

Former Intelligence Officer Reveals . . .

I Picked Up Wreckage of UFO

That Exploded Over U.S.

The U.S. recovered wreckage of a UFO that exploded over a New Mexico ranch, reveals a retired high ranking Air Force intelligence officer — who told The ENQUIRER that he actually picked up pieces of the craft.

"It was nothing that came from this earth," said former Lieut. Col. Jesse Marcel.

"I didn't know what we were picking up and I still don't know.

"The material is hard to describe. It was definitely a substance that had been manufactured.

"They were rectangular pieces perhaps three-eighths of an inch wide by half an inch thick and varying in length from four or five inches to three or four feet.

"The material was weightless. You couldn't even tell you had it in your hands.

"There were some markings on some pieces that were like hieroglyphics.

"You couldn't break or bend this material, but it didn't look like metal; it looked more like wood.

"I put a cigarette lighter to some of the stuff and it didn't burn. There was other stuff that looked very much like parchment. But that didn't burn either."

Marcel's story is told in a new movie, "UFOs Are Real."

Nuclear physicist and UFO lecturer Stanton Friedman, who was the technical adviser on the film, told The ENQUIRER:

"William Moore and I have

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talked with at least 40 other people who have knowledge of this incident, and I am convinced that a flying saucer exploded and that at least a portion of it spattered out around Roswell, N. Mex.

Moore and Charles Berlitz are coauthors of a book on the crash, "The Roswell Incident," to be published in the spring.

The object exploded over a ranch located about 60 miles northwest of Roswell early in July 1947.

Marcel, now 72 and living near New Orleans, was a major at the time and was the intelligence officer for the 509th Bomb Group — then the world's only atomic bomb group.

All of the officers and even the enlisted men in the group were handpicked for their jobs — and every one of them had high security clearances.

Wreckage from the UFO "was scattered as far as you could see," revealed Marcel, who was awarded five air medals for shooting down five enemy aircraft on bombers in World War 2.

"We started picking up fragments," he said, "and I brought as much as I could back to (Roswell Army Air Field) base."

Other military personnel recovered the rest of the wreckage.

"As one person put it," said Friedman, "It was like they vacuumed the desert — they picked up every piece of stuff and carted it off."

"We learned that the material definitely was shipped to Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio), home of the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

"We haven't been able to find anybody yet who was at Wright Field at that time."

What happened to the material is therefore unknown, according to Friedman, who added:

"It's clear that something very strange was picked up and that it was treated as one might expect the government to treat material that was unknown. It is certainly part and parcel of a long-term cover-up."

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