of main recess.

1. F2 20m Climb recess with awkward pull-up take-off. Climb through exit under block to tree belay.

2. F3, A1 25m Climb short face 4m to right of recess. Traverse into recess and climb same, using one sling aid at small overhang. Continue to cave and tree belay.

3. F2,A1 30m Mantelshelf to big ledge above cave. Continue to ledge with loose flakes. Using two aid moves, climb overhanging recess. Continue up recess to chockstones in deep recess.

4. F3 15m Climb bottomless recess to ledge and chock belay.

5. F2 25m Chimney past overhanging block and continue to cave-like stance.

6. F2 20m Chimney recess above. Continue left via tree to stance.

7. F3,A1 30m Ascend recess using two étrier moves. Continue via very narrow and awkward chimney-type recess to tree belay on left of recess, after crawling under a huge block.

8. F2 20m Ascend a few steps and mantelshelf onto a block. Traverse right to start of exit recess. Climb to top.

First ascent: 22.4.79. E. Druschke and E. Haber

NEARING INTERNMENT G1 B. 6

The climb is situated on the second buttress to the right of Hanglip. The route goes through the lower face then up a recess and face to the left of the red faces of the second buttress. Start 5m to the right of a tree below some overhangs.

1. F3 18m Pull up and mantelshelf onto a ledge then move left about 1m into a recess with a crack. With a handjam move up then traverse left and up to a stance at a tree.

2. F3 18m Traverse left 4m and climb onto a ledge. Traverse back right to below a recess. Climb up delicately to a small stance at a tree.

3. G1 30m Move up the crack above and fist-jam out to the right up the crack. Climb delicately right and up to a ledge. Continue right then up a gully to a stance and tree. Scramble left along a ledge to where the ledge narrows.

4. F2 40m Climb up a buttress on the left and make one pull-up move. Continue up then right to a big boulder at the start of a ramp.

5. F1 40m Climb the ramp (20m) then move left above into a recess. Climb the recess then move out right and up to a stance with tree.

6. F1 45m Move left then up the recess into a cave. Straddle up and move out right at the top. Continue up to a tree. Climb left onto a face and stance.

7. F1 40m Climb up diagonally right then pull up and traverse right to a balancing boulder. Climb onto the top and ascend a face diagonally right to a recess. Climb out left to a stance.

8. E2 45m Continue to the top.

Descent: Walk down the gully on the left.

First ascent: May 1979. E. Nienaber and E. Haber.

SATURDAY FEVER G1, A1 ** B. 7

1. F3 40m Scramble to big grassy ledge. Walk left to tree and climb corner to big ledge. Ascend open book to stance below overhang.

2. F2+ 20m Traverse left to corner and ascend corner to ledge and tree belay.

3. F2,A1 15m Climb smooth recess to tree (A1) and scramble into deep chimney.

4. G1,A1 20m Traverse out to lip of overhang, using one sling aid to gain height, and pull up into deep recess. Climb recess to big ledge.

5. F2+ 30m Climb open book to deep recess. Follow recess to ledge.

6. F3 40m Climb chimney. Traverse left and ascend corner in crack to ledge. Ascend recess to top.

First ascent: 1.9.79. E. Haber and E. Druschke

BLACK SUNDAY F2,A2 B. 8

The route follows the big open book on the right-hand side of the rock band leading up to the prominent overhang.

1. D/E 25m Scramble to foot of main face.

2. F2 45m Climb first crack to right of centre wall to top of loose pillar.

3. F2,A1 15m Climb up 2m in corner to small tree. Traverse right, move up one move (A1) and left again (A1). Continue diagonally for 2 moves (A1). Swing left into wide jamming crack and ascend same to stance.

4. F3 15m Climb open book to ledge in corner.

MIRAGE F3 B. 10

The climb is situated on the buttress to the right of Black Sunday (3rd rock band). It starts about 100m to the right of the gully. Take off from a grey block underneath an overhanging recess (beaconed). The upper line has a big grey face on its right.

1. F3 25m Straddle crack into narrow awkward cubby-hole. Ascend cubby-hole (crux) to foot of chimney and belay.

2. E3 30m Ascend chimney to ledge. Walk diagonally left to foot of pillar.

3. F1 25m Ascend right-hand side of pillar to large cubby-hole just 3m below top of pillar.

4. E3 20m Ascend sloping face to tree below crack.

5. F3 35m Climb crack to overhang. Chimney up out out of roof and climb to stance 4m above.

6. F2 15m Climb crack to tree belay.

7. 30m Traverse left to below series of black rounded ledges.

8. F1 35m Ascend ledges (yellowwood tree 5m up) and scramble to top.

First ascent: October 1977. R. & E. Druschke.

MIRAGE VARIATION

Begin about 40m to the left of the original start.

1. F3,A0 40m Climb chimney, crux after 10m (sling aid). Continue through hole at top. Belay next to overhanging rock.

2. E3 45m Follow line to top of pillar and continue along ramp to tree belay.

From here variation joins main route.

First ascent: September 1980. E. Müller and H. Seuring.

2. F3 30m Continue up (lack of runners) to a traverse line to the left. Traverse out at this level and round the corner to stance.

3. F3 25m Climb the crack above, through a roof to a stance.

4. G1 30m Continue through roofs to a stance.

5. F2 15m Continue to the top.

First ascent: Nov. 1980. B. Gross, M. Brunke and D. Cheesmond.

SKYDIVER F2, A2 ** C. 13

The climb follows a line up the centre of a buttress to the left of a large grass ramp, which ends at the neck between the main krantz and the free-standing upper section of the buttress. Scramble up to grass ledge below buttress. Take the second crack from the right, which has a tree growing out of its lower section.

1. F2+ 40m Climb crack for 30m and step left onto ledge below crack in open book.

2. F2 28m Climb crack for 20m to platform. Step down left 3m onto face. Tension traverse left for 3m (peg in place) to stance around corner.

3. F2,A1 15m Climb bulging crack above (A1 - 2 moves) and continue to ledge.

4. F2+,A1 25m Climb crack to tree (2m above large ledge). Traverse 10m right into recess (topped by large overhang).

5. F2,A1 15m Climb recess to small stance and chock belay.

6. F2,A2 20m Climb via bulging face (A1) to below overhang. Traverse left and surmount overhang (A2) to ledge. Scramble right and up to top.

First ascent: 21.11.76. R. & E. Druschke and C. Ward

CREAKING BONES F3 *** C. 14

The climb is situated on the tower to the left of Tarantula basically following a prominent crack to the right of Skydiver, which takes the centre line.

1. F1 12m Start at beacon. Climb wall of lowest rock band.

2. F2+15m Climb the left edge of the recess with some creepers hanging down for approximately 4m. Move right into open book and climb up past some hanging creepers onto ledge, continue up crack to small ledge with tree and natural eye belay.

3. F2+15m Continue up open book, surmount overhang and up to ledge.

4. F2 35m Climb the lay-back type crack to the right of the main crack to tree and continue up main crack to stance.

5. F3 25m Ascend crack to just below main overhang. Move directly out and then onto left wall. Stance around corner.

6. E3 20m Continue up face and cracks to shoulder of pinnacle.

7. F1 20m Climb short face next to right corner (pull-up) and up to top.

First ascent: 20.5.77. J. Linke, H. Seuring and A. Sussegger.

DISILLUSION F2 * C. 15

The climb starts at the large V on the left half of the Buttress and continues up the centre and widest of three cracks running up all the way to the top. These cracks are located in the corner, left of Tarantula.

1 & 2. C/D 80m Climb and scramble two short rock pitches and grass slopes to base of cracks.

APPLE JAM G1 ** C. 11

The climb follows the distinctive line of the crack system. A huge green face borders its left hand lower side.

1. F2 35m Climb the slopes, which lead to the start of the crack. Stance below tree.

2. G1 30m Climb up to tree. Follow crack with difficulty. Belay in cubbyhole.

3. G1 30m Climb open book for 15m to small overhang. Move delicately out under overhang onto continuation of open book. Ascend to cubbyhole, move further up on block into chimney.

4. G1 30m Continue up chimney and move out to the right onto small ledge. Climb 6m to bulging overhang. Straddle and pull up to small platform above.

5. F2 30m Continue up to overhangs and climb out diagonally left to grass ledge.

6. F2 40m Climb through upper rockband and scramble to top.

First Ascent : May 1979. D. Cheesmond and E. Druschke

THE LAST WALTZ G1 C. 12

Start about 30 - 50m right of Apple Jam, where the ledge peters out and there is a crack in the face above.

1. F3 25m Climb the crack to a stance.

5. F2,A2 23m Continue up open book to overhanging crack. Mixed A2 and free climbing leads to piton and chock belay below overhangs.

6. F1+ 25m Climb up to small ledge and traverse about 4m right. Mantelshelf to fairly wide ledge below hanging rock on face. At same level traverse right to below loose rock pillar on right edge of overhangs above. Climb past rock pillar to narrow ledge and stance.

7. F2,A1 30m Climb up diagonally left to ledge. Use one aid move to ascend into right recess. Climb recess and use another aid move to gain ledge above. Traverse left around corner to tree and continue to top.

First ascent: October 1977. J. Linke and R. & E. Druschke.

Note: Poor rock is encountered on this route.

ELEPHANT FOOT F2 ** B. 9

Scramble to foot of lower main face.

1. F2 25m Start in centre of face. Ascend face to join diagonal recess running from right to left. Follow recess to big ledge.

2. F1 25m Climb left hand chimney system to narrow ledge below first bulge.

3. F2 15m Follow crack system. Surmount three successive bulges to grass ledge above. Traverse left around pinnacle and scramble up to ledge with blocks.

4. F1 20m Ascend left hand side of pinnacle to top.

First ascent: May 1977. J. Linke and H. Seuring.

3. E3 20m Start in recess formed by centre crack. After 8m, move out left and continue up past tree to stance. (Dassie crawl along ledge and take off from tree to overcome hanging rock.)

4. F2 30m Continue up in left-hand side of crack. Rock in rear of crack very loose and brittle at this stage. Move out on face to left where necessary.

5. F3 20m Move up very strenuously until a narrow footrail can be reached on left-hand wall of chimney. Move out and back again over block to stance at tree.

6. F2 30m After take-off from tree, move left into narrow chimney. A flake on left wall provides handhold high up. Straddle straight up to large overhang and broad ledge on left.

7. D 15m Traverse around left to adjacent narrow crack.

8. F1 25m After difficult start in narrow chimney, straddle up to overhang, move out right and back again to stance on wide ledge with big trees.

9. F2 20m Continue up left-hand crack past overhanging corner.

10. F2 30m Chimney up and clear crack at top by moving left. Scramble to right and to top of krantz.

First ascent: May 1977. H. & S. van Rensburg.

TARANTULA G1,A2 *** C. 17

The route runs up the centre of the third rock band north of Hanglip proper. It is easily distinguished by the following descriptions: A corner with a large open book will be observed approximately 100m up. In the middle of the open book, a strip of white rock is noticeable. To the left of the route there is a large grassy ramp, ending short of a free-standing rock tower.

1. F2 30m From the beacon, ascend the crack which narrows in the centre. The overhang at the top is avoided by negotiating the left-hand wall.

2. F2+ 35m Ascend broken wall to large shelf. Climb the corner on the left with stance on second shelf.

3. G1 35m Traverse 1-2m to the right and ascend the face until directly under the overhang. Traverse right to ledge below large open book.

4. G1,A2 18m Use aid to get off the ground, and climb the following 5m free. Two further aid moves are required to attain a small fig tree. A small stance will be reached 6m higher.

5. G1,A2 15m Climb to the top of the open book. Aid was used to negotiate the bulge and to move off the stance.

6. F1 27m Traverse to the right and climb up a short crack - then traverse 16m to the right onto a grassy band.

7. F2 25m Climb the receding ramp in the corner. The crux is below a tree that grows out of the corner approximately half way up.

8. E2 40m Climb the right-hand crack to the summit.

First ascent: A.G. Chinery and A. Shaw.

Note: Pitches 4 & 5: First free ascent by E Druschke and I Müller, February 1980.
Grading of both pitches remains G1.

ROLLING STONES F3 ** C. 19

The climb is situated on the left side of Amphibian Tower.

1. F2 25m Climb crack system directly to the left of the Tower to large cubbyhole.

2. F2 25m Climb out left of cubbyhole and continue straight up to ledge. Traverse 2m right to bottom of crack and climb same to ledge and large block.

3. F1 20m Walk into corner and straddle up open book to ledge and then diagonally up left around Tower. Ascend a shallow corner to gain the main recess.

4. F2 25m Move up to neck. Start on the left corner of the final Tower, traverse back right and climb corner and up right to a small awkward ledge from where it is possible to traverse right to virtually the front of the Tower, then ascend to the top.

First ascent: 19.5.77. J. Linke, H. Vogl and H. Seuring

HAPPY LANDING ON AMPHIBIAN TOWER F3 ** C. 20

The climb is situated on a prominent rock pinnacle in front of the rock-fold where the route Tarantula is found. The route follows a crack in the front of the pinnacle for about two-thirds of the way and then continues up the right side of the pinnacle.

1. F2 8m Make a delicate mantleshelf move up a ledge in the front of the pinnacle below the prominent steep crack. Move 1,5m to the right and then ascend a small crack to ledge at start of the main crack.

NUMBER 11 F3,A2 * C. 16

Goes up the very prominent chimney/crack right of Disillusion and left of Tarantula. Scramble 50m up the grassy recess just left of Tarantula and traverse right to the base of the crack.

1. F2 25m Climb up, negotiating an overhang halfway up on the right via a precarious looking block, to a large stance below a narrow chimney.

2. F2,A2 25m Climb the chimney past the overhang above using two large nuts for aid. Continue more easily to a comfortable stance in the chimney.

3. F2 30m Climb up first on the left and then on the right to the large overhanging slab blocking the recess. Traverse right immediately underneath it to an exposed stance on the arête.

4. F3 35m Climb up steeply just left of the arête, moving precariously into a vegetated recess above. Continue easily up this to stance.

5. E1 20m Starting in crack to the left, climb to the top.

First ascent: 15.11.80. G. Pallister and L. P. Fatti.

BLACK WIDOW G1,A2 *** C. 18

After being so impressed with the corner on which Tarantula is situated we decided that the Tarantula should have a mate, even though it was of a different species. Tarantula and Black Widow make exciting Hanglip climbing.

1. F2+ 30m Climb the second crack to the right of Tarantula i.e. the major corner below the overhang above. Stance on top of a pillar.

2. F2,A2 25m Climb up corner to large ledge, follow crack and overhang (aid) to small stance directly above.

3. G1 20m Climb crack to a tiny one-man stance.

4. F3,A1 25m Continue up crack and overhang (A1). Then traverse left and up to large stance common with Tarantula.

5. F2 10m Traverse to the right and around to the next crack.

6. F3 35m Climb up crack to overhang, traverse left and up to a small cubby hole.

7. G1 30m Move out to the right and up a crack to a largish ledge and continue up crack immediately above last stance, to a big vegetated ledge.

8. F3+ 40m Climb up slightly overhanging crack (crux) behind stance, continue up crack to a ledge. Go left a few metres and continue up the chimney to the top.

First ascent: 7.11.76. J. Linke, E. Druschke and R. Druschke

2. F3 40m Ascend crack for 4m past first crux, continue past another difficult section until a bulging crack is reached. To avoid a loose block, traverse onto the right wall for 2-3m, then move up and traverse back on a sloping slab into the crack. Climb the crack - through an overhang - past a small tree and make a stance on a ledge by a deep crack.

3. F1 25m Move up the crack to its top, then up wall. Move up an open book recess and continue up wall to a traverse leading to the right, (approx 5m below an overhang - a piton was left above in the corner to the left.) Traverse right to a large ledge on the right-hand side of the pinnacle. Make a stance.

4. F2 40m Move around to the right into the first possible crack line. Follow this up and then ascend to the top of the pinnacle. Do not follow the crack between the pinnacle and the main wall.

Abseil down the right side of the pinnacle (facing the pinnacle from below).

Note : The route was called Happy Landing in honour of a frog who managed to descend the pinnacle in very good style, especially in this age where artificial methods are being questioned, by making one big leap. After being slightly stunned on the ledge at the beginning of the second pitch, he made a delicate traverse to the left and then left us to make the final jump. We took the liberty of calling the pinnacle Amphibian Tower.

First ascent: October 1974. J. Linke and E. Druschke

SOMBRERO F2 C. 21

Start 20m left of an obvious chimney with round overhangs.

1. F2 35m Climb the corner of a crack for 15m then move diagonally right to a recess. Climb straight up the recess to easy ground. Tree belay.

2. E3 40m Climb straight up keeping left out of gully in easy rock.

3. E2 40m Continue up to a short chimney. Block belay at top.

4. F1 30m Traverse right to a small recess (2m high). Climb straight up for 5m then traverse right into a chimney straddling up into the back of the chimney. Belay (poor).

5. F1 20m Bridge and straddle up and out of the chimney and to a ledge.

6. F1 35m Traverse left over a fault to a wall and climb to a ledge. Traverse right along edge to a wall on the right side of the fault. Climb up to a platform and tree belay.

7. F1 20m Scramble into the back of a chimney and up through a hole to a ledge. Tree belay.

Scramble to the top.

First ascent: 10.10.75. R.& E. Druschke and C. Ward.

SCORPION F2 ** C. 22

The line goes up a big open book about 100m to the left of the right-hand gully. It starts to the left of some impressive overhangs capping a huge sheer face. The climb commences up the very next open book to the right of a prominent rock buttress seen on the lower section of the climb.

1. F1 15m Climb open book to ledge and tree belay.

2. F1 20m Climb fault on the left up into chimney and chock belay.

3. E2 25m Climb deep left-hand chimney and traverse out right to ledge.

4. E1 40m Ascend recess to ledge and then walk diagonally right to face and climb same; walk right around corner to below huge open book.

4. F2 40m Walk left for 15m. Climb up and diagonally left for 8m (F2). E climbing completes the route.

First ascent: 1.6.81. E. Müller and H. Seuring.

OCTOPUS F3 ** D. 24

Refer to photograph for location.

1. F2 23m From the tree, climb directly up the crack to overhang and then traverse 2m left to tree belay.

2. E3 20m Climb up to large cubby-hole, then move to the right from under overhang onto a shelf below groove.

3. F3 22m Climb crack for 20m and then traverse left to stance.

4. E3 25m Climb chimney above through tree to smooth face with cubby-hole on its left.

5. F2+ 25m Climb right-hand crack for 4m and then traverse left from under overhang. Continue to deep cubby-hole.

6. E3 20m Squeeze through narrow wormhole and climb up past large chockstone to stance.

7. F1 25m Climb past chockstone and big block to tree.

8. F1 30m Straddle up chimney to big block. Dassie-traverse out left. Mantelshelf 3m from corner to ledge above. Traverse delicately to the right back into gully.

9. E3 40m Walk up gully and ascend left-hand crack. Traverse out right and climb chimney to top.

First ascent: 1964. B. Honey and A.G. Chinery.

WOODY WOOD³ (WOODY WOOD WOOD WOOD) F2,A2 ** D.26

The climb is situated on the fourth rock-fold (counting a smaller one) west of the Hanglip peak, and goes up the prominent crack to the right of Octopus, i.e. third crack from the left. Scramble up to the sloping grass ledge, then up to a crack on the right (F1). Traverse to the left into another crack. Ascend 5m to a tree and continue up to a third tree.

1. F1 25m Climb crack and move out by a rock-flake. Continue up and make a stance on a large tree.

2. F2+ 25m Move up, then chimney out to overcome a small overhang. Move up crack until it is possible to chimney out underneath a chockstone. Climb up on the left to a tree belay.

3. F1,A2 20m Move up for 2m to gain a crack on the right for the first aid move. Move over to the left wall (bong) and then through overhang (A2). Free climbing to second chockstone where a stance is made in a deep cubby-hole.

4. F1+ 30m Continue up crack until an obvious barring overhang is reached. Climb out to the left and up 4m to a stance.

5. F2 35m Climb diagonally up left following a crack line until a ledge with a 90° corner is reached. Climb the shallow groove 2m to the right of the corner and upwards to below some overhangs. After having moved up a small block, mantelshelf onto an overhanging but sharp edged ledge to the left.

6. F1 25m From the large block on the left of the ledge, climb up slightly to the left then right into a rounded crack. Climb this and then up to the top.

Descend down the left-hand gully (facing the rock).

First ascent: Oct. 1974. J. Linke and E. Druschke.

Note: Pitch 3 : G1 20m First free ascent July 1980 D. Cheesmond and B. Gross.

5. F1 25m Straddle and surmount chockstone and then walk into back of recess and chimney up and out of recess via big leaning flake. To avoid overhanging recess with bush at its top, traverse out right and climb up to next ledge. Traverse back into crack and chockstone belay.

6. F2 25m Follow fault to large ledge below open book.

7. F2 20m Climb open book with some strenuous moves and mantelshelf awkwardly to ledge and stance.

8. F2 20m Continue up open book. Stance below final roof on ledge.

Walk along ledge to first corner and scramble to top.

First ascent: October 1977. R.& E.Druschke.

3 TRAVERSES G1,A0 ** D. 23

The climb is situated at the right hand side of the gully about 80m left of Octopus. Obvious crack line which disappears about two thirds of the way up the face.

1. F3 18m Climb left side of crack to tree and traverse right for 3m. Climb up 1m underneath roof and continue traversing into chimney.

2. F3 40m Ascend chimney for 15m. Traverse left 3m on small holds. Climb up 20m to large ledge.

3. G1,A0 40m Start behind huge block in left-hand corner. Climb up for 5m and walk back to crack (right). Climb past small tree, follow left ramp and traverse out on top to cubby hole. Move out of cubby hole, using running belay as a handhold. Climb up to left corner of overhang, fix running belay, climb down 1m and traverse right for 8m. Ascend to large ledge above. The start of the traverse is the crux and was climbed with rope tension.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW G2,A2 D. 25

Start 10m left of Woody Wood[3].

1. G1,A1 35m Climb the groove until the crack fizzles out. Tension left off a blade to another crack and up to stance.

2. G1,A2 40m Climb through the first two roofs free and then into a groove. Aid up and through (6 points) and to a ledge on the right. Continue up to a ledge to belay.

3. G2 40m Traverse left back into crack and up to small stance in left-hand crack.

4. G2 40m Move up for 5m then back into right-hand crack. Continue up this to stance below and left of a tree.

5. G2,A2 30m Move right and up to tree. Continue up the crack free through a horrendous crumbling roof to below the final overhang. Aid through (2 points) and belay on the right.

6. F2 30m Traverse right about 10m then up and back left and up a crack to scrambling ground.

Note: Hard and serious with a lot of poor rock but good runners. Recommended for suicidal maniacs! Take four pegs.

First ascent: Nov. 1980. B.Gross and D.Cheesmond.

GRIT F3 E. 27

The climb is situated on the left corner of the next rock-fold to the right of Octopus. Start below arch formed by pillar (left).

1. Climb face on the main wall, traverse left and mantelshelf up ledge. Climb prominent crack for approx. 20m to overhang, break out right to ledge.

2. Climb up a few metres then diagonally up left on main face, round corner into chimney and continue up to block (F2). (Top of pinnacle was climbed after Pitch 1.)

3. Step down and traverse left under overhang into crack (2m). Climb crack to ledge (F3).

4. Walk to crack behind stance and climb same, continue up awkward groove and cracks to a stance (F2). Walk around to the right to a chimney, climb this to big grass ledges. Zig-zag through upper grass and rock bands (F2).

Note: No pitch lengths are given. Climb meanders.

First ascent: April 1977. E.Druschke and J.Linke.

SANDSTONE ALLEY F2 *** E. 28

The climb starts below a tree-covered ledge to the left of two large overhangs.

1. F2 25m Climb the groove until there is a definite lay-back crack below the ledge. Climb this crack 18m and continue a further 7m onto the ledge to a tree belay.

2. F2 35m Climb the obvious crack on the right starting with a rather narrow chimney. Continue upwards past a white block, then past an overhang. The stance is made on a very small but comfortable ledge.

3. F1 25m Move to under the overhang, then traverse out left and climb up the edge at the end of the overhang. Move up and then traverse right into a good crack. Climb this and move onto big grass ledge.

Walk left for 25m, crossing a dip, to a tree belay. The next pitch starts 3m back to right at a bulging block. The route follows a prominent open book recess.

4. F1 20m Climb up the bulging block, then continue up the crack.

5. F3 30m Continue up the crack until only about 2m of the difficulties remain. To avoid these traverse 2m right then move up to a ledge. Continue up past some overhangs to a stance at a tree.

6. F1 35m Climb obvious crack route keeping left and make stance at a tree.

7. F1 20m Climb the crack directly behind stance, then scramble to the top.

Descend the left-hand gully (facing the rock), but this is not advisable in the dark.

First ascent: 15.12.74. E. Druschke and J. Linke.

4. G1,A1 42m Walk around to the left to the first open book. The line takes the crack in the corner of this open book. (Protection is poor at times.) The crux is halfway up the open book. Two étrier moves are made at the top section of the crack (one peg in place). Continue up to overhangs then traverse right from under the overhangs to a shallow crack. Below a crack filled with roots from a wild fig tree, climb straight up to a good ledge.

5. F1 40m Traverse diagonally right over a block up onto a wall. Traverse left and then straight up to a series of ledges. Bearing right, continue until rope drag forces one to make a stance.

6. E1 40m Zigzag up a number of grassy ledges to the base of a small chimney.

7. E2 20m Ascend the chimney then traverse left to tree belay.

First ascent: 12.10.75. E. Druschke and C. Ward.

HYRAX F3 ** E. 31

1. F1 30m Ascend grey face 6m to the right of the prominent crack (Split) moving out slightly left after 7m, then right, to a tree. Move up 10m to the tree belay at base of crack of rock pyramid.

2. E3 30m Continue up crack and chimney to chock belay.

3. F2 25m Move out diagonally right onto front face of the pyramid. Climb face to the top of pyramid below large overhang above.

4. F2 35m Move diagonally right then up to overhang. Traverse left until clear of overhang and continue diagonally left for 5m, and climb face to first grass band.

3. F1 20m Climb the right-hand side of the recess, using a narrow wedge move, to reach a large stance with a tree belay.

4. F2 20m From the beacon on the stance traverse to the right for 10m to a right-angled crack. Climb straight up the crack for a further 10m, or alternatively climb straight up for 5m, traverse to the left for about 3m on a 'dassie' traverse, move over an exposed drop and climb up and back into the crack. From here walk directly across the grass band to the next recess.

5. E1 27m Climb straight up to a tree. Move to the left and continue climbing to a square-edged ledge stance.

6. E3 20m Climb up the chimney, moving outwards over the overhang. Continue up to a fairly narrow ledge stance with a boulder belay.

7. F3 25m Ascend the left-hand side of the recess, then 3m below the overhang traverse to the right-hand side of the recess. Now move up and out to the right to get out of the overhang. Continue a further 7m upwards bearing to the right to a large stance with a tree belay.

8a. F3 10m Mount the first 2m in the corner, then traverse 2m to the right. Using a knee-jam and hugging pincer-grips, mount an awkward bulge and continue up to a large tree.

8b. F2 10m Mount the first 2m in the corner, then traverse to the left along the ledge to an open book topped by an overhang. Layback up the open book, swing around to the right and then move up to the tree.

60m of C/D climbing finishes the route.

First ascent: March 1962. K. Bennetts, T. Kerrich, M. Cramphorn and L. Klingmann

BERGKELDERS F3 ** E. 29

The climb starts from the left-hand edge of a ledge a few metres up and 10m left of the prominent recess (Split).

1. F3 15m Climb rotten looking face (surprisingly sound) then move up into corner. Ascend corner up to overhang, then traverse out left moving onto a ledge. Make a stance at small cubby-hole at start of crack.

2. F2 30m Ascend crack above to small ledge at crack marked by some small chockstones.

3. F2 30m Continue up crack until the crack becomes less defined. Swing right and move to the top of large flake. Move up a ledge to the left and continue left to a chimney formed by a large block and the main face. Stance on top of chimney and first grass band.

Scramble to the base of a large crack around to the left.

4 - 7. F1 90m Start on right wall, then climb crack, passing a deep hole near the top of the climb.

First ascent: 12.10.75. H.Vogl and J. Linke.

THE SPLIT G1,A1 * E. 30

Climb taking a line straight up the first tier by way of a distinct chimney.

1. E1 5m Climb up to a ledge with a tree and continue for 3m up a chimney.

2. F3 42m Climb the chimney to a good ledge.

3. F2 30m Traverse slightly to the right and up into the continuing crack system for 20m. Traverse left to a good ledge. Climb up a short wall and continue traversing to a tree belay.

5. F3 30m Climb some horizontal rock bands passing a statue-like rock on the left and move left into a crack. Ascend crack, making a strenuous move through a narrow bottomless chimney. Stance just above on good ledge.

6. F2 40m Move into right-hand crack of recess climbing partly on the right-hand wall. Climb through overhanging chimney until it culminates near the top of this second rock band.

7. E3 40m Move up to final overhanging band. Traverse right for 12m then break through to second grass band.

Scramble diagonally right and then left through easy rock to the top.

First ascent: 11.10.75. J.Linke and R. Druschke

PRELUDE IN F F3 ** F. 32

1. E3 30m The start is beaconed. Climb the left-hand side of the recess to a tree about 16m up. Continue up for a further 17m to a small stance with a tree belay.

2. F2 35m Continue up the recess to a large stance with a tree belay. Hand-jam up the right-hand side of the crack to the level of a projecting slab. Traverse to the left and then continue up to a large stance with a tree belay. Beware of loose rock.

SONATA G1,A0 * F. 33

Refer to Exposure for start.

1 & 2. These pitches are shared with Exposure.

3. F3 25m Climb up the main crack to a ledge.

4. F3 7m Ascend the overhanging crack to a large block belay. If this pitch is done with the aid of a shoulder it is F3. If not, the grading is G1.

5. F2 23m Climb 13m in the crack to a ledge. Here there are three alternatives:-

(i) F1 Move to the left across and up to a ledge for 2m. Climb the overhang for 10m to a ledge. Block belay in corner.

(ii) G1 Climb the overhanging crack, on rotton rock, to a belay.

(iii) F3 Move up to a narrow horizontal crack. Dassie-traverse to the nose. Climb up the nose to a belay.

6. F3,A0 25m Climb up the crack for 5m, then using a shoulder for aid to overcome the bulge, continue to a large block 13m higher. Move diagonally to the left for 7m to a large ledge where there is a good belay.

7. E2 27m Continue up to the left for 17m on easier ground, then climb the recess for 10m to a ledge using a piton belay.

8. E1 17m Move down a few metres and then traverse to the left; continue up 13m to the left to a large block.

9. E1 13m Move up a few metres, traverse to the left for 7m, and then climb straight up for 5m to a ledge where there is a block belay.

10. F1 37m Several alternatives become possible, zigzagging up ledges to a ledge directly above the previous stance where there is a block belay (Protection poor.)

11. Move into the corner and climb D rock for two rope lengths to the top.

First ascent: 1964. B. F. Honey, T. E. Tomlinson and C. Cowley.

Note: Poor rock is encountered on this route.

EXPOSURE F1 ** F. 34

On the same buttress as Prelude there are two prominent cracks in the form of a V. Start just to the right of the left arm of a smaller inverted V cone, which is just to the left of the junction of the large V cracks.

1. E1 27m Ascend an obvious route, about 3m to the right of the recess, for 13m. Move to the left, and then climb up to the next big tree.

2. F1 13m Climb diagonally up to the right from the right-hand side of the stance then climb to a wide grass band. Walk to the right to the front of the right-hand crack and scramble up to a large tree.

3. F1 30m Climb 3m up the crack behind the tree. Move to the right for 5m and then climb the right-hand side of the recess. Piton belays are necessary and loose rock presents a hazard.

4. E2 40m Here the route is suitably beaconed. Traverse on a ledge out onto the right-hand face. Mantelsheif onto the next ledge and then ascend the centre of the face passing two beacons en route. Traverse to the left back to another beacon, ascend the recess for 1m and then traverse to the right back to the centre of the face. Carry on straight up to a large stance.

6. F2 18m Continue traverse over delicate section and make exposed "swing up" move to piton belay on ledge.

7. F2 12m Move down 3m into cubby hole at foot of vertical crack which is then climbed for 9m to ledge at foot of the second section of the crack.

8. F2 18m 6m up crack into chimney of easier standard which is climbed for 12m to ledge.

9. D 33m Traverse 15m into corner of relatively large recess, the left hand side of which is climbed for 18m to belay point on ledge.

10. E2 30m Diagonally up out of the main recess onto large platform on left hand wall of recess.

11. C 30m Traverse right 18m, diagonally up to left 12m, 30m scramble then leads to a nek overlooking the kloof and almost immediately above the start of the climb.

12. E2 15m After walking 30m along grass ledge from the nek, traverse 3m round corner into grassy open book which is climbed to ledge at foot of vertical section.

13. F2 33m 6m up right-angled corner, traverse right 9m and then up 3m over grass. Traverse right 9m and up 6m also over grass.

14. E2 30m 5m up open book. Easy traverse right 25m to corner and tree belay (first on climb).

15. E1 30m Up broken ridge to small beacon. Unroped scrambling along the ridge for about 115m then leads to the summit beacon.

First ascent: Oct. 1959. T. Holland, B. Hunt, P. Urban and P. Scott.

5. F1 30m From the back of the stance, ascend for 3m before traversing to the left to a right-angled crack. Climb a tricky 3m and continue to the left to a tree in a recess about 5m below a large overhang. Move to the left on an obvious and very exposed ledge. Either 'dassie traverse' on this ledge or climb up 1m to the next ledge and traverse on finger tips to a boulder belay point.

6. E2 33m Zig-zag up an exposed face using a series of mantelshelf moves to reach a good stance with a cairn on it.

7. D 13m Move diagonally off to the right. The final scramble, about 30m long, is of C/D standard.

First ascent: March 1962. L. Klingmann and T. Kerrich.

THE PROW F2 ** G. 35

The climb spirals up and around the buttress and starts 100m up the kloof.

1. D 20m Up broken grey face to ledge, slightly right of obvious open-book recess in the face above this ledge.

2. E2 30m Traverse right (out of kloof) along ledge.

3. E2 20m Continue traverse to bushed section of ledge.

4. F2 30m Scramble unroped about 30m along the bushed section of ledge onto the corner. Belay at this point. Climb up 6m immediately above the highest point of the ledge, traverse 18m right, then 6m up open book (using left hand side) to ledge and piton belay.

5. F2 33m 5m up open book immediately above belay point. Traverse right 23m. Towards end of traverse two steps each of 3m are made. (First 5m: F2, remainder: D-E).

GLEEP F3,A2 G. 36

Start at a prominent right-angled corner in the large face to the right of the Prow.

1. F1 40m Climb crack to stance 7m, below where crack narrows.

2. F3,A2 25m Traverse right 5m, using a peg for hand hold. Climb up to a high hand rail (2 pegs). A bathook is used to place a good protection peg to the right. From the bathook hand-traverse and traverse right (10m). Climb (1 peg) to stance (5m).

3. F3,A1 30m Climb 10m, then traverse back to chimney (a high peg was used for tension). Climb crack (22m).

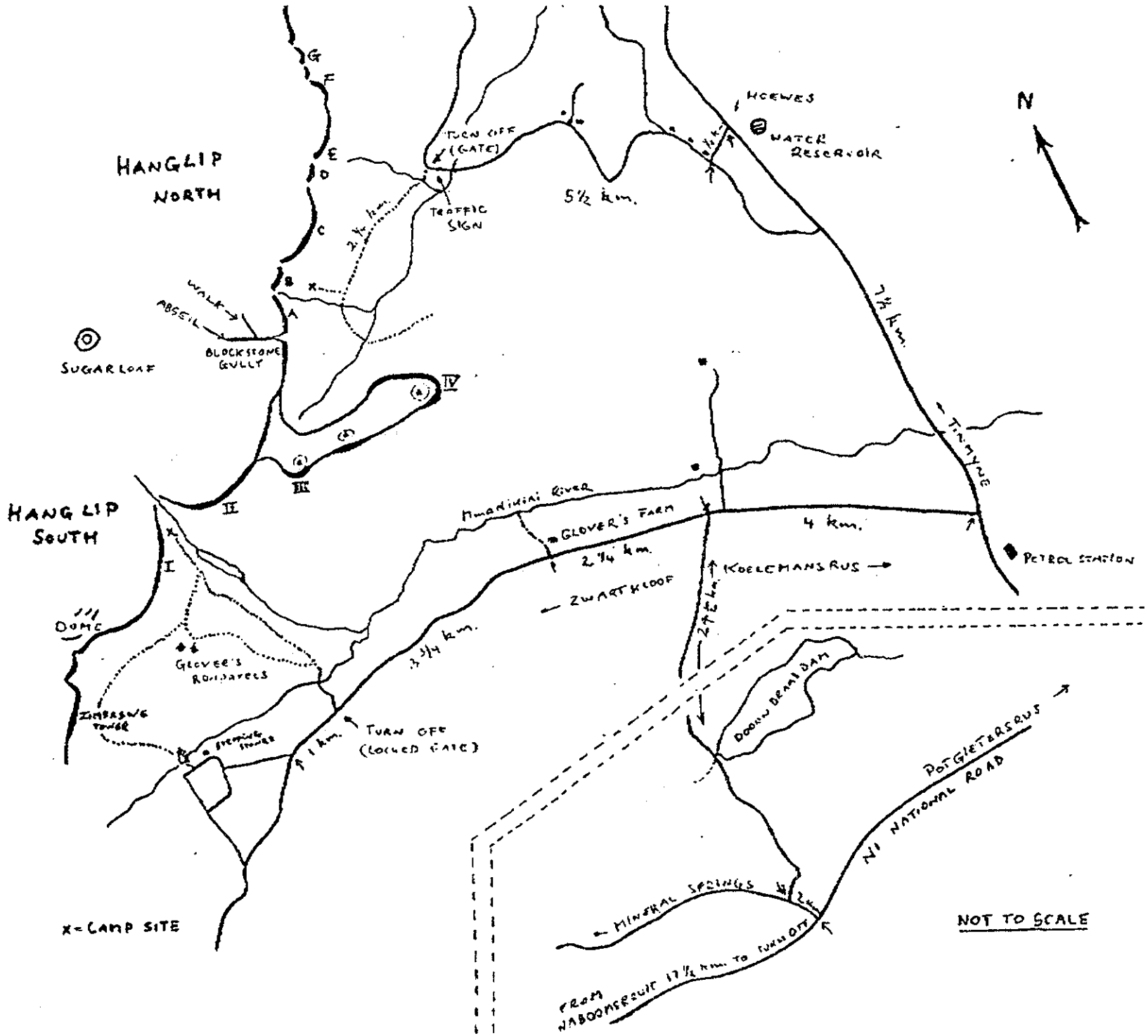
4. F2 16m Climb chimney and face (a few metres to right).

5. E2 50m Up crack and loose blocks.

6. F1,A1 23m Up cracks (use a nut) and left to stance.

7. E1 20m Climb round corner to left and scramble to top.

First ascent: Feb. 1973. T. Hughes and P. Dawson.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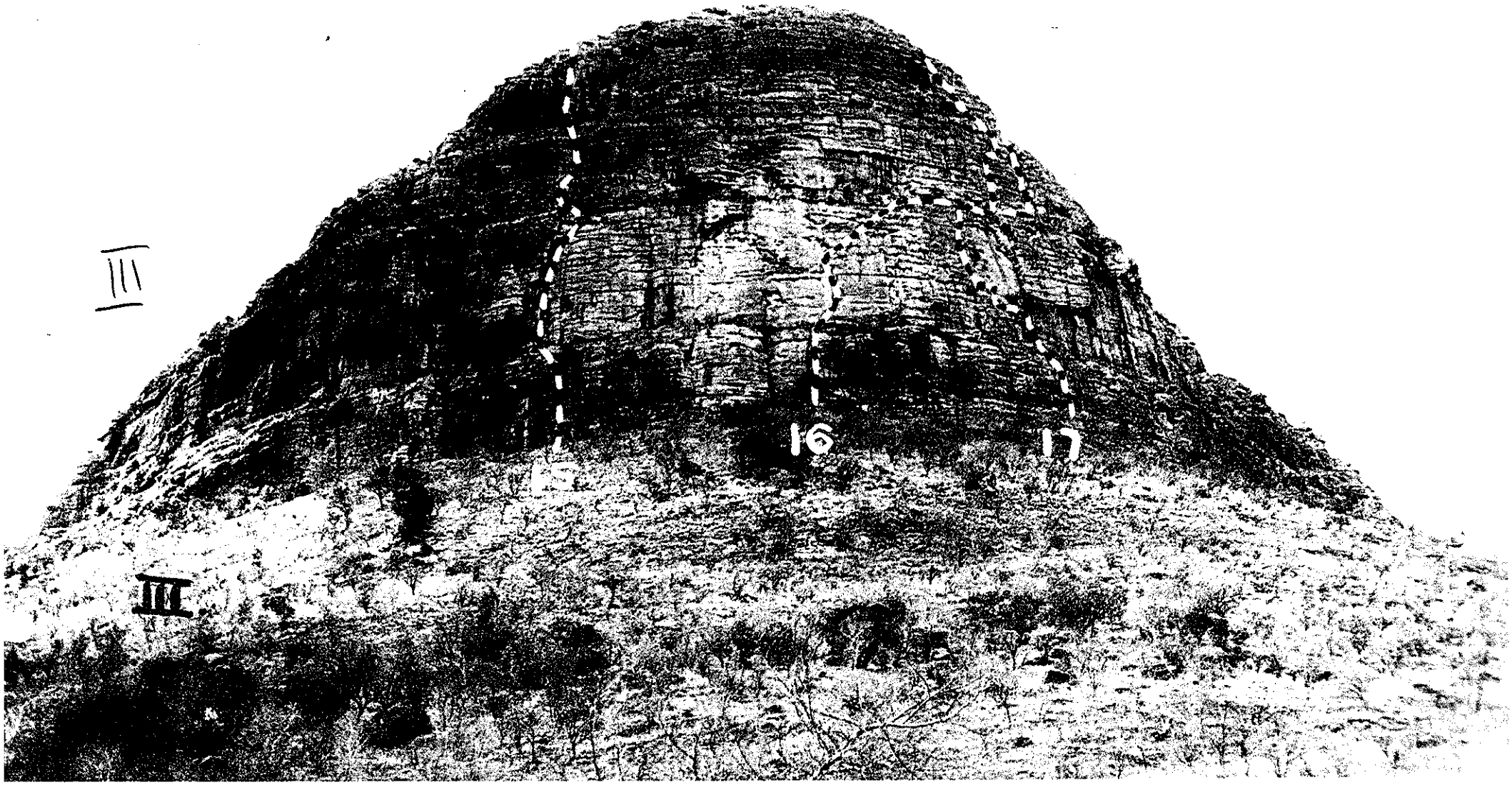
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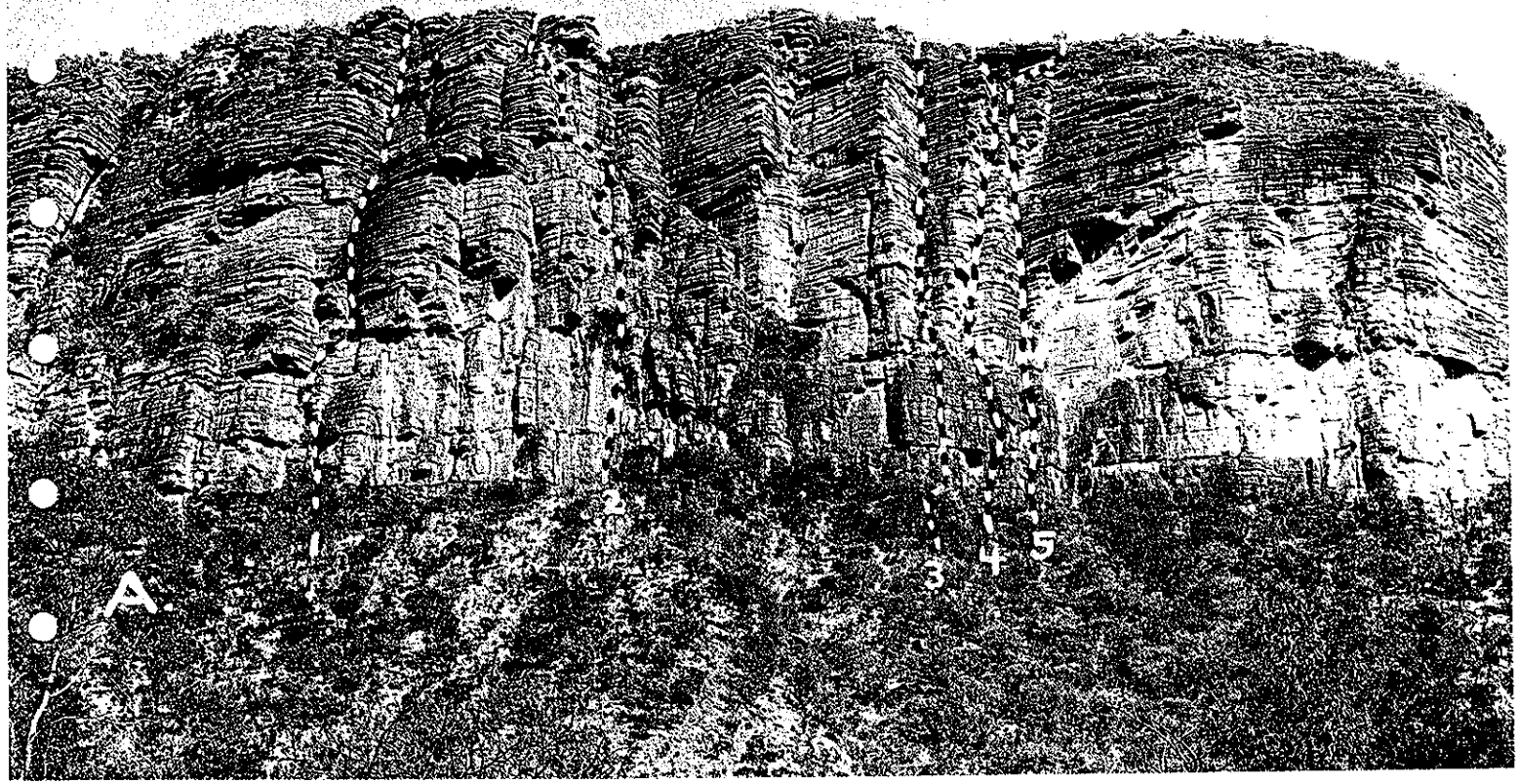
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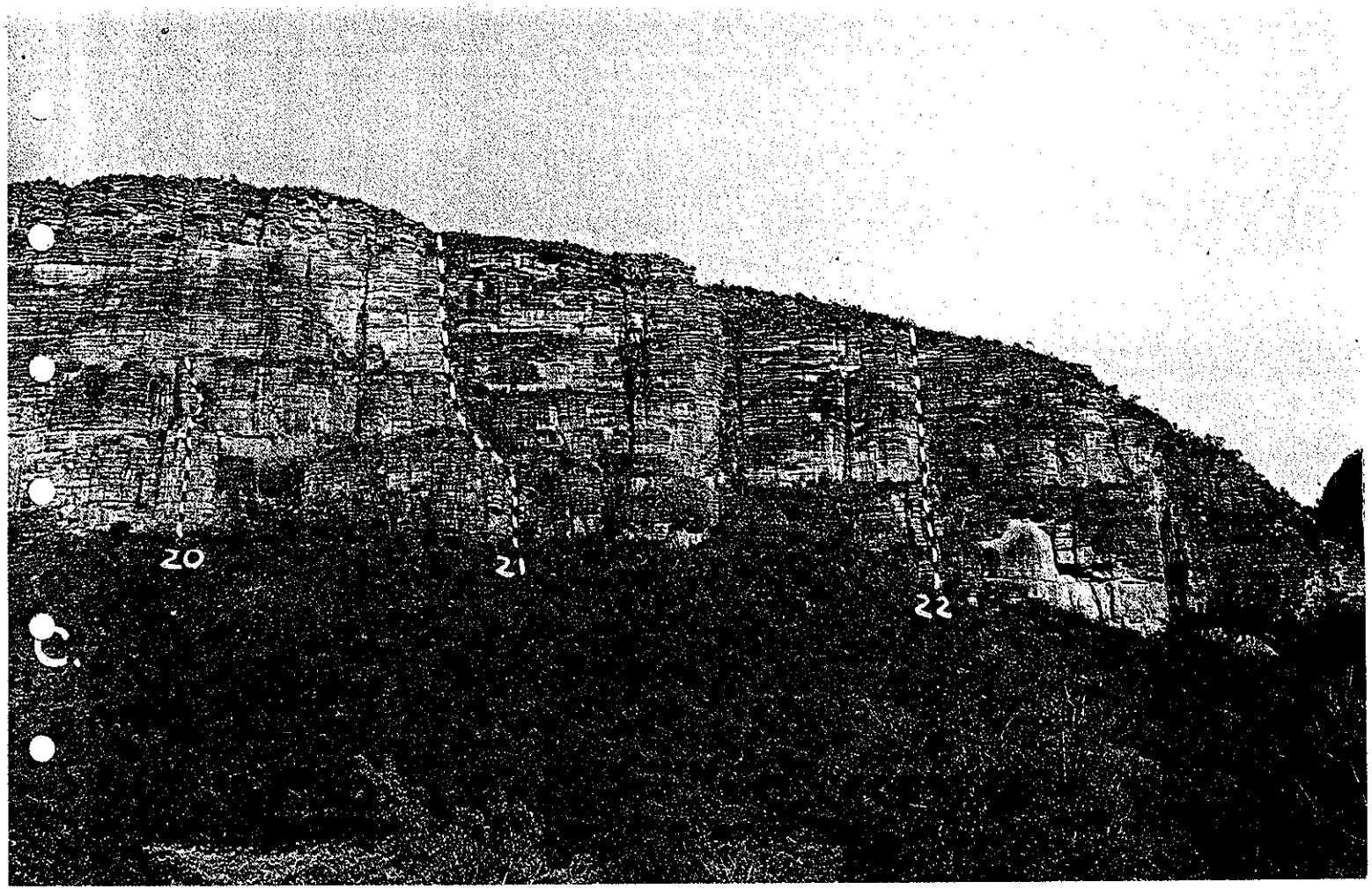
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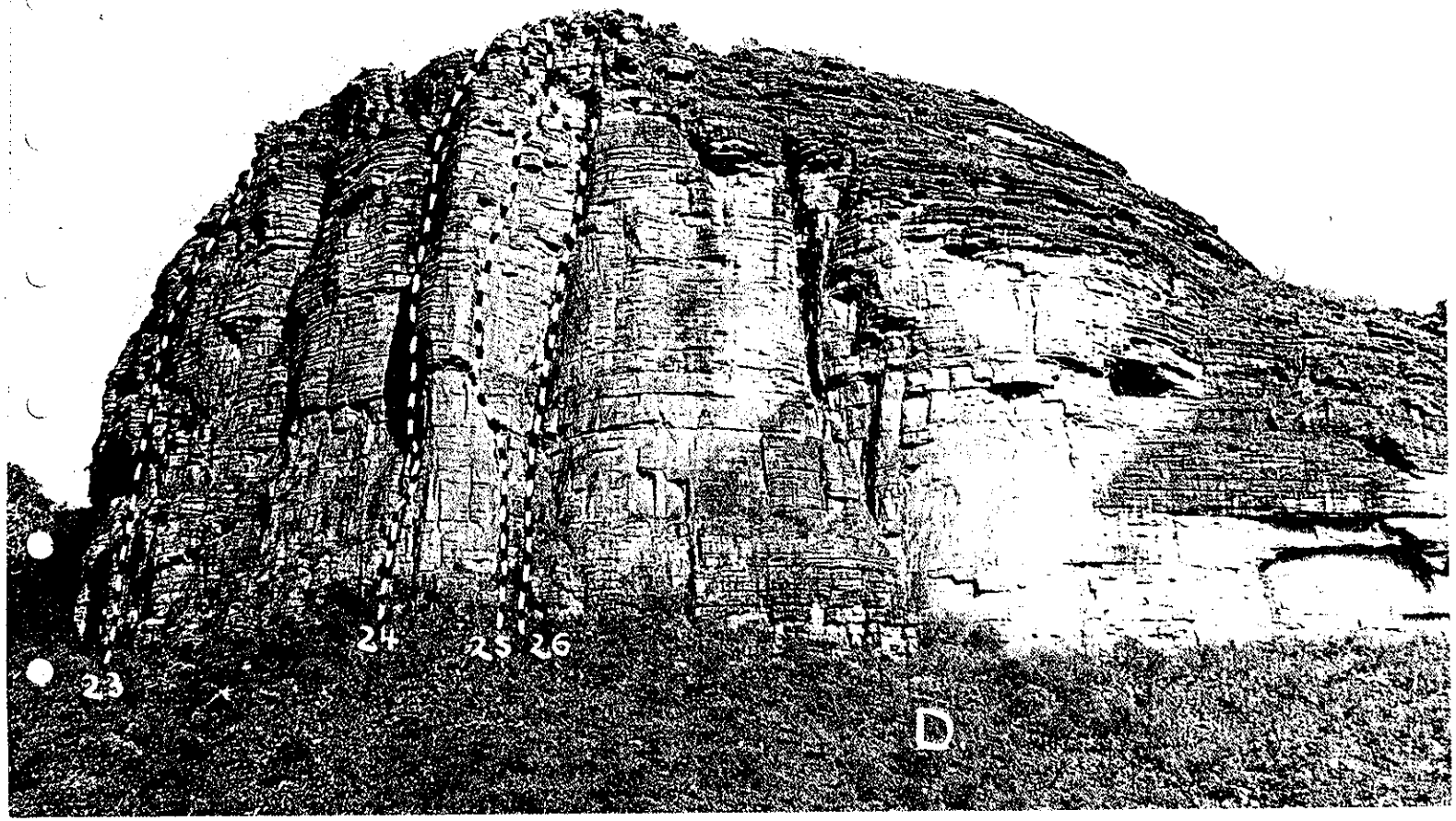
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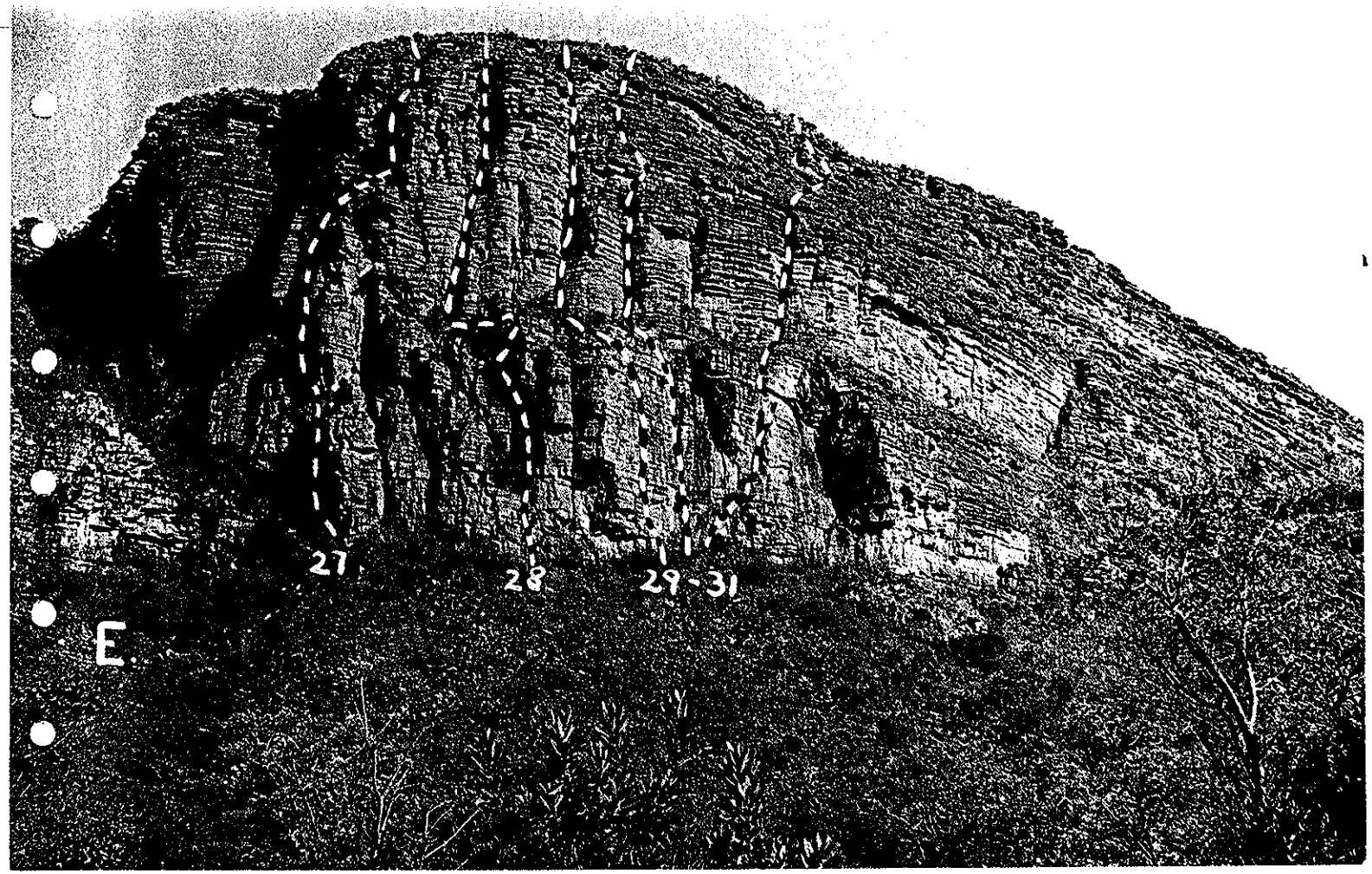
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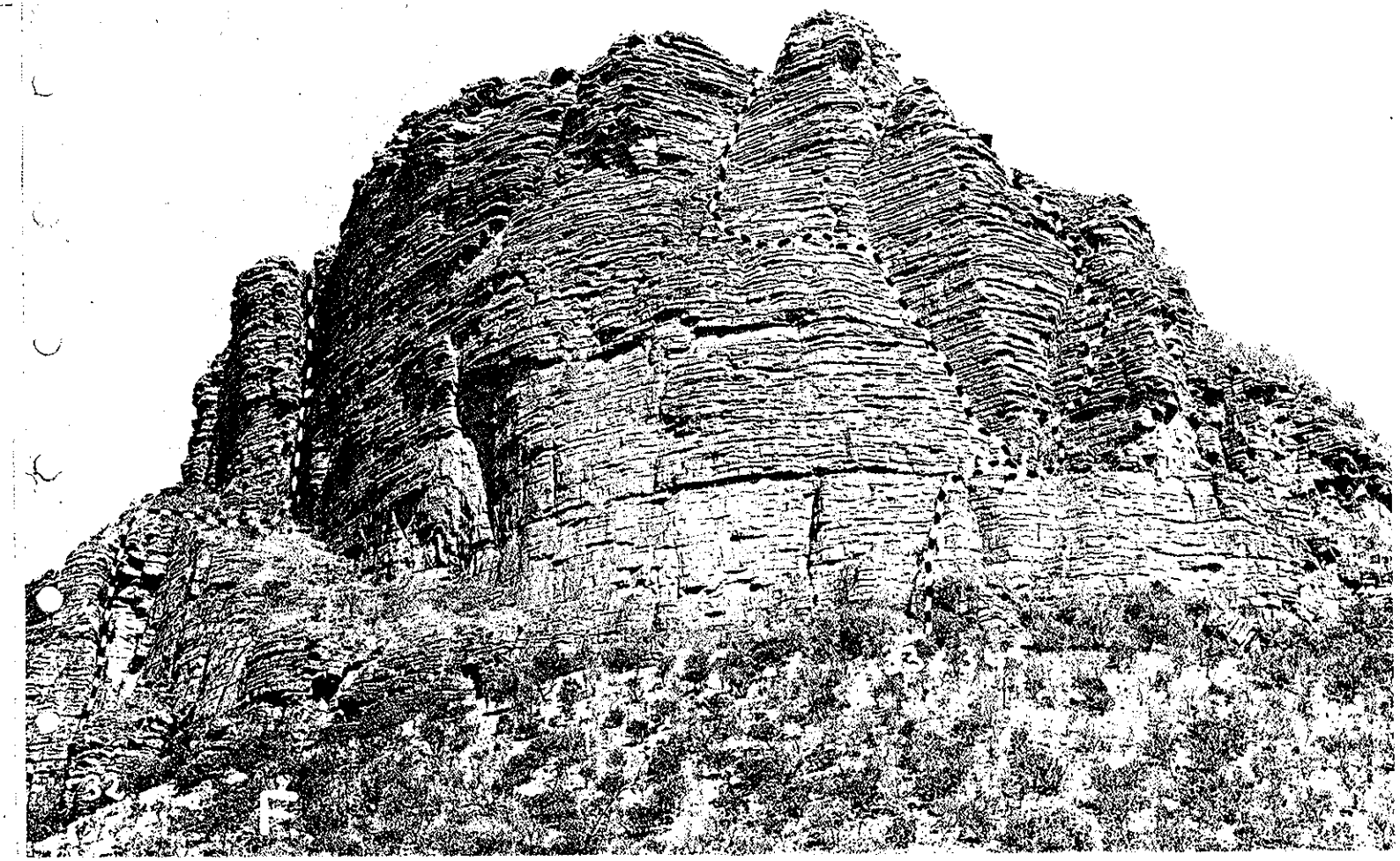


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