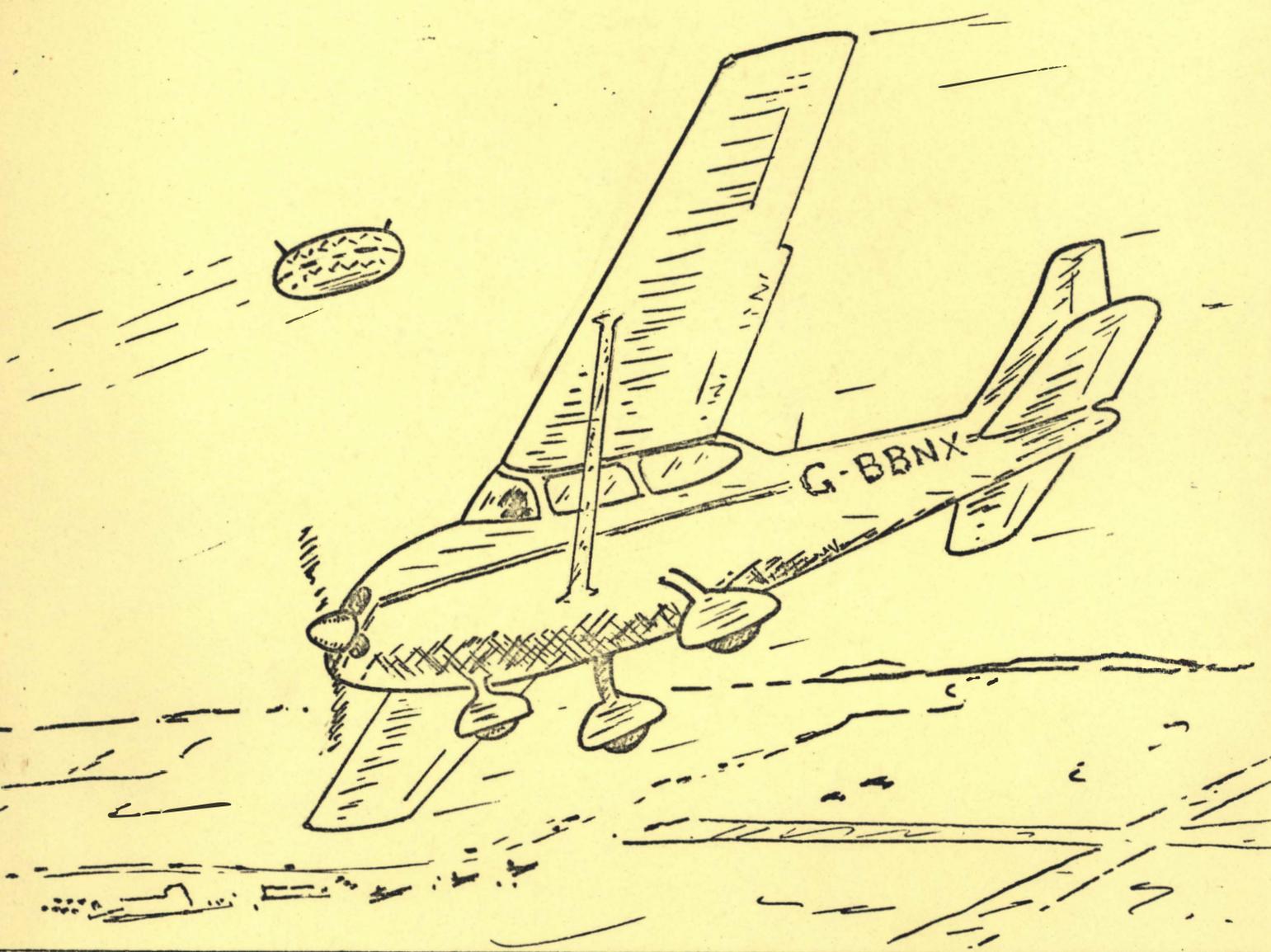
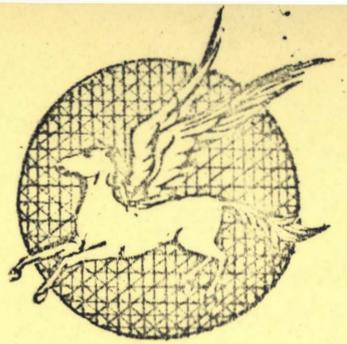


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Although this issue is a little behind schedule, we trust that you will find the contents interesting and informative. Unlike previous months, the "quiet period" appears to have ended and it is partly because of our involvement with new "incidents" that the magazine is a little late. Our primary function is the investigation and reporting of "events" and subsequently our timetable has suffered. A report on these events and a list of all UFO reports for the year 1979 will be included in our next issue.

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THE NEXT SIGAP MEETING

Will be held at the Prospect Club, Prospect Road, Ash Vale on Thursday 11th January at 8pm. For details, see page 9.

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A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS .

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Contributions/your theories/short stories/your own experiences are always welcome for consideration in the PEGASUS Magazine.

The Case Of The Blackbushe Mini-Disc.

(Investigated by O.Fowler.Case S930)

Blackbushe Airport is a private airfield situated on the A30 road, a few miles from Camberley, Surrey.

On the afternoon of 27th August, a Chief Flying Instructor for the "Three Counties Aero Club", Mr Laurie Adlington and his pupil pilot Lt. James Plastow from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, encountered an unusual "mini-disc" over the airfield.

The UFO was estimated to be only 9" to 12" in diameter and was described as looking like a "flat blob of mercury" shining in the sunlight, when first sighted. As the pilots flew their Cessna 150 aircraft towards it, the object appeared to be stationary and they were able to fly within a few feet of it. It was constructed of little hexagon panels like a honeycombe, each panel about one inch across. The object was described as looking like a flattened round doughnut, by Lt Plastow. (see page 4)

It appeared to be constructed in two halves, as there was a line or split in the middle which was clamped by two clasps along the dividing line. There were two short "aerials" on top of the object near the periphery. Other than the aerials, there was no outward sign of propulsion or lift, in the form of a propeller, wings or jet thrust. There was a slow rotation movement reported by Lt. Plastow, who was under the impression that the object flew around the aircraft at one stage, although as he was not at the controls at the time, he may have become disorientated.

The disc had motive power, as at one time it climbed up to 3,000' with the Cessna circling up after it. It was shortly after this that the pilots decided to break away for a moment, as they had been circling the object for some five minutes. In fact Lt Plastow was quite convinced that the disc had also been flying around them at one stage. Finally it was lost from sight behind the aircraft -and when last seen, was heading in the direction of London. Both Mr Laurie Adlington (an ex RAF pilot) and Lt Plastow considered the object to be "man made".

The following day, the "mini-disc" was again seen over the airfield by a fellow pilot from the "Three Counties Aero Club", Mr Simon Spence.

He estimated the height to be in the order of 800/1000' and was only able to view the object from a distance of 200 yards, before it flew off towards Farnborough at an estimated speed of 150mph. His sighting lasted only about a minute and as he was also carrying a trainee pilot, he did not pursue the object.

In a later tape interview Lt Plastow commented that the object had a definite solid appearance about it and that it seemed to be made up of small sections. When looking down at it from the top, there appeared to be about twelve or thirteen small hexagonal or pentagonal panels on the top surface of the object, there were about eight or nine around the circumference.

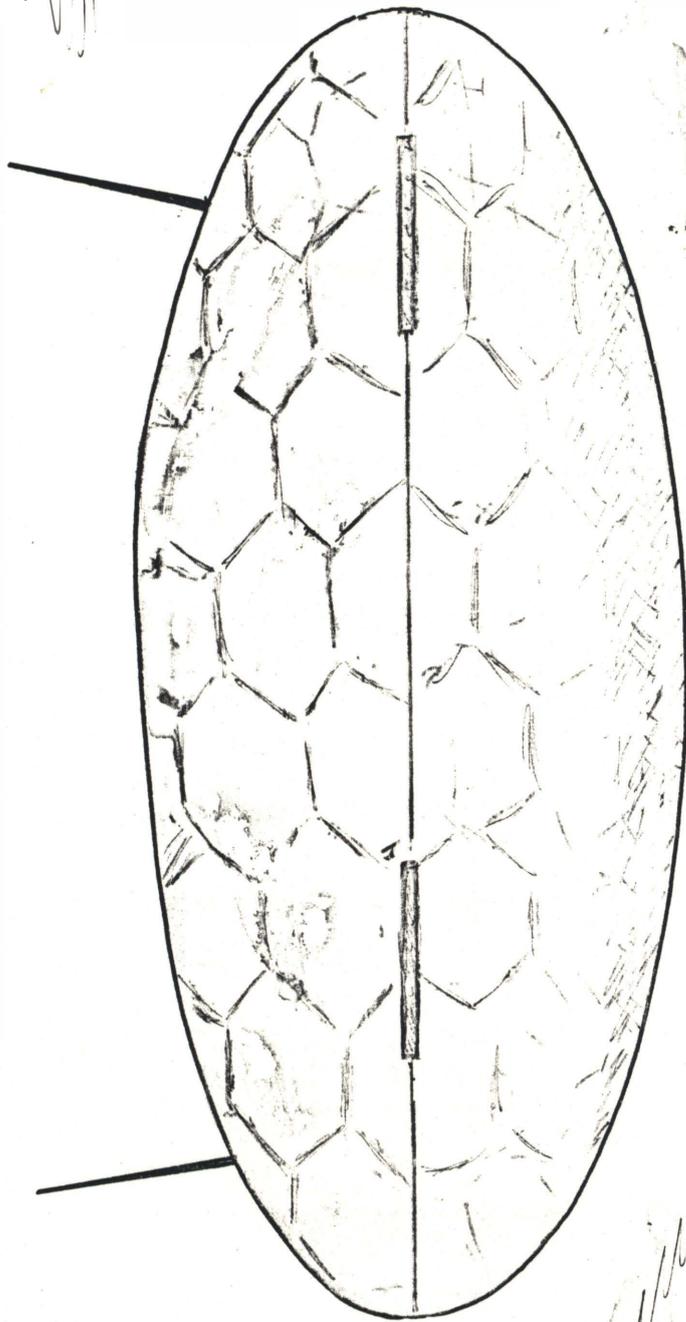
At one stage Mr Adlington reported over the radio that the object appeared to be "playing with the aircraft" as it flew around the plane. It was turning at a slow speed and was not spinning, say one revolution every four seconds. It was not possible to hear if the object created any noise, because the aircraft engine was deafening. Lt Plastow added that after the object was lost from sight, they tried to find it by flying in the same direction for about twenty seconds, but then gave up and continued with their training exercise.

POSTSCRIPT By M.Prewett.

Details of this incident were passed to Dr. Richard F.Haines Ph.D. during my visit to California in September this year. Dr Haines who is associated with the Center For UFO Studies, is primarily interested in all sightings of UFO's from aircraft. He works at the Aimes Research Center, which is part of NASA.

Dr Haines was most interested in this case at Blackbushe and we discussed it during my visit to his home at Los Altos, California, together with our conclusions of the "Trident Case" of 30/6/76. We have since forwarded further information about the "mini-disc" and the completed pilots "Aerial Sighting Report" form, designed by Dr Haines.

As a matter of interest, Dr Richard F Haines has written two books on UFO's : "UFO Phenomena And The Behavioral Scientist" and the more recent "Observing UFO's" (Nelson Hall Publishers,Chicago).



Case S935: STRANGE LIGHTS & ANIMAL DISTURBANCE
(Investigated by Alan Franklin)

A mysterious wave of heat and a bright light in the sky woke up a young Farnborough couple and sent their rabbits dashing madly around their cage last Thursday morning 4th October.

"It was as if the dawn was coming up" said Mrs Susan Dudley, of Cove Road, Farnborough, but the time was 1245am. The strange events noted by Mrs Dudley and her husband John, started when they woke up in their first floor flat at 12.30am. "It felt so warm it was choking", Mrs Dudley said.

She and her husband had gone to bed at 9pm and turned the central heating off and they have no explanation for what they say was a "stifling heat". They went back to sleep, but woke up 15 mins. later aware of a humming noise and the sound of their pet rabbits running wild in their garden cage.

"It was a muffled humming noise that we could hear below the noise of traffic on the Cove Road" said Mrs Dudley. "It did not seem very near-I had the impression we were hearing something from a distance". Both of us said simultaneously, "it's a spaceship", which is an odd thing to say as we are not really interested in UFO's.

"After a few minutes the room started to become lighter"."Normally if the moon shines you can see the shadow of a tree on the wall, but that night there was no shadow". The Dudleys bedroom faces the Royal Aircraft Establishment, but Mrs Dudley says she has lived all her life in Farnborough "and I know all the noises they make". She said the throbbing stopped after about three minutes, but the light stayed on for a couple of minutes more.

"You could'nt pinpoint it. Everything seemed to be lit, it was like dawn- the light was like daylight". "I was too frightened to get out of bed for a closer look, but after about five minutes the light just faded away". "All the while our two rabbits were kicking up a heck of a din, something they have never done before". "Even when we went to bed at 9 they were going mad". "At one stage

we thought there must be a fox about, but we shone a torch out there but there was nothing there and no trace of anything the next day".

Mrs Dudley says she has'nt got a clue what caused the noise and light and added "I don't think I even want to know". There was an interesting postscript. The next morning Mrs Dudley rang her mother in nearby Osborne Road and Mrs Marjorie Bunn told her daughter that she too had been woken up at 12.45am by a bright light shining in her room. Further enquiries revealed that a neighbours cats had behaved strangely that night.

This case is still under investigation and it can be revealed that numerous witnesses throughout the Farnborough and Aldershot area have reported hearing the unusual noise.

EXPLODING BALL SEEN BEFORE?

The strange exploding ball of light reported in the September/October issue of "Pegasus" (case S929) is similar to a case in Australia reported in the FSR : Flying Saucer Review.

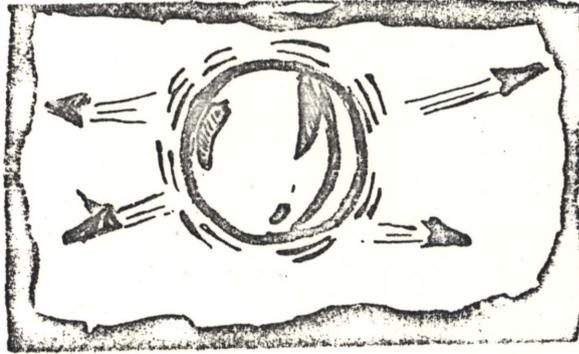
The incident concerns a report in "Young Witness" June 5th 1961. "We were marking lambs on Toompang. Near the lunch hour we heard what we thought was a jet. On looking up for the jet, we saw an eagle hawk, way up in the sky. I was taking a bit of interest in the eagle hawk, when we heard another sound, as if the jet were overhead again, but I could'nt see a jet."

Then we saw this round object, it looked like a silver star and seemed to be over Wyalong, it was so high up and far away. I said to the others - there were seven of us - "Get a load of this".

One man is short sighted, another who is not, could not pick out the object, but the four others did and watched it on and off for over an hour, possibly two hours. I saw one object leave the first object and go to the left and later two others go to the right, then come back. One of the men said he saw two objects go to the left. I would'nt know about that, we were marking lambs

and we were'nt able to keep an eye on it all the time. The objects I saw leaving the stationary object seemed round, but when the one I saw leave it on the left, came overhead as it went towards Young, I could see it seemed to be V-shaped.

I don't know what I saw, but I know that when the objects left the stationary object on the right hand side, they went out to the side and then went straight up fast. The one that passed overhead towards Young was really travelling.



Toompang sighting, based on a sketch in the Young
Witness

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"MEXICAN ROUND-UP"

By Richard Colborne

I have very little to contribute at the moment, although my newly found fellow-ufologists are rather attractive - "fellow" being a rather unsuitable adjective. I am not at all sure that it merits a photograph in "Pegasus" (Richard was requested to send a photo), although I have yet to find anyone here that is really serious. If only Mexico had the equivalent of BUFORA.

I have collected a poster announcing that Pedro Ferrez of Spain will speak at a UFO conference. The fact that the conference was organized by a theatrical agency, speaks for itself. I have the impression that UFO's are not taken very seriously here. Incidentally I have been unable to track down the source of the "landing" story, it most likely came from a paperback magazine.

It is quite likely that I will be returning to England in the New Year - no later than March and I will be pleased to give a "chat" to SIGAP members on Mexico and the UFO involvement.

LIGHT FORMATION OVER GUILDFORD .

Case S934. Investigator R. Harman

On the night of 15th September this year, Miss P. Charman and Mr G. Woodrow were walking down Onslow Road, Guildford, Surrey, when they saw what they described as a "Bright light, like a shooting star". The light was descending from a N.E. direction and disappeared from sight behind the rooftops.

The couple had walked only a few yards and just turned the corner, when they saw coming from the direction of the "shooting star", three bright wing like shapes moving silently across the sky. The objects moved towards the S.W. and disappeared from view behind the nearby rooftops. They commented that it may have only been one object, with three lights, but each "light" could also have been an individual object or craft flying in formation, one at the front and two behind.

There was no sound associated with the sighting and the objects were in view for about fifteen seconds only. Both witnesses were intrigued by the strange shapes of the things and the way they travelled so silently. The colour was described as a "golden glow", the objects were sharply defined and in the shape of "wings".



SIGAP & " THE FUZZ "

The SIGAP Group were recently contacted by the Kent C.I.D. to "Assist them with their enquiries", but honestly..... urgent information on UFO's was requested by police officers on the Advanced C.I.D. Course at the Kent Police Headquarters. ::::: Pictures and a full report in the next issue of Pegasus::

THE SPANISH AIRCRAFT INCIDENT 11/11/79 .

There has been widespread publicity concerning the incident at Valencia on the night of 11th November this year. Reports were printed in the U.K. press and our Mexican agent, Richard, forwarded a report from "Ovaciones" dated 12/11/79. A report has also reached us from the "Majorca Daily Bulletin" dated 15th November and is produced in part below:

A group of Majorcan radio hams claim they spotted the flying saucer, that chased a Spanish plane on Sunday night. The plane which took off from Palma, made an unscheduled stop at Valencia airport after the pilot reported being pursued by an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

The radio hams said that the UFO they saw gave off white, orange and green lights. They added that they did not know what it was, but they had never seen anything like it before. It was first spotted by a radio ham near Soller, where UFO sightings are often reported. He was talking over the radio to a friend in La Puebla, who confirmed the sighting.

The object was shaped like a cigarette packet and was moving in a zig-zag. A third radio ham in Palma also saw it and all three reported interference in their radios.

A VISIT TO RIPPERSTONE FARM.

By Omar Fowler.

I was so intrigued with the incidents referred to in the book "The Uninvited" that I arranged a week end in Wales, staying in Haverfordwest, which is not far from Broadhaven.

I spoke to several "locals" and visited Ripperstone farm and several of the sites where incidents were said to have taken place. In my opinion, the claims made in the book raised a number of questions about the quoted facts and I expect to have photographs available shortly to make the point.

The whole question of "fact or fiction", will be the subject of our NEXT MEETING AT THE PROSPECT CLUB, ASH VALE ON 10/1/80

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To investigate the UFO phenomenon locally, a small group of people got together early in 1967. The outcome - the **Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena**. Primarily founded to investigate reports in Surrey and surrounding counties, Sigap has contributed to studies in many parts of Southern England.

News of a sighting - often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' - Farnborough 41012 - triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today - much of it generated by man himself - over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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