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We regret to inform our readers that Allen Hynek has suffered a serious illness which has involved a major operation, from which he is now recovering. The nature of the illness has forced Dr. Allen Hynek to give up his work in the study of the U.F.O. phenomenon. It will be a sad blow to all researchers in this field, as Dr. Hynek has been a leading voice in the scientific study of the subject.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek was at one time an adviser to the American Air Force on the subject of UFO's, a position that he held for twenty years. He was also Director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University and Chairman of Northwestern's Astronomy Department as well as serving as Associate Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge Mass. He was also head of the the NASA satellite tracking programme.... the list is endless.

We wish Dr Hynek a speedy recovery and a long and happy retirement.

SIGAP MEETING 25/11

The meeting, held at the Prospect Country Club, Ash Vale, was well attended by members and guests. They had the opportunity to hear a first hand account of a UFO encounter from one of the most recent witnesses, Dave Mc Murray. He was closely questioned about his amazing experience and the subsequent physical repercussions of the close encounter.

Mr Busty Taylor brought along his video of the Andover "Circles" which included both aerial and ground level views. The audience watched the video with interest and a number of interesting points were raised about the mystery. The Infra-Red **aerial** photographs taken by Omar Fowler will be shown at the next meeting in early March.

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THE ALRESFORD "CIRCLES" CONFERENCE.

An invitation was extended to SIGAP members to attend a meeting of all interested parties in the "circles" mystery. The idea of a circles "think tank" had been suggested by Pat Delgado, a retired design engineer who had been involved in the investigation of the Alresford circles and had featured in a TVS broadcast and an article about the mystery published in the Daily Express.

The meeting took place at Alresford on the afternoon of Sunday 13th October 1985. SIGAP were well represented by Paul Whitehead, Graham Raine, Busty Taylor, Geraldine Phillips, Omar & Deana Fowler.

BUFORA was represented by Paul Fuller and among other interested parties, Lt.Col. Edgecombe of the Army Air Corps featured prominently. He was after all, one of the helicopter crew (photographed by Busty Taylor) who had investigated the circles on behalf of the M.O.D.

Pat Delgado had formulated an Agenda and after an initial introduction the meeting were asked to consider the following suggestions as a cause of the "circles" :-

- (a) Man Made Hoax.
- (b) Helicopter Damage.
- (c) Military Devices.
- (d) Meteorological.
- (e) UFO's.
- (f) Ley Lines.
- (g) Other Force Fields.

(a) MAN MADE HOAX.

The early aerial photographs taken by Busty Taylor showed that there had been no infiltration of the Andover ring site by any intruder. Anyone venturing through the wheat would have left a distinctive narrow trail through the field, as subsequent photographs had shown.

Apart from the aerial evidence, which we considered adequate, Pat Delgado had carried out a number of trials on the pressure required to compress the wheat and had also produced calculations as a result of these tests showing that approx. a total weight of 30 tonnes would have been required to flatten the combined area of wheat in the area of the five circles.



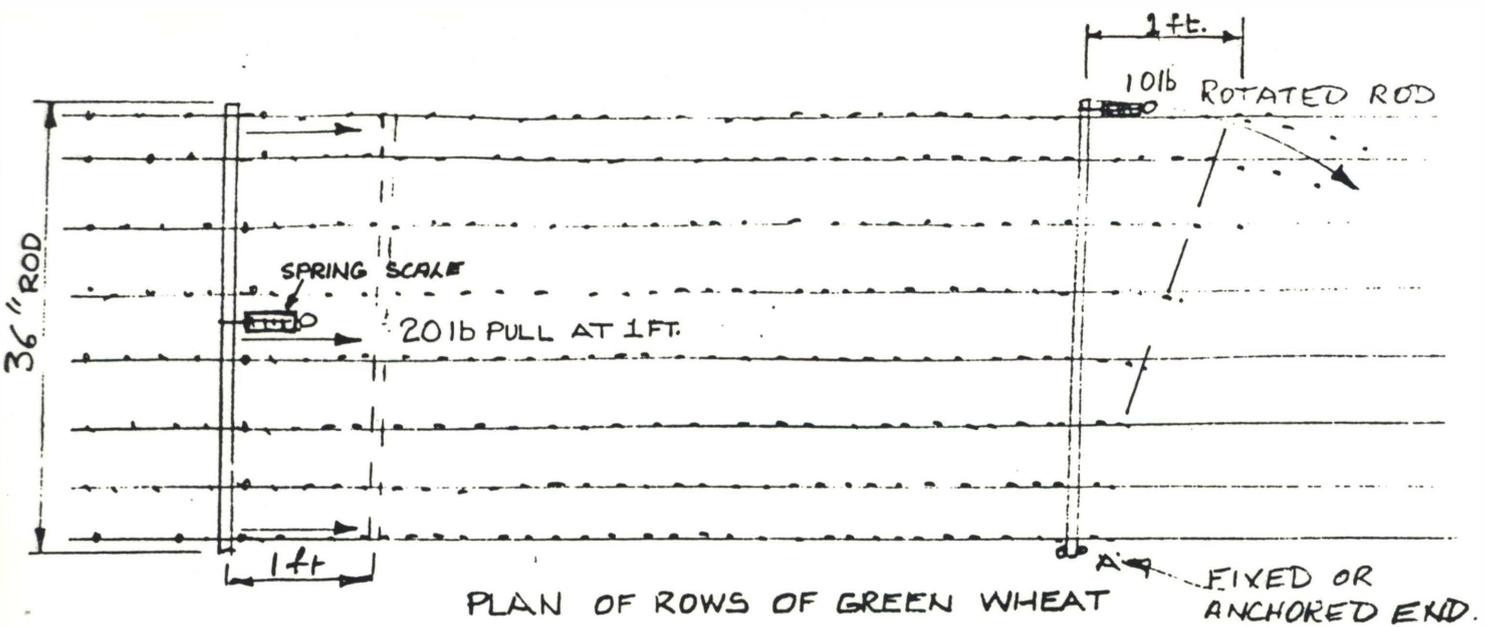
Pat Delgado, Chairman of the Alresford Conference.

Pat Delgado spent a number of years working at the Woomera Rocket Range (Australia) as a technician.



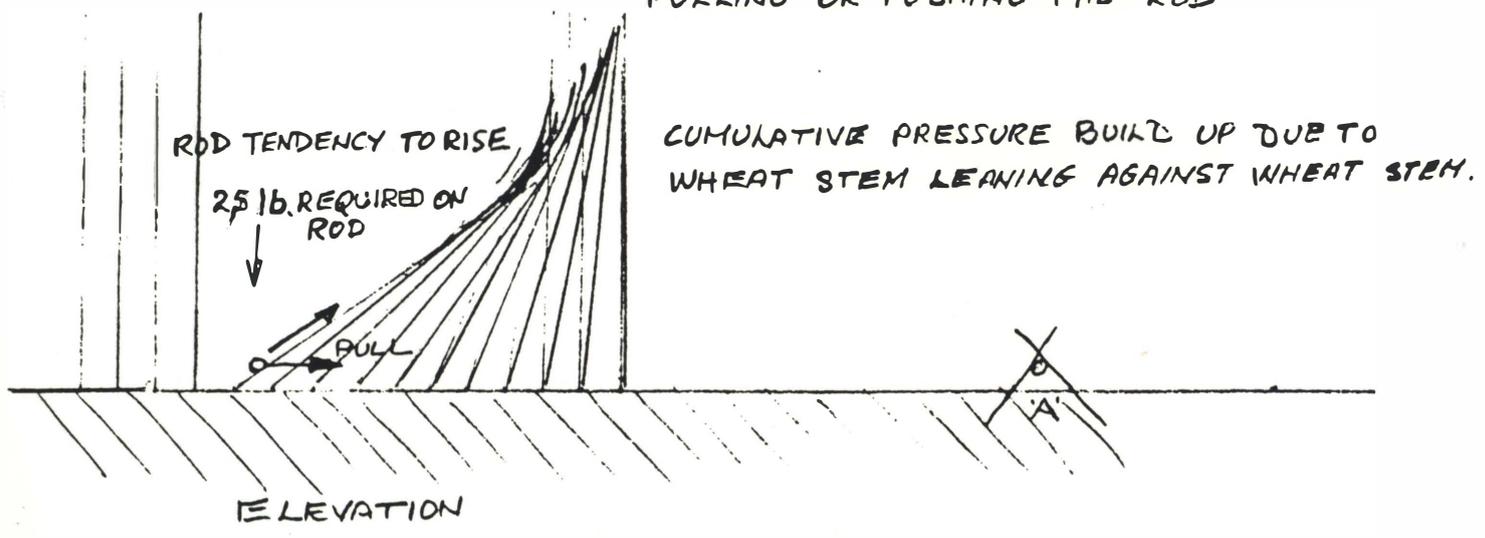
Lt.Col. Edgecombe (Army Air Corps) making a point.

Lt.Col. Edgecombe is Senior Helicopter Crash Investigator at the Middle Wallop station.



PLAN OF ROWS OF GREEN WHEAT

CROPS WOULD BE WELL TRAMPLED EITHER PULLING OR PUSHING THE ROD



ELEVATION

Pat Delgado pointed out that one of the methods considered as a means of compressing the wheat into a clockwise circle was to use either a long chain pivoted on a central pole, or a long pole again using a central pivot as an anchor point. In the tests carried out, the pole began to compress the wheat into a "wall" when rotated and to form the wheat into a "stepped" pattern. This was apart from the fact that such an action damaged the wheat crop heads and that it would have also resulted in extensive marks in the field with the action of several human bodies pushing and heaving on a long pole/chain.

The culprits of the hoax would then after completing the main circle, be faced with the task of measuring out the four smaller circles precisely and again forming these without leaving and trails through the wheatfield and all of this to take place in the dark.....

**PRESSURES REQUIRED WHEN ENDEAVOURING TO CONSTRUCT A SWIRLED
CIRCLE IN A FIELD OF STANDING GREEN WHEAT**

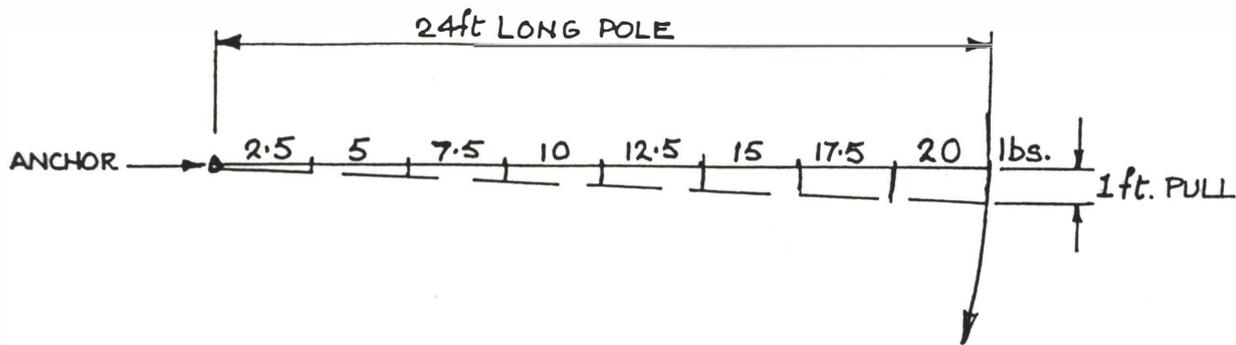
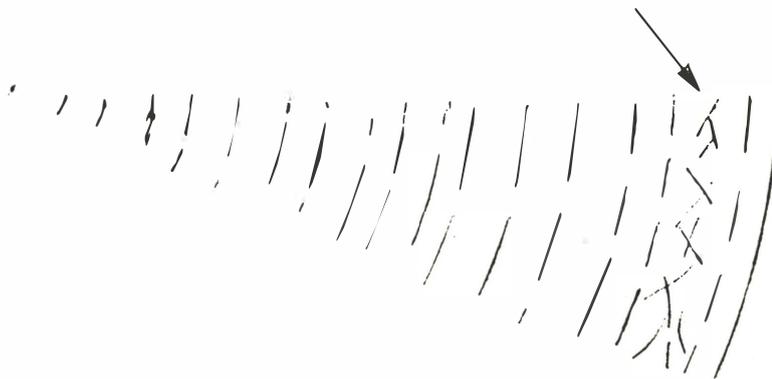


DIAGRAM SHOWING TOTAL PRESSURE REQUIRED TO PULL THE FREE
END OF A POLE ONE FOOT WHEN IT IS ANCHORED AT THE OTHER END.
THE ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF THE POLE TO KEEP IT AT LOW LEVEL
IS 80 TO 90 lbs.

A PERSON PULLING A POLE REQUIRING THE ABOVE PRESSURES WOULD
CERTAINLY LEAVE A CRUSHED TREAD PATH.



The general opinion of the meeting was that the Man Made Hoax
theory could be discounted, but this was not unanimous....

(b) HELICOPTER DAMAGE.

This was discussed at length by the meeting, with the help of the
expertise of Lt.Col. Edgecombe (Army Air Corps), who had extensive
knowledge of the downdraft airflow characteristics from a helicopter.
It seems that a helicopter would tend to leave a "blown out" pattern
in the wheat, without any sharply defined shape and again we are
faced with the four smaller circles which would presumably required
a smaller helicopter ? The helicopter theory was discounted.

(c) MILITARY DEVICES.

Only a short time was spent discussing this theory, as the opinion
of the meeting was that although small "drone" guided flying vehicles
existed, the chance of one/several causing such a concise pattern
across Southern England was remote. There also seemed that there
was little purpose in the M.O.D. going to such lengths to produce
such a result.

(d) METEOROLOGICAL

The meeting discussed the possibility of wind damage being responsible for the circles in the wheat, but it was agreed that whirlwinds could not have created such distinct circles and would certainly not have produced such a geometric pattern.

(e) UFO's: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

This was one of the theories given most credence by SIGAP members and supported by a UFO report from a Mrs Joan Simms (see Pegasus Sept/Oct.) who reported a large circular light with four smaller lights around it, seen in the early hours of the 7th August. There has also been a reported sighting by a Mrs Collins and her husband of a "Big funfair wheel hovering in the sky" over Stockbridge Down, although this information has only recently come to light.

Pat Delgado produced a sketch of several possible designs of "craft" that could have been responsible for the five ring pattern.

(f) LEY LINES.

Pat Delgado put forward a theory that the circles could have been produced by the crossing of underground lines of power, such as Ley Lines and this theory ran into the next item :-

(g) OTHER FORCE FIELDS.

It may have been possible for some unknown underground electro-magnetic power to have produced a spiralling current where these lines crossed and this in turn could have caused the wheat to be drawn down onto the earth in a clockwise spiral pattern.

It was pointed out that there had been numerous unusual events which in many cases had been put down to geological fault lines. Pat Delgado also mentioned that electro-magnetic force fields were claimed to have been more easy to observe in misty conditions, which coincided with one of the recent early morning circle reports. In this particular case, a witness had claimed to have seen steam/mist arising from one of the circle sites during a dawn stroll in the countryside.

There seemed to be no doubt that the wheat had either been drawn down onto the ground from below, as it followed the contours of the ground, or that a "pressure" of some kind had been applied from above.

The meeting finally discussed other idea's, including Chemical Warfare, Parallel Universes, Pollution Monitoring, Sound Effects, Satellite Experiments and even a local "Hippy" fraternity.

Pat Delgado drew the meeting to a close and although an explanation had not been found, it was generally accepted that the "rings" could not have been man made.

BAGSHOT HEATH : LATEST

A follow up visit was made to the Mc Murray family on Tuesday 5th November in order to ascertain any new developments in the condition of Mr Mc Murray

It became obvious within a short time that the physiological symptoms affecting Mr Mc Murray had not diminished in any way and a number of changes had taken place in his condition.

The red rings which had appeared only on the left hand side of his body (neck, shoulder, trunk and groin), had repeated themselves during the period "Event" + 17 - 22 days, on the right hand side of his body in a similar pattern. He had become conscious in his mind that at odd moments, he was explaining the function of various mechanical and electrical things to himself. He for instance sat looking at an electric light switch and ran through in his mind how the switch functioned. The same thing also happened while driving along in his car, he found himself explaining to himself the mechanics of the car and its engine.

In the last few nights, he had experienced two instances of "out of the body travel" while asleep in bed. He said that he had been able to float above the bed and gaze down at he and his wife sleeping, he then returned into his own body with a "bump". This was something that he had never heard of previously or had experienced in the past.

The strangest thing of all was that he claimed to have had a message running through his head almost continuously: " EPSILON 44L - 47L". He had no idea what it meant and he had no knowledge of having read the word anywhere.....?

Finally during a return visit to the site of the UFO encounter, he had an overwhelming urge to proceed no further than the edge of the road and not to walk through the trees an open space area where the second UFO had been seen. In fact he returned to his car and did not carry out his original intention of looking over the area.

Bagshot Heath: continued...

The questions raised by the mysterious numbers and the name of "Epsilon" cannot be easily answered. However, Pat Delgado gave us some interesting information to think about. It appears that the name "Epsilon" is a letter of the Greek alphabet used to denote various stars and planets as part of an astronomical coding system.

The code word "Epsilon" appears, I believe, eight times denoting various planets and stars in the universe. The message that Dave Mc Murray keeps repeating may indicate the planet that the UFO he encountered comes from, but this is speculation. It was by pure coincidence that I happened to read the following article in the book by Maurice Chatelain (Pan Books 1980) :-

In 1928 European radio operators in France, Germany, Norway and Holland noticed a strange phenomenon. When they transmitted in all directions a series of signals, they received two series of echoes instead of one.....an interval varying from 3 to 15 seconds, as if bounced from some object located at a distance from Earth of 450,000 to 2,250,000km, but always a little further than the Moon.

..... A few years ago, a young Scottish astronomer by the name of Duncan Lunan had a bright idea. He thought that these signals could very well come from an alien spaceship orbiting the Earth at about the same distance as the Moon and that the variable intervals between the transmission of signals and reception of echoes might represent an intelligent coded message representing geometric figures or even the map of a constellation, as Bracewell had already suggested in 1968.

With the usual television technique of so many dots per line and so many lines per frame, Lunan transferred the various intervals on a chart as he would have done on a television screen. He then successively obtained several different drawings of the same constellation, with different orientations, but with the same star always at the centre.

As Lunan says in his book "Man and the Stars", as an astronomer it did not take him long to recognize the constellation as that of Boötes and the star as Epsilon Boötis, which our ancestors called Izar and which is located at about 103 light years, or 975 million million km, from the Earth.

It seems likely that the word "Epsilon" could be a key in a part of the whole UFO jigsaw and it is intended to have Dave Mc Murray placed under Hypnosis in the near future. This may reveal some fascinating results.

With reference to the "44L-47L" this may refer to a map reference or planetary reference and is still under investigation. (O.F.)

LIGHTWATER "HOT SPOT"

As a result of Dave Mc Murrays story being featured in several local papers, a number of other witnesses have come forward who have also experienced UFO incidents in the area.

A Mr W.G.Cooper commented that during last winter, his car was subjected to "vibrations" when passing the power lines where they cross Red Road. He also mentioned that his starter motor had begun to turn over as he was driving along.

Mrs E.Terry told us that about two years ago, she had seen a UFO in the Lightwater area and that her Beagle dog, which is usually very obedient had run away.

We also interviewed a farmers wife who claimed that she had seen a cigar shaped object pursued by two fighters over Farnborough, during November, but the R.A.E. could not confirm this.

SPANISH SCARE

Again as the result of the Bagshot UFO incident, another report came to light. This time it was not in the local area, but took place in Alicante, Spain in the late Spring of 1972.

Mr Alan Smith who was living in Spain at the time, recounted how he was taking his two dogs for an evening walk down through the Almond Groves when a UFO appeared from the West and heading N.E. It was possible to see the brilliantly lit windows as it flew silently by. One of his dogs pressed close to his leg as the UFO disappeared out of sight behind a distant hill.

Mr Smith described its visual size as that of a golf ball and the angle at first sight as 60° until it was lost from sight at 15°. It appeared to have an elliptical shape, although the outline was hazy and not clearly defined. The weather conditons were clear, dry and the stars were visible.

POLICE CHASE UFO ?

SIGAP member Brian Maguire heard an interesting conversation on the Police waveband while working in his garage. It concerned a

UFO report on the Winchester to Eastleigh road at the junction of "The Bridges" and this was causing the traffic to become congested. A police car was despatched to investigate, but by the time it reached the area, the UFO had gone.. The question was then asked by the Police car as to who should make out the paperwork for the M.O.D. :- the car crew or the officers at the Police Station.

Pat Delgado investigated this incident shortly afterwards, but was unable to get confirmation from the Police that the incident had taken place.

ANDOVER AGAIN..

A report was recently received from a Mrs Mary Melling of Andover, about an incident that took place on 6th December 85, at 4am.

Mrs Melling noticed the brightness of the object when she stirred from her bed in the early hours of the morning. The object was oblong in shape and appeared to have a hazy light underneath it. It was high in the sky and at an angle of approx. 30°. The sky was clear and the object was seen for approx. 5 minutes before it "just went". The brightness was described as bright as the Sun.

The UFO was reported in the local paper shortly afterwards and they carried a drawing of the object which Mrs Melling recognised as the object she had seen.

EAST TO AID WEST ?

Although the News Media treated the following report light heartedly, this may well have been a subtle approach in a forthcoming propoganda campaign to let the public know of the existance of UFO's and their possible threat ?

"Daily Express" Thursday, December 5th 1985 : "When The Space Invaders Come Marching In"... Star Wars fan President Reagan described a fantasti Sci Fi scenario to Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev when they talked peage at Geneva.

He did not mention "little green men", it was revealed yesterday, only aliens from space attacking Planet Earth. Mr Reagan said in Maryland: "I could'nt help but say to him, just think how easy his task and mine might be if suddenly there was a threat to this world from another planet outside our universe"."We'd forget our little differences".

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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' - **Guildford 235749** 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.

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