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Earth-shattering experience for Denise

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by Roger Malone

WHEN PRETTY Denise Bishop came home one night it wasn't the proverbial fairies she saw at the bottom of the garden — but a flying saucer — and she claims she was burnt by a beam from a UFO.

Denise even carries what appears to be tangible evidence of this stranger than usual recorded UFO sighting several weeks after the event.

Well, fact or fancy? True or false? It brings out the sceptic like a shower brings snails from under a stone. Even the almost healed burn on her hand is not undisputed proof that this visitation was any more than a flight from an over-fertile mind.

Like all claims this one is open to the accompanying suspicion and conjecture that anyone brave or indiscreet enough to own up to a "sighting" is inevitably subjected to.

Until she walked up the steps to her parents' bungalow in Weston Mill Hill on a clear, starlit night on September 10 Denise had never given UFOs a second thought.

A 23-year-old accounts clerk with a motor firm in Plymouth she is an intelligent person whose description of the events that she claims took place have been eagerly cross-examined by the Plymouth UFO Research Group



and particularly by its chairman Bob Boyd.

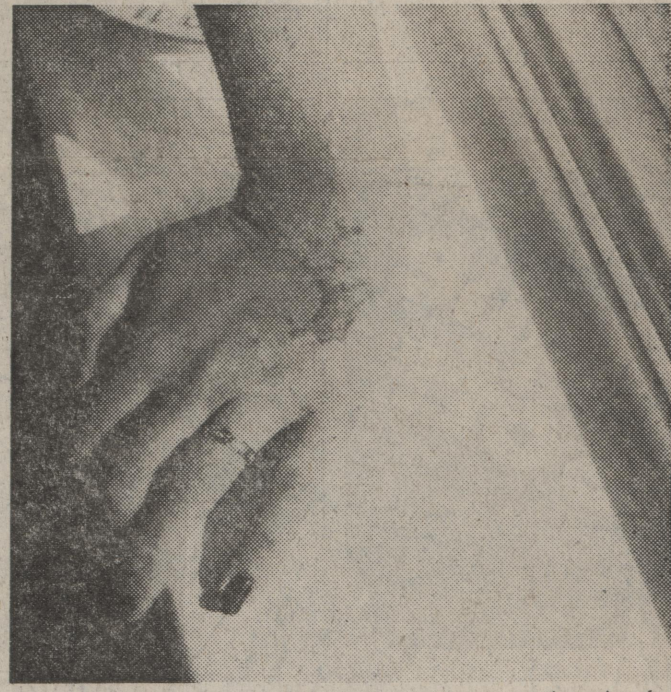
It was only through his encouragement that Denise finally agreed to talk to the "Evening Herald."

"I had got out of a taxi and was walking up the steps to the bungalow between 11.15 and 11.30 pm when I saw a spaceship that was the same shape as the body of a crab.

"It was a massive ship with pink, purple and white lights — the colours were pastel shades, not vivid colours. The shell of the ship was metallic grey."

Feeling disconcerted at such a spectacular homecoming Denise gathered her thoughts and decided to get into the house quickly.

"As I reached for the back door a lime green beam came



The burn mark on Denise's hand, still prominent several weeks after the incident

down on the back of my hand. I couldn't move. I was more amazed than anything. Then the beam went back into the ship and I could move. It was as if someone had stopped a film and then started it again.

Denise said the UFO was "absolutely silent" — despite its size, estimated at 125ft long.

"There was a full moon that night and I could see the UFO quite well. At first it was just hovering. Then it went up higher and moved off slowly before disappearing from sight.

"Now I wish I paid more attention at the time and that I wasn't so shocked. I'm very curious about it because it is the

congealed matter which had formed there.

Bob Boyd was so keen to hear such a phenomenal first hand account that he arrived at the Bishop household at 3 am and quizzed her for two hours.

A friend who was a nurse suggested a medical check up but Denise, who was shortly going to Canada for two weeks holiday, refused. She was afraid something might happen to prevent her trip and also, still in a state of anxiety, it was an experience she felt was best soon forgotten.

Converted

Now, in retrospect she is glad to have been confronted by such an incredible visitation. "This sort of thing was never interesting enough to me to even think about — I suppose I believe it was just one of those things.

"Now I have joined the converted but the problem is converting everyone else. It is so strange that you think twice about speaking about it — if it hadn't been for the burn I wouldn't have said anything."

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sort of thing that you hear and don't really believe. Now I feel sorry for all those people who have been saying similar things and not been taken seriously."

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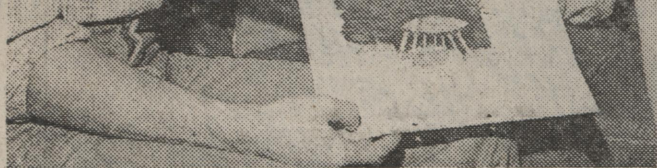
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Bob Boyd, chairman of Plymouth UFO Research Group, with Denise and a drawing of the UFO.

I have contacted this young lady, but she just 'doesn't want to know' + wishes she had not had any publicity at all.





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Defence headquarters in London.

"I cannot stress how unusual this is. In virtually every other UFO sighting there is never any physical evidence left after the event.

"We can only accept on face value what Denise says and there doesn't seem any reason to disbelieve her. The burn mark adds credence to the fact it wasn't a figment of the imagination."

Bob believes this sighting will become one of the most well known cases in Ufology. But why did no-one else see it?

Odd aspect

"In the vast majority of UFO cases it is only the people concerned who see the incident. It is one of the odd aspects about the phenomenon. . ."

Inexplicable, impossible, out of this world it may be, but Denise is just one of a growing number of people who claim to have seen sights that by normal terms of reference do not exist.

It is as unwise to dismiss such reports with ostrich attitudes as it is to forge concrete conceptions on a fabric of sketchy facts. It is only with an open mind that we can face this infinite subject and hope one day to unravel its mysteries. . .