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'UFO' FOUND IN FRENCH FIELD

PARIS — French troops yesterday sealed off the area around "a metallic object about three metres high with antennas" which apparently fell into a field in southern France, a police officer said.

No spokesman for local military units could be reached immediately to comment, but some commentators in the area suggested the whole affair might have been an elaborate hoax set up by students of the French Air Academy at nearby Salon-de-Provence.

TUFOIC MEETING DATES 1982

Meetings are held at the BP Theatrette, City Mutual Building, 47 Liverpool Street, commencing 8.00 p.m.
 Prospective members and persons with sightings information are welcome.

1982 DATES

January 29th August 13th
 April 2nd October 8th
 June 4th November 26th

YEAR'S SIGHTINGS STATISTICS

The year saw an increase in investigations but the total of reports was well below 1970s level. Also the UFO % has reached an all time low.

With only 5 unexplained cases there can be no patterns although 3 reports occurred in February. The figures in the table below have been updated as at the close of 1981.

INVESTIGATIONS ... COMPARITIVE FIGURES.

YEAR REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED UFO%

Pre65	122	22	18
1965	18	7	39
1966	33	16	48
1967	16	4	25
1968	29	6	21
1969	61	14	23
1970	44	8	18
1971	95	23	24
1972	68	14	20
1973	136	26	19
1974	158	53	33
1975	177	46	26
1976	191	42	22
1977	152	35	23
1978	175	29	16
1979	150	16	11
1980	60	8	13
1981	76	5	7

ANALYSIS OF 1981 INVESTIGATIONS

Unidentified	5 (6.5%)
Investigation/Insufficient Info.....	10
Astronomical	27
Aircraft	11
Satellites	6
Meteorological	7
Ballons	4
Other Explanations	6

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS 76

UNIDENTIFIED 1981

The past few years has seen an easing of reports to the Centre, both explained and unexplained. The last year has been no different although there was a small increase in calls to the Centre. The unidentifieds are listed with their Australian Centre for UFO Studies catalogue number.

TA 81006..9.2.81.. North-East of Flinders Island.

Two witnesses gave details to the Centre on March 5th of two flashing lights and a puzzling glow seen whilst sailing their yacht across Bass Strait. At the time they were 140 Kmts northeast of Flinders Island running in rough conditions to Flinders Island on a heading of 190 to 180 degrees. About 23.00 on the 8th two white lights were noticed either side of their heading. They were at a few degrees elevation and looked like a distant street light except a beam of light would pulse from right to left in irregular fashion. During the second witnesses watch he noticed a 20m area about the yacht was lit up like moonlight (no moon seen). The seas were rough so he had little time to keep a watch on the glow and lights. About 3 a.m. he noticed the lights were no longer in sight.

With the morning (9 a.m.) radio check on the weather they found the yachts battery had gone flat, it had been fully charged a bit over a day earlier at Gabo Island. A battery operated clock bought in Sydney had stopped whilst a car clock running off the yacht's battery stopped at the unlikely time of 18.18 am/pm. It has not worked since. The yacht motor was started by hand and over the next day or so recharged. Despite being in the Hobart dock for some weeks without the engine running, it has not lost its charge. The lights, glow and other effects could all be unconnected but the strange part is they seem to have occurred at the same time.

TA 81025..20.2.81..Campbelltown.

Another February sighting was investigated two months later by the Centre. Two witnesses were travelling south to Hobart from Launceston about 8.30p.m. on the evening of February 20th. They had just passed the town of Campbelltown and were heading south (130 kmts from Hobart). The sighting itself was very brief, only a matter of 10 seconds, but a strange area of light seems to have lit up the area.

The witnesses noticed a huge white ball with a silver blue edge stationary about 200m away over a paddock (100m up). Whilst still wondering what it could be the ball seemed to explode into a large area of intense bright light, brighter than day. It lit up the interior and exterior of the car and was painful to the eyes. The light then seemed to contract back to the original ball.

The ball however was now replaced by a sphere-type shape

which looked to be falling towards the ground, it was still white in colour but the edge was now red instead. The witnesses departed at once and did not look back.

TA 81008..21.2.81..Mt. Nelson.

Satellites, re entry, or what was responsible for the lights seen from Mt. Nelson by two witnesses at 2a.m. on the 21st of February.

Two large white lights were first seen approaching from the east at 60 deg. elevation. The two lights, one behind the other, passed away to the witnesses' north and gave the impression of curving more to the south. However, nearby trees and the house obscured the view.

Within seconds the lights or similar ones reappeared to the south on a heading to the south-east. This time though there were four white lights in a row moving steadily away and disappearing into the distance after some minutes.

A check of satellites was of no help and the Dept. of Science and Technology (Canberra) advised no satellites were visible over Tasmania at that time; they suggest it was debris re-entry. Some 15 objects were due to re-enter in February and maybe our lucky witness saw two of these almost at the same time. Maybe someone can give us the odds of this occurring.

TA.. 81021..11.4.81..Partridge Island 20.00 hours.

Two witnesses on the deck of a boat saw what looked like a plane light at 10 deg. elevation to the north-west. The light was travelling to the south and pulsing a red colour. After travelling through 30 to 40 degrees of compass bearing it stopped to their south-west and dropped into a dip in the hills. Three other witnesses were called at this stage but they only saw the light stationary in the south-west.

The five went into the cabin of the boat and when they looked for the light 5 minutes later there was nothing to be seen. There were no known aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

TA 81053..28.9.81..Lindisfarne 21.00 hours.

Lone witness outside home notices Venus then another light 3 times the size of the planet and below the hills west of Glenorchy. It was amber in colour and stationery for 5 minutes. Then it moved left (south) and zig-zagged upwards over the top of the mountains and disappeared very fast after moving slowly initially. As it moved there seemed to be rays below.

Credit Acufos Bulletin December 1981.

UNIDENTIFIED RADAR TARGETS.

At approximately 0.200 hours on Saturday October 17th, 1981 an Air Cargo L188 (Electra) aircraft flying from Sydney, New South Wales to Brisbane Queensland was between Sydney and Newcastle. After departing the Sydney area the three crew members noted two targets on the aircraft's RCA AVQ 30 radar (range 270nm) at an estimated 40nm west of the aircraft's northerly track, NW of the plane at that time. The two targets were confirmed by Sydney ATC but they advised there was no known traffic in the area and couldn't identify the targets that were moving ahead of the plane on a parallel track nearing Newcastle both targets vanished from the plane's radar. The total duration of the event was 15 minutes.

YEAR IN AUSTRALIA

Since our last Annual Report was compiled in December 1980 some interesting cases have been filed with the Australian Centre for UFO Studies; our information is compiled from ACUFOS Bulletins.

1980 DECEMBER 3rd. MURRAY UPPER QUEENSLAND. Object approaches car for about 30 minutes during which time the lights flickered, radio and motor died.

1980 DECEMBER 4th, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Department of Transport Officers observe 4 objects glinting in the sun for 15 minutes and that radar had a matching paint. The objects were never stationary whilst under observation. Calls came in from some members of the public who also reported similar objects over Perth that morning.

1981 MARCH 4th, BUTCHER HILL via CAIRNS. QUEENSLAND. Series of nocturnal lights observed in the east of ENE. Russell Boundy of UFOR (Far Nth Queensland) was contacted at the time of the sighting. The witnesses were advised to photograph the lights but when the film was developed there was nothing to be seen.

APRIL 14 TJNAMBA. VICTORIA. A flashing red light was observed 800m from the Gallatly farmhouse. It was flying around at fence top height and sped off to the north. Three burnt rings were found on the property which is just 8 km from the "White Acres" property. "White Acres" at Rosedale was the site of a significant landing and trace event on 30th September 1980. Other rings were reported in the area later in the year but no UFO was reported on these later occasions.

MAY 16th COCKLEDIDDY, NULLABOR PLAIN. Two witnesses see just off to the right of the road a dome-like structure. It was glowing bright red, stationary and soundless. As they came level it simply disappeared. Looking through the rear vision mirror they saw a pale pink glow high in the sky disappearing west. They then noted an uncomfortable heating of their bodies.

AUGUST 2nd. DARKEY FOREST, N.S.W. A coalminer travelling to work saw an unusual object pass an estimated 200m over his head. The "coffin" shaped object with angular sides and corners appeared the size of a house in the sky. A ring of yellow and white lights in the top section going on and off were observed, as was a large blue light in the centre of the object, and a faint yellow beam swept from side to side in the direction of travel.

AUGUST 25th, BUNBURY, WEST AUSTRALIA.

A formation of unusual objects was reported off the coast. Three men said they saw up to fifteen bright objects travelling in formation about 2km off shore. John Harvey of Bunbury said 15 bright silvery symmetrical objects had hovered over the ocean. They then moved north rapidly and suddenly shot up vertically without changing speed. It was mentioned the Department of Transport nor the RAAF could shed any light on the reports.

AUGUST 26th. ALBURY, WEST AUSTRALIA.

Mr. E. Beckerleg and Mr. G. Gray were travelling along Lower Denmark Road towards Elleker when an object is said to have flown across in front of them and into paddocks at the side of the road. Mr. Beckerleg is quoted as saying that they had stopped the car, got out and watched as it hovered silently over the paddock for about a minute. The object had three red lights and 2 flashing white ones. It moved off and continued on in an undulating pattern across the paddocks. It was noiseless.

SEPTEMBER, CAMBEWARRA MTN. RD. N.S.W.

Mr. F. Burke is reported by the "Daily Mirror" in Sydney (16.9.81) to have experienced a strong beam of light which enveloped his car as he drove on the Cambewarra Mountain Road between Kangaroo Valley and Nowra. It is reported that a tape recorder was melted by the encounter.

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UFO gives fishermen shock of their lives

from "WHYALLA NEWS"
August 10th 1981.

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by
BARRY ROBERTS

Fishermen hauling in a catch of garfish on Wednesday night had the shock of their lives, nearly falling off their boat in amazement.

For coming over the horizon at about 7.30 pm. in a line from Mount Young to the airport, was a massive dark red-orange object.

The two fishermen who sighted the object stood back in amazement and fear as the long cigar-shaped object came into view at about 1000 feet above their boat.

They stopped hauling in their catch to watch the progress of the glowing object which moved fairly slowly for 30 seconds then accelerated out of sight through the atmosphere.

The two fishermen, Mr Erroll Tyrell and his partner Mr Vic Denton, gasped at the sight.

They were three miles from the groyne, off the coast on a line with the airport and Mount Young.

Mr Tyrell was the first to spot the object as it came into view over Mount Young.

Just before the sighting, an aeroplane has passed over them and they were both sure it could not have been that as the object made no sound and did not have any wing or tail light.

Mr Denton was on the other side of the boat when Mr Tyrell shouted over to him. "What the hell is that?"

They both stopped hauling their trawl net in and watched, unsure of whether to jump overboard.

Mr Denton said, "It was hundreds of feet long. You can tell it wasn't a plane as they look like matchsticks in the sky. It headed toward us from Mount Young and seemed to be climbing.

"I said to Erroll, 'should we tell anyone as they will not believe us,' but when you are fishing at night things normally go down but this was going up."

It could not have been a meteorite, he said, as he had seen them before and they sped through the sky at hundreds of miles an hour.

The object's direction was not haphazard. It at

first travelled slowly then after 30 seconds sped up and out of sight into the sky.

Mr Tyrell said: "I was astounded. It could not have been an aircraft or a jumbo jet, it was nothing like that. We nearly fell off our boat.

"It was coming toward us high in the sky and it was so massive I could not believe it. I did not know whether to stand, run, or swim. It hardly changed shape at all.

"It had no blue or green lights, just an orangey red color and completely aglow. It looked like a big cigar and must have been hundreds of feet long.

"It scared me. I have seen a few things in the sky over the years but this was so big. My immediate impression was that it was a UFO. We have seen one before off the Iron Knob beach but that was small."

Mr Tyrell said he does believe in the existence of unidentified flying objects.

"It was not a meteorite, or flares or an aircraft because I have seen those things. It started disappearing, moving away really fast after a while. It

HUON MYSTERY LIGHTS

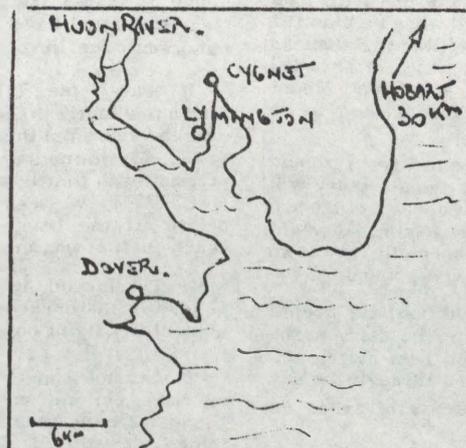
In the period 1973-75 four investigations were made by TUFOIC members into reports from the Huon Valley area. The reports involved lights, twice in thundery conditions but on two occasions during the fine weather. The events have languished in the files with the explanation of possible ball lightning, or to quote the "Mercury" of January 8th 1974. "It was a type of aerial phenomena but certainly a most unusual one". In two of the cases the main percipients suffered eye troubles and loss of weight. Also there may have been associated traces in three of the cases.

Ball Lightning

Firstly let's have a look at some information on ball lightning. S. Singer in "Ball Lightning" (1977) says. "The glowing spheres are usually associated with ordinary lightning in severe thunderstorms. In contrast to the common flashes of lightning, however, these globes remain visible for an appreciable time while floating freely through the air in extended paths." "The globes are approximately spherical in all but 10 to 20% of the cases". "A blue halo or corona extending from the central mass is observed occasionally and sometimes sparks and rays are emitted." "The balls average 25cm in diameter." "Most are between 10 - 100cm, sizes from ½cm to several metres have been reported." "Colours seem comparable to that of a flame or an electrical discharge." "Orange and red are most frequent." "Yellow, blue and green are also noted as is an intense white which is bright and dazzling."

Dr. N. Charman (New Scientist 1972) notes the balls tend to move horizontally at a velocity of a few metres a second; they may also move vertically, remain stationary or wander about. Some balls display an affinity for metal objects, others appear in buildings passing through doors and windows with curious ease. The disappearance is generally rapid and may be silent or explosive. Hissing or crackling noises have been noted, like an electrical discharge in the air. The fireballs usually exist for 15 seconds but some have been visible for a few minutes.

Location of events.



DOVER 1973

The first mystery report came from Dover about 3.15a.m. on Wednesday March 28th (1973). There had been some rain and thunder in the area earlier and the clouds were still thick and low when Mrs. A. Marks was awakened by a sound, it was like a whirr or scream of an electric motor. Mrs. Marks woke her husband and a friend of the family holidaying with them. All three saw a light to the north and watched it for 20 minutes.

The dense looking object gave off a reddish light and was below the cloud at low elevation. As the noise increased 2 smaller lights appeared to the left of the initial light. The main light expanded when the noise was loudest then later diminished in size. It was estimated to be two thirds moon size at arms length.

The light just remained stationary until finally with the noise at its loudest it expanded somewhat then all three lights just went out and the noise stopped. In a later TV interview not everyone apparently noticed all three lights.

Investigation.

The sighting appeared in the "Mercury" of Saturday March 31st and the witnesses were interviewed by ABC TV. Ken Bennetto (Sightings Investigator 1969-75) investigated the sighting and learnt of another incident that night.

Some $\frac{1}{2}$ km from the witnesses' location the local store fire and burglar alarm was somehow activated. A neighbour had to contact the owner to come and turn it off as it was running down a bit when turned off after going for quite some time. The neighbour and shop owner noticed an orange glow coming from behind trees in the direction of the Mark's light.

Did the noise of the shop alarm wake up the witness, was it coincidence it was turned off at the time the lights vanished. The light had the correct colour to be ball lightning although there does not seem to have been a severe thunderstorm. It remained stationary and just vanished also in keeping with ball lightning. However, its duration was rather long at 20 minutes although experience shows witnesses tend to overestimate times for sightings.

Let's move onto our next case and see what we can come up with.

LYMINGTON 1973

A fast moving cold front crossed Tasmania on the evening of December 30th producing a line of scattered thunderstorms as the moist north-westerly wind turned west to south west.

The weather at Lymington had been fine and gusty earlier in the day, so gusty in fact it slammed the front door of the witnesses house shut, cracking the glass. At the time of this next report it was still gusty but otherwise fine and clear with a starlite sky. The witness tells there were no thunderstorms at Lymington itself although follow-up revealed there was distant lightning to the south-east (maybe no nearer than 20/30kmts).

The Sighting

The whole thing started about 10.45 p.m. when Mrs. A. just looked out her upstairs window to the west and saw a strange looking moon that had a handle shape on one side.

Mrs. A's. house is at a road junction and at the back of the house (west) is a 5 hectares paddock which has a crown on its far side some 10m above the level of the house. There is a line of trees just over this rise and it was behind these that the object was seen. Beyond the trees are bush covered hills.

Mrs. A went downstairs to her kitchen and turned off the light so she could point out the light to her daughter and her boyfriend. Mr. A. meanwhile and another daughter were elsewhere in the house. Whilst they looked out Mrs. A's daughter noticed a dim shape in the paddock just over the fence some 20m away. A mass of light gradually got brighter until it was a brilliant yellow. There also looked to be areas of round light on the mass. Two round areas of white yellow at each end and a rectangular yellow gold area in the centre. The cigar to rectangular mass of light was very bright so that its underneath line was hard to discern. It also hurt the eyes to look at, making the witness squint.

The mass of light was there for about 20 minutes (again an estimate) but the witnesses only looked out at it four times then would return to the kitchen table trying to work out what it was they could see. Prior to the fourth time Mrs. A and her daughter went to the back door with the idea of going out for a closer look. However, they only opened the door a short distance when Mrs. A says they felt a wave of heat and it needed the two of them to force the door shut.

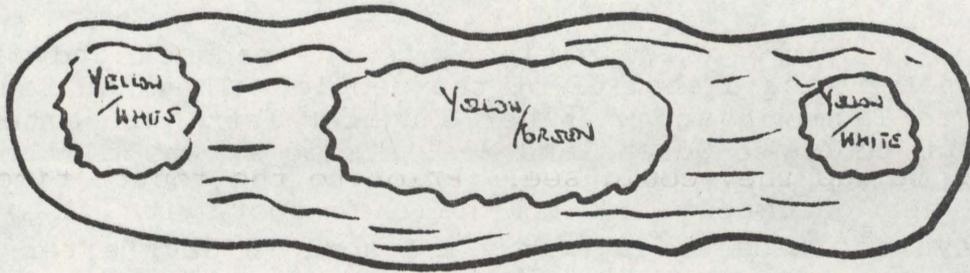
They now all returned to the window and were surprised when after a few minutes the whole mass in a few seconds vanished from view. At this stage the boyfriend, it was claimed, was levitated into the air for a number of seconds. This incident and the opening of the back door plus later details about the van outside were not initially told to investigators. Mrs. A said it was only some months later when her daughter returned from a trip to the mainland that she felt capable of telling the whole story.

The three witnesses now went upstairs to tell Mr. A what had befallen them. Mrs. A again looked out over the paddock only to see more lights gliding down the rise. This time in addition to the initial witnesses, Mr. A and the second daughter also saw this display.

The dull yellow lights looked football to torch size. The first light was moving left to right but no one could recall the following number of lights or their movement. They would just appear, move about, then fade away again. It was after midnight when the lights failed to reappear.

No one got much sleep and Mr. A was reading around 2 a.m. when he noticed light shining in from outside. Looking out he could see over the house beyond the rise to the west a pulsing ball shape. It was round and white with what looked like fingers of vapour rising from it. The wind did not seem to affect the fingers. The light pulsed for some 5 to 10 minutes then gradually pulsed smaller until it disappeared. Mr. A noted a car come around three times stopping once as if the driver may have seen something.

Mr. A was up early in the morning to have a look over the paddock. It had recently been baled for hay (10 days earlier) and usually the birds were all over it for seeds. This morning they were just sitting around the paddock on the fences. Mr. A found nothing to account for the lights, no marks etc: (one unknown early visitor said there marks and swirled grass). However, a branch off the chestnut tree just behind the house and adjacent to where the light mass had been was found to be broken off. No one recalled it being broken the day before and the branch seemed to have withered over night.



Lymington Light Mass

INVESTIGATION

The sighting was on a Sunday night and by Tuesday Mrs. A was feeling "mixed up and wanted to share the experience with somebody". She contacted radio station 7HO who said a UFO investigator would be down to see her. 7HO passed the call onto the Mercury who in turn advised Ken Bennetto.

Bennetto and Mercury reporter D. Moulton visited Lymington on the Friday (4th Jan. 1974) Interviewing Mrs. A. her daughter and the boyfriend. The paddock was inspected and the area covered by the light pegged out although Mrs. A thinks they made it a bit too big. The length of the pegged area was almost 30m long by 9m high. (or wide, the intentions of the original investigators no longer being clear). Even allowing for some exaggeration it sounds like a world record if it was ball lightning. No marks were found in the paddock whilst a University of Tasmania representative lined up by Bennetto for samples failed to come. He said overnight rain would have spoilt sampling opportunities. In retrospect it doesn't sound a convincing excuse. He may have missed the chance of a lifetime but as the request was from a UFO group it may have received only scant regard?

A report on the sighting appeared in the Mercury on January 8th. It suggested the UFO was some type of electrical phenomena although the time period had the experts puzzled.

The Centre's current Investigations Co-ordinator (Keith Roberts) continued contact with the witness for the best part of two years and obtained during this time a full tape of the event. It was also ascertained that the A's neighbour had seen distant lightning to the south-east around 9.30 to 10 p.m. and had also seen a car stop briefly and shine its lights into the paddock as if they may have seen something.

Mrs. A. also related she was not too happy with the investigator's lack of interest in the broken branch. Another incident was the damage overnight to the boyfriend's van. Mrs. A says he was changing the motors that weekend so it was out of action and parked at the rear of the house facing the paddock. The morning following the sighting the right hand side of the front grill was pushed in and the spotlight broken. Mrs. A also claimed that paint on the paddock side of the house deteriorated after the event.

Illness

There were quite a few visitors to the paddock and Mrs. A was upset by the disbelief of the people. They had recently moved to Tasmania and when her daughter left just after the incident to go to Queensland Mrs. A said it was all bottled up inside her.

She says she became very nervy and some 10 days after wards had pains in the head and eyes. Eventually she saw her doctor who gave her a prescription to calm her down. Months later she visited an optician regarding her eyes. The sore eyes were due to bright sunlight and Mrs. A received tinted glasses. Mrs. A said she was always overweight but she lost over 12 kg in the months following the sighting of the light mass. Her daughter had also lost 6kg by the time she came back home.

What was It?

Some aspects of the case tie in with notes on ball lightning but once again there are problems with the duration and the huge area of the light. Again there was no thunderstorm at the location of the sighting although distant lightning was seen. The display went over a three-hour period and the thunder was long gone by the time of Mr A's white pulsing ball. This ball with its vapour fingers actually sounds more like an electrical phenomena than the other lights. What of all the other incidents, coincidence, too much suggestion that they must be linked with the light mass? Maybe we could compare it with the last two events that happened just a few kilometres away at Cygnet eighteen months later.

CYGNET 1975

The last two cases both occurred at Cygnet on 3rd August (1975) at 1.30 a.m. and that evening at 9.00p.m. This time a check with the Weather Bureau reveals there were no thunderstorms recorded in the state that day. It was fine but cloudy in Southern Tasmania with around 80% humidity. There was some rain after 9 a.m. but it was fine and clear again by evening.

First Event.

Mrs. B writes about the first sighting.. "I had been asleep when I was awakened (1.30a.m.) by this loud constant roar, it sounded like a very noisy motor car with its accelerator flat to the floor without easing. I lay there for a moment then opened my eyes facing the window. (looking south).

There on the curtain was this thick circle about 30 cmts in diameter. Inside the circle were these very bright blue sparkly things, sparkling like mad. I couldn't believe my eyes so I thought I would get out of bed and have a look outside. As I stepped out of the bed and moved towards it, it went out like a light. I kept my eyes on it all the time. The roar was there all the time whilst the thing was on the curtain. Then when the whole thing went out the noise stayed on for about 10 seconds then it faded away very quickly; it didn't appear to go anywhere.

I was standing halfway between the bed and the window; I couldn't go right to the window so I turned on my heels and went back to bed puzzled. I lay awake for 2 hours trying to work out what it was. I couldn't see the curtain through it and the sparkles didn't throw any sparks out, nor was there a glare outside the circle. I watched it for a couple of minutes before I got out of bed.

Second Occurence

That evening about 9 p.m. Mr. B pointed out to his wife a dim glow in a tree 20m away from the house in their back yard. The glow was some 3m across and it was oval in shape. It seemed to be in the gum tree somehow but there was no apparent source for the light. (ray, beams, cars etc.). After 5 minutes the light went off as if turned out, then it slowly reappeared again. This time it was in view for 15 minutes. Mrs. B following the morning's event did not think they should go outside to investigate. The light finally faded out. It did not move at any stage.

Investigation.

The case was investigated by Roberts and P. Tattersall. It was ascertained that the neighbours had also heard a noise about the time Mrs. B saw the light in her bedroom. They said it was like an engine but it kept going at the same pitch for maybe 5 to 10 minutes until it just stopped. A similar noise was heard twice in the next weeks but nothing was seen. A motorist parked nearby saw a light briefly shining in the car but felt it was of no importance.

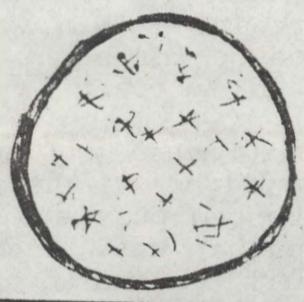
The gum tree in the B's backyard looked to be dying soon after the incident. It had been burnt at the base some months earlier in a fire to clear brambles. The leaves had a black powder substance but it is thought this may have been a fungus.

Mrs. B lost weight in the months after seeing the light (about 10 kg) and also felt very nervous. She admitted to having tired eyes sometimes after a long day but following the event her eyes were sore for 4 days. She eventually required glasses.

Sounds like ball lightning, but the weather conditions and duration is again are puzzling, plus the reaction by the witness is very similar to that in the Lymington case. Like the Dover report we have noise heard.

There may be rational explanations but as yet science does not seem to have come up with them.

CYGNET BALL



.....PUBLICATIONS

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