

# VALLEY OF THE UFO'S

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IT WAS dusk when coalman Tom Schofield's day suddenly turned to terror . . . as two silver-suited aliens loomed up behind him.

He had just arrived home from work in the village of Crawshaw-booth — overlooking the eight-mile Rossendale Valley running between Burnley and Todmorden.

He told me: "I was closing the garage door when I saw something from the corner of my eye. I looked over my shoulder and they were there."

Tom, 48, leaned forward, his hands tightening their grip on a mug of tea.

"I can still see them clearly," he said. "There were two figures in silver suits like the chrome of a car bumper, brilliantly polished and without a crease.

"I just kept looking at them. Then suddenly I realised they didn't have any features. They didn't have faces.

"Their heads seemed to be covered with helmets.

"One of them turned towards me and I heard their clothing rustle.

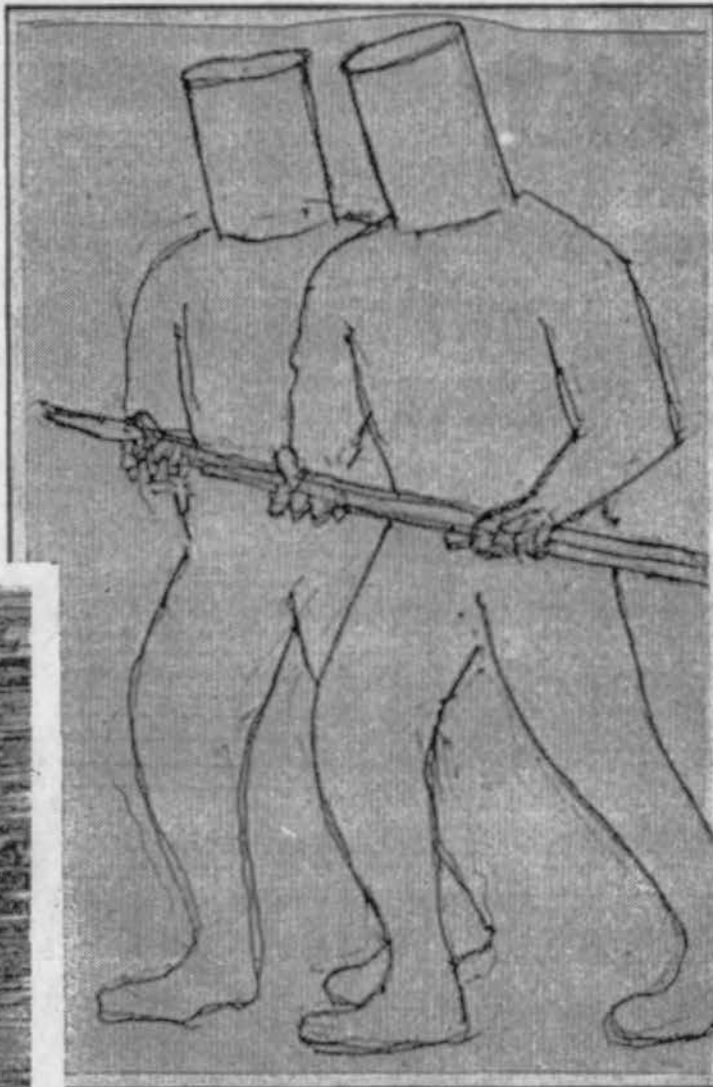
"They were carrying what looked like a metal bar."

Tom looked away for just a second. When he turned back, the visitors had gone.

The case of the Silver Aliens is one of 32 hair-raising sightings from UFO Valley being probed by the Defence Ministry.

"Other people had seen things, too," said Tom, who joined friends in setting up a flying-saucer spotting group.

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**SILVER ALIENS** from 25 yards: Sketched by Tom Schofield