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PAT: Third husband was planned for Elsie

## The Street won't die says Bill

**CRISIS-TORN** Coronation Street, Britain's longest-running TV soap opera, will never die, executive producer Bill Podmore vowed yesterday.

He was speaking out after three shocks that have rocked fans—the sacking of Peter Adamson, who played Len Fairclough, and the resignations of Pat Phoenix (sexy Elsie Tanner) and Geoffrey Hughes (bin man Eddie Yeats).

Mr Podmore said: "The Street is bigger than any one star. It makes the stars—not the other way round."

And he was backed by members of the cast.

Geoff Hughes said: "There's no danger of the Street falling apart. It's much bigger than any of us."

Veteran Doris Speed, 69, who has played Rovers Return pub landlady Annie Walker in the series since it started 23 years ago, said: "Coronation Street will still be going long after all of us."

### Lover

And Doris, who is still

By POLLY HEPBURN and ALAN HART

into the limelight by marrying a third time.

That would have notched up her 23rd lover in 23 years in the show—a record event right up the fans' street.

Ironically, Pat announced her own real-life plans three days ago to marry her live-in lover, actor Tony Booth.

Mr Podmore—known as

● **Colonel's top secret report tells the facts**

● **Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour**

● **Animals flee from strange glowing object**

# UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

**A UFO has landed in Britain—and that staggering fact has been officially confirmed.**

Despite a massive cover-up, News of the World investigators have proof that the mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

It happened in a pine forest called Tangham Wood just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

An American airman who was there told us there were three beings in silver space suits aboard the craft.

## And that's OFFICIAL

**NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES**

By KEITH BEABEY

toward the depressions.

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*Charles F. Halt*  
CHARLES F. HALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander

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### Lover

And Doris, who is still recovering from stomach trouble that made her collapse at rehearsals last Tuesday, promised: "I'll be back — but I don't know when."

Meanwhile, Mr Podmore revealed that Pat Phoenix had missed out on a great boost to her career by quitting.

For her character Elsie, who has not been seen in the show for 10 weeks, was about to be catapulted back

years in the show — a record event right up the fans' street.

Ironically, Pat announced her own real-life plans three days ago to marry her jive-in lover, actor Tony Booth.

Mr Podmore — known as the Godfather because of the power he wields over the show and its cast — said he tried to persuade 59-year-old Pat to stay but she refused.

He said: "She told me she wanted to take a last chance at making her name in the live theatre, her first love."

"She realised she's no longer a spring chicken as she approached her 60th birthday."

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# DAY TRIPPERS IN FERRY PUNCH-UP

By HUGH DEHN

STRANDED British day-trippers fought a pitched battle with truncheon-wielding French police last night as they were stopped from boarding their ferry home.

Fists flew on the quayside as the Sealink ferry Senlac sailed from Dieppe to Newhaven without 35 passengers, because the captain said it was full.

Husbands and wives were separated. And sobbing Susan Blackstock was

hit on the shoulder with a baton as she tried to reach her children, Peter, 16, and Joanna, 18, who were already aboard.

Last night Mrs Blackstock, of West Chiltington, Sussex, was stranded with her youngest child Graham, 14, said: "Suddenly the police said the boat was full."

"They got out their

truncheons and started to push us back. Everyone was screaming. I just burst into tears and went weak at the knees. Then this policeman hit me with his truncheon."

Peter Adams, of Barnham, Sussex, was stranded while his wife sailed with his vital heart pills.

Mr Adams, 56, had left the ship to rescue three teenage girls in their party of 23 from a pub at Eastergate, Chichester.

### Inquiry

"The captain said he'd let us back on board," he said. "But when we returned to the boat the gangplank was up."

"Most of us have no money and no food."

Bruce McIntosh, 40, from Oxted, Surrey, a mechanic for racing driver Nelson Piquet, said: "People rushed into the offices and tore placards and posters from the walls."

A Sealink spokesman in Dieppe admitted the captain may have been wrong about the ship carrying its full quota of 1,236 passengers. "We only counted 1,126," he said.

In London the ferry company spokesman said an inquiry would be held.

### WEATHER

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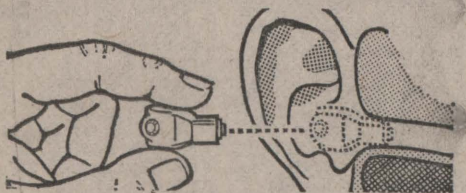
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## NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES

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over the base by a number of airmen.

It sounds like aliens coming to earth in the film Close Encounters, but the PROOF that an Unidentified Flying Object landed in Britain is irrefutable.

The key witness is Lt. Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed alongside the RAF at Woodbridge.

With the help of UFO experts in Britain and the US we have obtained a copy of his official report on the incident, part of which is reproduced on the right.

On official USAF newspaper and headed "Unexplained Lights," Colonel Halt wrote:

Early in the morning two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge.

### PULSING

Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate.

The on-duty flight chief allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot.

The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and approximately

two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.

The object was sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground.

The following night, the colonel reported, the area was checked for radiation and readings were found in the depressions and on a tree.

His report goes on:

Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and disappeared.

Immediately thereafter three star-like objects were noted in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degrees off the horizon.

The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed green and blue lights. The objects to the north

appeared elliptical through an 8-12 power lens.

They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of lights from time to time.

Numerous people, including himself, witnessed these events, Colonel Halt concluded.

Last week he declined to say anything further when we called on him at the base.

"This is a very delicate situation," he said.

"I have been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it."

But before filing his report Colonel Halt sought advice from the RAF base commander, Squadron Leader Donald Morland, who told me:

"The Colonel sat in my office and was a very worried man."

### TRUTH

"The first I knew of these events was when he came to me and related what he had seen. I know Col. Halt well and respect him and I fully believe he was telling me the truth."

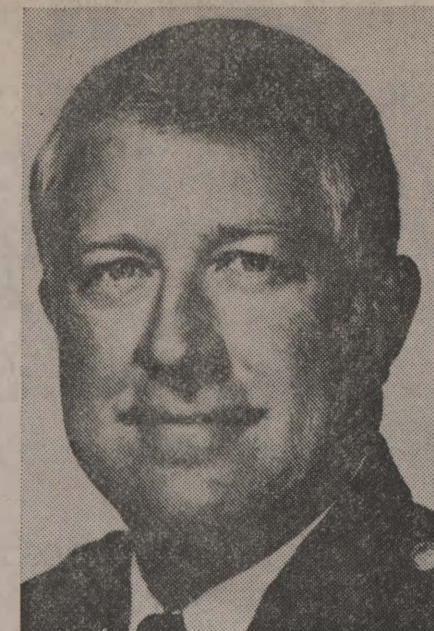
"Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air which no known aircraft is capable of doing. I put the events the Colonel related to me down to inexplicable phenomena."

The Colonel's report confirms the strange events in the forest that night, but lacks the eyewitness detail given to us by Art Wallace, a USAF Security Policeman, now back in America as a civilian.

He was sent to the site in a convoy of military vehicles from nearby

## EVIDENCE

DETAIL from Lt. Col. Charles Halt's confidential report about the sighting of "unexplained lights" and a strange glowing object that lit up the forest



NO HOAX: Brig. Gen. Williams

# NO HOAX SAYS THE AIR CHIEF

THERE has been no hoax, says the man who was in charge of the USAF base at Woodbridge when the UFO came down.

The Wing Commander, now Brigadier-General Gordon Williams, said back home in America: "I recall Lt Colonel Halt's report."

"I don't know exactly what happened. It is all there. He is not a man who would hoax the British Ministry of Defence or the American Air Force Department." Despite official silence, News of the World reporters discovered that the UFO was tracked on radar by RAF Watten, 50 miles from where it landed.

Radar technicians reported: "Tracing unidentified object."

They followed its progress across the east coast until it disappeared off the screen.

USAF intelligence officers later checked the tapes of all radar installations in the area.

Bentwaters that night and describes what he saw:

We looked up in the sky and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees.

There was no noise, no sound at all. We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of colours, all kinds of colours.

We were momentarily blinded and when the colours died down there was a machine.

Art said there were beings in the craft, but he could not see them as he was on the wrong side.

### SILVER

"But others did. They said there were three, wearing silver suits."

Art Wallace — we have changed his name for security reasons — tells his story on Page 3 today.

One theory is that the craft was a military space vehicle returning to earth from a top secret mission, but that would hardly explain why Colonel Halt knew nothing of it.

Last word goes to game-keeper Roger Boast, who lives in his cottage near the airbase:

"Something happened that night. The cattle in a nearby field ran amok. And deer and rabbits ran from the woods.

"It is all very strange."

## AIRMAN'S STORY Page 3

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# UFO lands in Suffolk—the airman's story

# THE FOREST EXPLODED

# WITH BLINDING LIGHT

**THE FIRST** terrified thought to penetrate U.S. airman Art Wallace's brain as he saw Britain's first authenticated UFO landing was that he was seeing something from Star Wars.

To Art, the mystery machine that landed silently in a forest in an explosion of red light looked like "the spaceship from the movie."

He told me: "It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves and things.

"It was about 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top 12ft to 15ft high . . . certainly big enough to handle people."

Art's rendezvous with the unbelievable came in the early hours of December 27, 1980, after he was ordered into a jeep at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk, where he was a security guard.

The jeep drove in convoy towards nearby RAF Woodbridge, then pulled up on the edge of lonely Tangham Wood. Said Art:

"We were all told to hand in our weapons. I had an M16 rifle. Then we took lights into the woods.

Amazing things seemed to happen even then. I noticed animals running in panic from the forest.

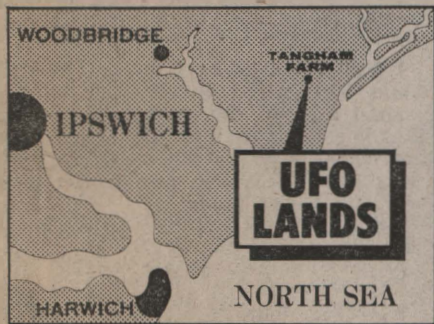
Fuel guages on the vehicles registered empty when we knew they were full.

As we approached a clearing we could see some very bright lights.

We were a bit shook up to come across a U.S. medic treating one of our security police who appeared to have broken down and was crying.

The clearing was full of RAF and USAF security people—about 200 of them. Several movie cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object. It appeared to be resting



MAP showing where it happened

From BOB SMITH  
in New York

on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent.

We were in awe, never having seen anything remotely like this. Nearby, there was an airman carrying a radio. Suddenly, we heard a chopper pilot telling him: "Here it comes."

We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees. In the distance, it looked about 100ft high

and appeared to be coming in to land.

It came down right over the transparent aspirin on the ground. There was no sound at all.

We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of all kinds of colours.

We were blinded. When the colours died down, we looked again, and there was a machine there.

A captain motioned us to approach the ship. We walked up close enough to touch it. It was giving off a metallic bluish light.

There were three groups of about four security men



LANDING SITE: UFO hunters Brenda (left) and Dorothy at Tangham Wood, where the craft landed

each circling the thing. I could see our shadows on the craft. As we walked, they moved.

But when we stopped, the shadows seemed to take another pace. It was weird. Suddenly, a green light came on at the top of the spaceship.

It moved down the sides of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the side. Just like the ball bounces in a video game.

## SHADOWS

Then I realised the spaceship was inhabited. There were beings aboard.

I didn't see them because I was on the wrong side of the craft. But others did.

They said there were three, and they were wearing silver suits. I had a strange feeling and seemed to black out.

The next thing I knew, it was about 5 a.m. and I was waking up, lying half across my bunk. I still had my uniform on and was up to my knees in mud.

To this day, I don't know how I got back to the barracks, or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows.

My roommate said I'd been brought into the room by some people—he didn't know who—and just dumped on the bed.

Later that day, myself

and several of the guys who had been at the field were given the once-over with a geiger counter but we were never told why or what the results were.

We were all called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told what we'd seen had been classified top secret.

Several civilians were doing all the talking. We took them for CIA.

They said if we ever told the story, no one would believe us. One guy added that if we did talk, then bullets were cheap.

I thought, "This guy is actually threatening our lives. He obviously meant it."

Looking back, the one thing that bothers me is

that the officers and civilians present seemed to know all about it—they weren't all that surprised.

Art Wallace—that isn't his real name—was honourably discharged from the USAF in June, 1981. He is now aged 22.

If named, he could be jailed for saying what he saw.

Attempts to penetrate the mystery have been made by two Suffolk UFO spotters, Mrs Brenda Cutler, 38, of Leiston, and Mrs Dorothy Street, of Oulton Broad.

Said Brenda: "We met a wall of secrecy."

But they linked up with American UFO expert Larry Fawcett, who ques-

tioned Art Wallace and obtained a copy of the report on the incident by Lieutenant Colonel Halt, USAF deputy commander at RAF Woodbridge.

The colonel later saw us in his office," said Brenda.

"He was upset because the report had leaked out, but then became helpful.

"He even pointed out on our map the place he said the craft had landed."

At the Defence Ministry in London, a spokesman would only say: "We are aware of the report, but this is a matter for the USAF, not us."

But a USAF spokesman at Mildenhall, Suffolk, said: "All reports of this incident are now with your Defence Ministry."

## Yes, it is true

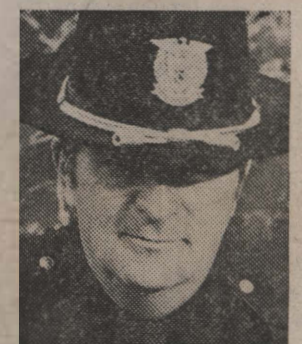
UFO expert Larry Fawcett (right), a police lieutenant in Connecticut, says: "I am sure an alien flying craft did land in that forest."

"Despite intensive questioning, Airman Wallace has never been caught out in a lie.

"We also have corroboration of his account. It is

doubtful if any person, never mind several, could make up such a story."

Lieut. Fawcett, 44, a chief of the American organisation Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, added: "Both the British and American military know an awful lot more about this than they have ever told."



**NEXT WEEK—The big cover-up**