

A patrol-car policeman claims that while he was on night duty he was stopped dead in his tracks by a mysterious blue-white light from an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). He said his car's engine stalled, the lights failed and that when he tried contacting headquarters for help, the radio didn't work.

Policeman Tells How Mysterious Beam of Light From UFO Stalled His Patrol Car



UFO EXPERT: Air Force Major H.C. Petersen, who studied the evidence, says he's convinced Maarup encountered a UFO.

Evald H. Maarup, 38, said the eerie incident happened when he was alone in his squad car on a dark road near the town of Haderslev in Jutland, Denmark.

Maarup, a 14-year police veteran, used a camera he had in the car to take half a dozen shots which were later examined by Air Force officials at nearby Skrydstrup Airbase. (The photos, of poor quality, were too dark to be reproduced for publication.)

At first the Danish military thought the strange light was caused by a training jet in the vicinity of the sighting. However, theories that it could have been jet-tail flashes or anti-collision lights were ultimately rejected.

Major Bengt Hellden of the Tactical Air Command, Karup, Jutland, told **THE ENQUIRER**:

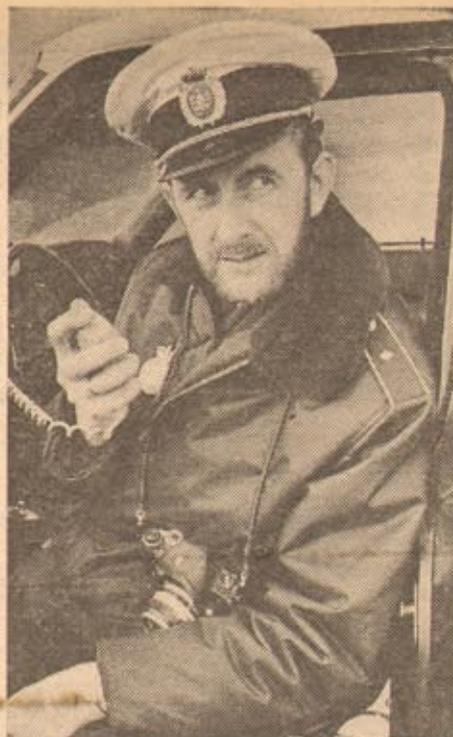
"After investigating the matter further and talking to the pilots, we don't think it was training planes which the police officer saw.

"We have searched the area, but have not been able to find anything. There was something happening that night . . . at that time. But whatever it was, we cannot explain it."

One of Denmark's top UFO experts, Air Force Major H.C. Petersen, also studied the evidence. He told **THE ENQUIRER**:

"I'm convinced that what patrolman Maarup encountered was a spaceship. I put a lot of weight on his sighting. He is trained to be observant and to make accurate reports.

"We have, over the years, seen many



PATROLMAN Evald Maarup sits in police car he was driving on the night he sighted the UFO.

similar reports of spaceships nearing the earth's surface and affecting the electrical systems of cars. Pilots have reported similar type encounters.

"The police officer was caught up in the magnetic force field of this ship. He was protected by his car. The light that bathed his car appears to be another kind of light than the type we know."

Several other UFO sightings during the same period also seem to confirm the patrolman's experience, Maj. Petersen said. "Even if we do away with 99 percent of the most mysterious reports, the other 1 percent is still convincing," said Petersen.

Maarup, a UFO skeptic before the

incident, told **THE ENQUIRER**:

"I was driving downhill on the road on August 13 when suddenly an unusually sharp blue-white light surrounded the entire car.

"For a few minutes it was so bright I had to cover my eyes against the glare.

"I tried to call the police station at Haderslev and request help, but the car radio had gone completely dead. The car motor had stalled and the lights went out.

"I could feel the temperature inside the car warming up. I was stunned at first and didn't know what to do. Then I remembered I had a camera in my car and took some photos.

"The UFO seemed at one point to be directly over the car, perhaps only 30 to 60 feet away. It resembled some kind of dark cloud. I would estimate the size as about 45 feet in circumference.

"The light appeared to be coming from the object, like some kind of column. When it finally disappeared it was strange because the light wasn't turned out in the ordinary sense. It appeared as if the light column were pulled back into the UFO.

"It was also strange that right afterward, when the object suddenly vanished without a sound, the car lights went on again, the motor started and the radio worked. I got out of the car to have a look around, but couldn't see anything.

"The body of the car was hot all over. I couldn't touch it at first."

Maarup was reluctant at first to report the incident.

But he finally notified the Haderslev police station. In turn, the matter was brought to the attention of the military.

"It's an experience I'll never forget," Maarup said.

"I'm not so skeptical about Flying Saucers nowadays."

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