

Sunday.

Leave 10am on time. Very depressed at leaving but looking forward to picnic. Roo very cheerful and excited. arrive plymouth and at Steve's house 1 minute late! not a bad guestimate. York wifege (52235!). Very depressed first night on own for ages.

Monday find that overnight supplement has not been paid so a few dodgy moments while landrover to put on board last! Oxford van broke down in reading so had to hire another but gear taken on board by palats. to play bridge most of day and Andy and Roo get very pissed along with Oxford.

Tuesday. Wake up at 6 ship arrives slightly early and Roo drives because Andy has mega hangover due to gin. After smooth customs leave Kevin and drive to cages after stop for Kar and diesel. All cages do a bit of shopping and buy material for gasket for rear half shaft feeling again! Arrive at base camp 3? Set up tent and Andy Roo and Niel do camp and stay at top camp. Me Bruce and Steve to pitch up work in arranger and have on top beer - in pensante bar!!

Wednesday.

I do two carries up along with work and Steve Bruce does one as markers and Niel Roo and Andy also do one as already at top camp. Pitch maggies tent carefully and go to bed early before sunset as very tired

Think of Maggie a lot on walking up and down as it is the only time I get free from sorting out what needs to be done.

Thursday. get up by mark with cup of tea in best luxury!!! Then go straight down to base to sort gear out. Niel has bad knee and mine are troubling as usual. Andy Ross Bruce have all gone up again and we mark Garrett and Steve will go up later in day when less hot. Drawing up some of MZ on ground sheet to use at top camp.

(Friday.)

Woke up - no cup of tea from Mark - where's Maggie! God I'm depressed, everyone else happy. Get up as pit was damp and sticky. Thinking of Maggie. God my knees hurt - need the double bed back... hard to be on the bottom when you're on your own.

Dave Lloyd delivers letter from Maggie - 1st excitement of trip. Miss her more than ever. 6 weeks one day left.

Saturday.

~~Woke~~ ~~canon~~ Woke up - I think I'll borrow a clean top camp pit tomorrow. Decided to go caring with Ross and Bruce - the thought of Ivan's office makes me depressed.