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1968 - Ungdommelig eventyr i Rana

It was his second year as a caver and his second caving summer in Rana. Furthermore, it was the last year when Rana was as the prime caving district of Norway, holding the length and depth records of Norway. Ulv met two cavers from Eldon Pothole Club and did Krystallgrotta with one of them. He also joined the Norwegian caver Einar Hortman and friends for an easy trip to the caves of Reingardslivatnet. Afterwards, he took part in David Heap's schoolboy expedition, producing a slight extension in Tordenhølet at Krokstrand before moving north to the Salten district, where two caves in Salten were set to become the longest in Norway and the deepest in Northern Europe. Back in Rana, he joined Northern Exploration Group for a trip in Sætergrotta. They passed the Slamgangen temporary sump with minimal air space and explored the chambers and crawls beyond without making new progress. The group was close to being trapped by rising water.