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Turen vår

Our trip

Ulv first went to Agjagcokka by helicopter on the 26th August, explored the almost 400 m long Agjagcokka-raige for the first time, and walked the 15 kms north again to RJR the following day. Waiting for the others, he made some new exploration above Store Skrå (the Big Rift) on Saturday, and had looked at the geology etc. of the surface on Sunday, when they finally came. Most of the 30th was spent carrying the second load up from Seglneset, before Ulv accompanied Ragnar Amundsen, the first man from Hellemofjord to explore his cave, down RJR as far as the traverse. Ragnar left for Musken immediately, and the four of us carried tackle down as far as Storstupet.

We were waken in the morning by snow sliding down tent walls, it was the last day of August and we were glad to spend the day inside RJR. The through trip took 17 hours at moderate speed, and it was a very impressive one. Rigging details are given below. The Litlstupet was found to be even more impressive than Storstupet; silent, echoing and free-hanging. Erik had 2 unhappy strikes here, the first by the falling abseiling rope, and the second resulting in a sprained ankle. The green shelf brought the cave to a surprising end, and the ascent back up to the camp proved the hardest part of the journey, as expected. The day was spent sleeping, and in the evening we brought all gear up from Storstupet. Ulv went down to the 55 m ledge to bring up the ladders rigged on this part, and which proved unnecessary. - August 2. saw us safely back in Musken with Peder Amundsen as our host and boatman, and he even gave us transport to Hellandsberg the following morning.