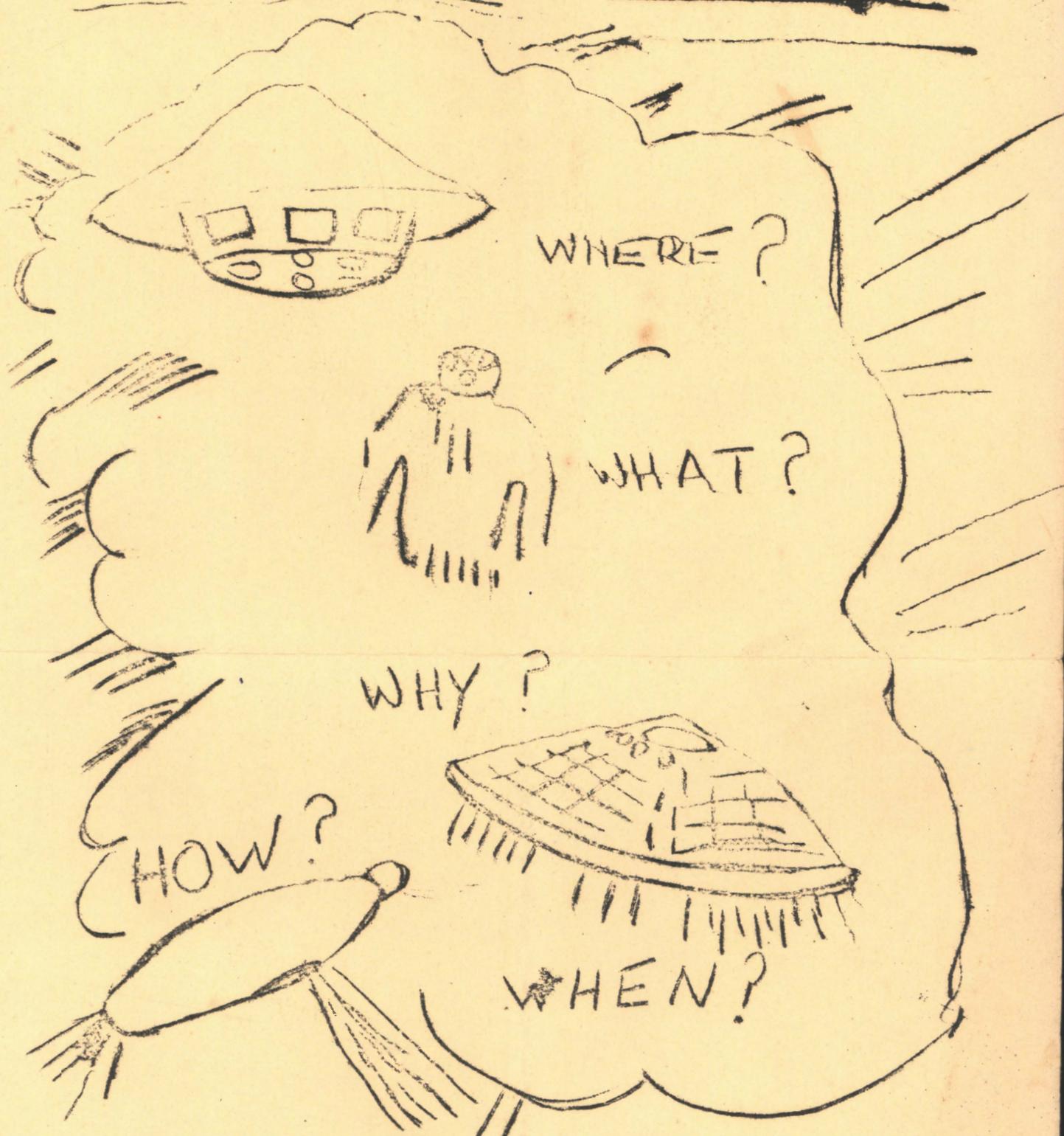


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Sighting Reports.Bright Star. Report by Richard Thompson.

After leaving work on July the first, Mr. Kane, aged 19 yrs. of Lincoln, journeyed along to Somercotes with the intentions of an all night fishing expedition. Being on his own and possibly feeling somewhat tired through lack of activity, he fell asleep. When he finally awoke he began to look around the sky for weather signs. It was then that Mr. Kane's attention was attracted to what appeared to resemble a very bright whitish star in a south-westerly direction. The starlike object was a spheroid shape, and gave the impression of being stationary at first; after about a second or so it began to move away at a constant velocity in a south-east direction until it disappeared behind some cloud. Although Mr. Kane continued to observe the area around this particular cloud, he could not find any trace of the starlike object again. The sighting lasted between 7 to 8 seconds, at no time during or after the observation period was any sound detected at all: Mr. Kane further states that it was impossible to tell whether the object was metallic or not and neither did it pulsate, also the elevation was far too high to estimate with any accuracy.

When asked about any psychological effects, Mr. Kane said that in no way was he aware of any.

The object did not have any extraordinary characteristics. Unfortunately there was no other witness.

Time of sighting - ~~31~~.0220hrs. Date - 2.7.71.

Red Spheroid. Richard Thompson.

Mr. Stow, an electrician, aged 33 yrs., of Lincoln, was rather late leaving work due to a power failure in the granulating plant at Lindsey & Kesteven Fertiliser Company Ltd., Saxilby, he had unfortunately for him only travelled as far as Broxholme Lane End, which is approximately two miles from Saxilby on the A57 main Saxilby to Lincoln road, when he found he had run out of petrol, he managed to get to a telephone and rang back to the factory for someone to assist him by taking some petrol to get him home. Whilst he sat waiting in his car for the aid to arrive, he aimlessly looked around at the stars which were rather bright with the sky being so clear and cloudless, when his gaze came to observe the spheroid which was twice as big as any of the largest stars visible, or as Mr. Stow said, it compared favourably with the size of the old halfcrown, if held at arms length. The colour of the object was a bright red and it was stationary. At no time did it pulsate, but was a steady bright light, also at no time during the observation was any noise detected.

After watching the spheroid for some three minutes or so Mr. Stow decided to get out of his car for a clearer view, wondering by now what this strange thing could possibly be. After observing the ~~ob-~~ ~~servi~~ng the object for a few more minutes hoping someone would come along and confirm what he was watching, it disappeared with complete suddenness, without leaving any kind of trace at all.

Mr. Stow says it was impossible to say whether the object was metallic or not, nor could the distance be estimated with any true accuracy. He is also at a loss to find a logical explanation to satisfy himself what the phenomena could have been.

Mr. Stow also states that as far as he is aware there was no psychological effects, and the object, apart from its size, colour and disappearance had no other extraordinary characteristics.

Date of sighting - 18.8.71. Time - 21.40 to 21.45. Elevation - approximately 45 degrees.

Golden Spheroid. Richard Thompson.

Mrs. Carr of Potter Hanworth, Lincoln, is a widow, and on the night in question she was feeling somewhat tired and looking at the clock she noted it indicated the time was exactly 9.15pm, this being so she decided to wash her hands and get some supper ready.

Due to the house being modernised, Mrs. Carr had taken the curtains down in the scullery in readiness for redecorating afterwards. The kitchen window is situated directly in front of the sink unit, and in the vicinity of the rear of the house are four small laburnum

trees set in a parallel line in the back garden, and they somewhat obstruct a direct view from the window. It was behind the smallest tree, which is nearly central of the four, that the phenomenon was first observed. Mrs. Carr was in the process of turning on the water tap when, as she says she nearly always does, glanced out of the window, and behind the small tree and in the clear starry sky a very bright light, or so it seemed to be. And as Mrs. Carr states it seemed so close that, "If you had had a clothes prop you could have almost touched it." The object also gave the impression of being stationary at first, and because of the obstruction of the laburnum tree spoiling the sighting, Mrs. Carr decided to walk into the backyard for a clearer view of the phenomenon. It was then after being able to see the object in full that she noticed the UFO was of a spheroid shape and the size was about $9\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, this she compared with a wooden fruit bowl on her sideboard in the living room. Upon measuring the same I found it to be exactly the diameter given above. Mrs. Carr also noticed that although the object was stationary it was at the same time rotating on its own axis and in the process it emitted a series of brilliant flashing golden lights. Mrs. Carr said ~~it~~ the weather conditions were so crystal clear the object was more outstanding, and although there was a light to moderate wind blowing it didn't appear to have any effect on the UFO. Mrs. Carr further states that the moon was just rising and everything was so quiet except for the rustle of the laburnum trees. No noise could be detected coming from the object, and by all appearances it gave the impression of being metallic. After watching the phenomenon for a few minutes Mrs. Carr noticed that at intervals the flashing lights disappeared and in their place a small golden tail of about six inches long would re-appear once again and so the cycle continued to be displayed before the amazed Mrs. Carr. During the absence of the flashing lights Mrs. Carr came to the conclusion that one side of the strange vehicle was completely blacked out.

The object stayed in this stationary, revolving position for approximately half an hour when suddenly it went upwards and then became stationary as before. After a few more minutes observing, and since the object gave no indication of moving again, Mrs. Carr decided to continue watching the phenomenon from the bedroom window, this she did until about 10.30pm, and although she didn't want to miss any of the action she had to rest her eyes because they hurt so much, due possibly as she says from the reflection of the brilliant lights upon the window pane and her spectacles, although the object was exceptionally bright it did not glare. Mrs. Carr was so fascinated by the UFO she ventured to have another look at it just after 10.30pm. By now it had begun to move away in a south, south, westerly direction. The movement was slow and gave the impression of floating sooner than a forward drive. Once again after a few minutes Mrs. Carr had to rest her eyes because of the strain. Still fascinated she went and looked out of the window just after eleven but the object had by now disappeared, and as Mrs. Carr says; "I didn't bother to look any more". The elevation of the object was as Mrs. Carr states, "As high as a twelve inch rule held vertically at arms length."

As far as Mrs. Carr is aware there were no psychological effects. There was one other witness, a youth of 17 yrs., who lodges with Mrs. Carr. When he came home at about 10.15pm Mrs. Carr shouted him upstairs to have a look at the strange object. He watched it for a few minutes but soon lost interest, unfortunately he was more concerned about his supper and getting off to bed than observing. His name is Michael Brackenbury, both he and Mrs. Carr did say though that the lights appeared to be like bars or something of the kind, passing in front of brilliant lighted windows or portholes.

Date of sighting - 31.8.71. Object seen in south, south, west direction.

War of Worlds? N. Watson.

Heading for Iwo Jima, officers on board the US battleship New York, during the second world war, spotted a round, silver coloured object in the sky which appeared to be the size of a single decker bus.

Deciding it was a Japanese fire balloon, which the Japanese used in attempts to set fire to various areas on the US west coast, the New York's 3" guns were ordered to open fire.

However the shells seemed to fall short of the target, so the 5" guns of the nearby destroyers came into play, still the barrage of shells fell short.

By this time the navigator of the New York, who had been taking a nap woke up, checking his charts he reported to the commander, to say that where the object was, Venus should be. A case of a war of the worlds?