

I WAS BLINDED BY 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 moon".

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, 12 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 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. Earlier I had seen weird animals fleeing as if in panic.

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 heavily.

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The clearing was full of AP and USAP security personnel. Helicopters and choppers had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object, appeared to be resting on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin; it was transparent.

We were in awe, never having seen anything remotely like this. Near

by 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



MAP showing the UFO landing site

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 colours, 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.

We looked at it but

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