

# I WAS MESMERISED... 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.

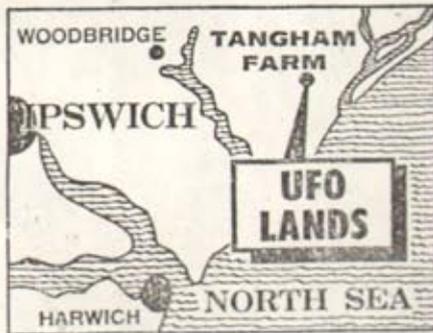
"It was about 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top, 12 to 15ft high... certainly big enough to handle people."

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.

aid Art: "We were all told to hand in our weapons. I had an M16 rifle. Then the lights into the woods. Earlier I'd seen weird animals fleeing as if in a 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.



MAP showing the UFO landing site

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## COLOURS

The clearing was full of AF and USAF security people. Several video cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object, it 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

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

couldn't see any windows.

There were three groups of about four security men 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 to me after I watched the green light bounce off our shadows.

My room-mate said I'd been brought into the room by the 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. He assumed the Air Force must have thought the ship was radioactive.

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

We were made to sign official USAF documents saying we understood that if we talked we could be punished.

Several civilians were doing all the talking. 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.

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

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If named, he could receive a prison sentence for revealing what he saw.

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

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

But they linked up with American UFO expert

Harry Fawcett, who questioned Art Wallace and obtained a copy of the report on the incident by Lieutenant Colonel Halt, USAF commander at RAF Woodbridge.

The colonel later spoke to Brenda and Dorothy. "He saw us in his office," said Brenda.

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

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

"He said a security man tried climbing on to the craft but it moved away," added Brenda.

At the Defence Ministry in London, a spokesman refused to unravel the mystery. He told the News of the World:

"We are aware of the report, but this is a matter for the USAF, not us."



LANDING SITE—UFO hunters—Brenda (left) and Dorothy at Tangham Wood, Suffolk, where the craft touched down

# BOY OF THE COLLEGE SWEETHEARTS

News of the World Reporter

THE head-girl sweetheart of college head boy Andrew Caulfield died when the car he was driving home from a night out skidded off the road and smashed into a tree.

Three other teenage passengers and Andrew, who had been going out with Jennifer McCrackern for seven months, escaped with slight injuries.

Andrew, 17, is head boy of Wallingford Sixth-form College, Oxfordshire. Hockey-playing Jennifer was its

head girl. The two A-level students were planning to go

## Yes, it is true

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

"Despite intensive questioning by a number of people — including myself, a professional policeman — Airman Wallace has never been caught out in

a lie or a change of story. "We have also corroborated his account."

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.

"You can't hide the truth for ever."

