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This newsletter is intended as a supplement to the W.A.T.S.U.P. Journal and will document in summarised form U.F.O. sightings recorded by the Association. In common with the Journal, the Supplement will be published occasionally - when time and U.F.O.s allow.

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3.30 P.M. Tuesday 20 January 1976

Situation: Barkis House, Mile End, Portsmouth, Hants

Mrs. Doris Pullen was in the kitchen of her 12th floor flat when she noticed through the window an unusual object in the south west. The witness initially took the object to be a vapour trail caught in the sun, but noticed after about 2 minutes of observation that it did not appear to move or change shape. Mrs. Pullen then went outside and continued watching the object from a balcony. It seemed to comprise of a dark rounded body bearing a flame-like tail and was about the apparent size of half a cricket ball at arms' length. The witness watched the object for a few minutes before returning indoors for a pair of binoculars. When Mrs. Pullen again went out onto the balcony she was joined by a woman neighbour who also observed the object. Both women eventually went down to the ground floor to inform the warden of their sighting. On returning to the flat the object was no longer visible, due to the area where it had been seen being covered by rain clouds. The duration of the sighting had been 10-15 minutes and at no time was any movement noticed.

9.30 P.M. Some time during January 1973

Situation: Castle Hill, Southsea Seafront

Mr. Alan Dean was walking his dog in Southsea when he sighted a black disc (roughly the size of a dinner plate) about 200 ft above Castle Hill. The disc hovered and stopped successively in 5 minute intervals and then moved out of sight over the Solent. The witnesses' dog seemed to show signs of fear while the object was present. No sound was noticed at any time during the sighting.

4.50 P.M. 6 November 1976

Situation: Monserrat Road, Lee-on-Solent, Hants.

The sighting was initiated by a very peculiar and intriguing incident which makes no sense whatsoever. The witness, who is a retired engineer, was in his home in Lee-on-Solent when he noticed a 'smudge' (somewhat like a thumb print) on the lower part of the window pane. While the witness was trying to decide how the 'smudge' came to be on the newly cleaned window, the 'smudge' proceeded to move up the window and out of sight. The witness at this point went to the window and looking out, immediately noticed a strange ebony black triangular object moving ('base' first) over the house. The general impression was of something like a delta-winged bomber on top of a Catamaran. The 'floats' protruded somewhat over the 'base' of the triangle

and between them was a darkened area where the sky wasn't visible. At the apex of the triangle was a misty ball something like vapour or smoke. The witness considered that this ball of mist may have been connected in some way with the 'smudge' on the window pane. The object was visible for a few seconds.

Investigated by Malcolm Handley

7.15 P.M. 20 September 1976
Situation: Hayling Island, Hants.

The following was reported by 17 year old Neil Landymore:

"On the 20th September, 1976, I was taking my 8 year old brother to the 'Fort' with his friend Christopher. The 'Fort' is an open space next to the Golf Links and the gravel pit on Hayling Island. The time was about 7.15 p.m. We had our attention drawn to a small insignificant red light in the sky over the Solent. Cannot estimate a distance. (A thunderstorm was in progress during the sighting and the witness suggests his attention was drawn to the light while watching lightning flashes). The object, which appeared not to be an aeroplane, but did seem to have a solid body, flew across the Solent. It took about a quarter of an hour to reach the Eastern Road, just below Cosham, but it did not go directly there. First it flew over Southsea (maybe the Naval Docks). A few minutes before reaching the Southsea area it performed a curious but fantastic manoeuvre: It lit up and flew fast horizontally and straight up with no loss of speed, and then carried on its course. On reaching the spot over the Eastern Road just below Cosham it was seen to light up again; red central light, one large solid light, and white lights equally spaced along the edge. Beams of white light came from underneath it. The whole thing was extremely bright, brighter than the lightning flashes and was visible in its illuminated state for 4-5 seconds, longer than the flashes of lightning. It appeared to be 150-200 ft. above the ground, higher than a nearby block of flats anyway." The apparent size of the object was compared to a $\frac{1}{2}$ pence piece at arms' length. The witness eventually ceased viewing the object to take his brother home. The total duration of the sighting had been 5 minutes.

8.40 A.M. Monday 1 November, 1976
Situation: North End, Portsmouth.

Joseph Bartold, aged 19, was waiting at a bus stop in North End when he noticed an unusual object in the north east. The sky was a clear blue and the object stood out against it as a sharply defined silver disc or oval. It appeared to be at an estimated height of 6-10,000 ft., and seemed to be stationary. The witness ceased viewing the object after about one minute when his bus arrived.

11.45 A.M. Saturday 23 October, 1976
Situation: Eastern Road, Portsmouth.

Mr. C.J. Rowsell aged 31 reports the following:

"When travelling south along the Eastern Road my companion who was driving drew my attention to two dark grey objects travelling approx. N.E. across Hayling Island. Both were in tight steady formation - one slightly above and ahead of the other, - the rear object emitting a very bright flash from the rear end every 3 to 4 seconds (approx).

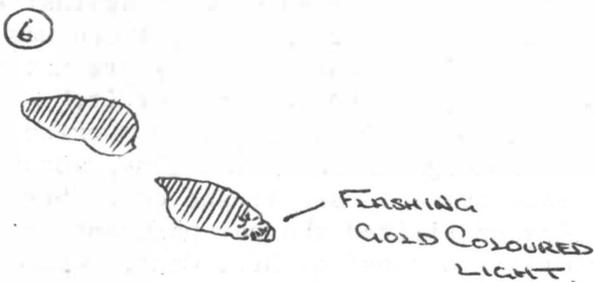
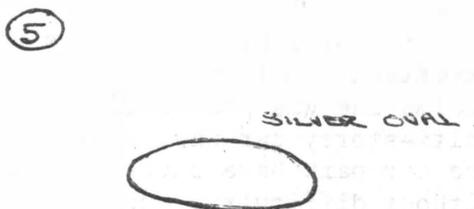
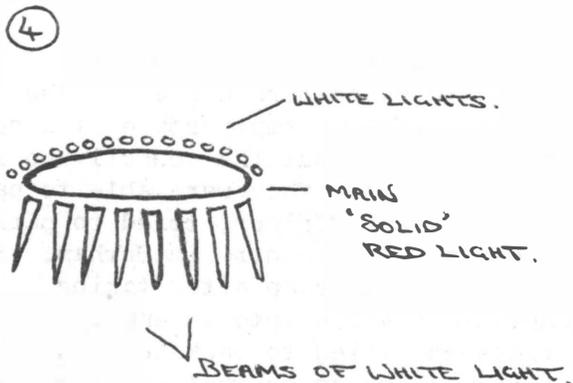
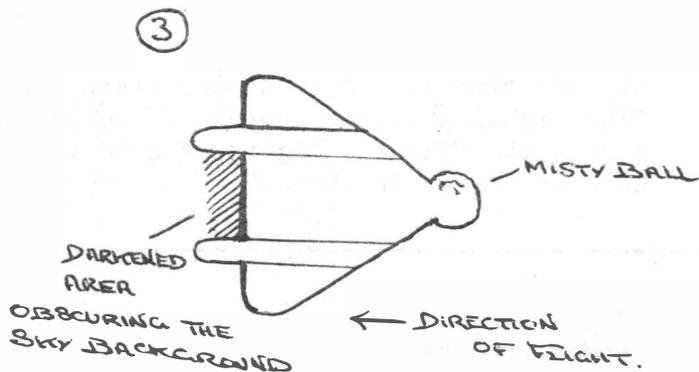
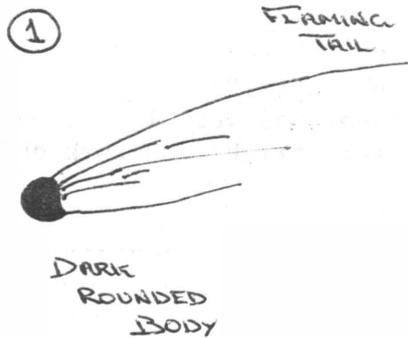
All the time the objects were rising into the cloud layer."

"The sighting lasted approx. 45 seconds. Cloud layer was very low at the time - the flashing light was gold in colour and very bright and both objects were irregular in shape."

14 December 1975
Sunday Express

INVISIBLE FORCE HALTED CAR

Motorist Mrs. Dilys Cant was unrepentant yesterday following a council investigation into her strange experience in trying to park her car. She claims she was prevented from reversing her car into an empty space at a new multi-storey car park by an "invisible force field." But the council who run the car park have carried out their own checks and say they were able to park without difficulty. Mrs. Cant, wife of an Education Officer, tried to park her car in the new multi-storey car park near the city centre in Durham. She drove in through the electronically operated entrance ramp after taking a ticket from the machine. But her attempts to reverse into an empty parking bay nearby were in vain. Three times she tried to back her Mini into the space - three times she was prevented from doing so by what she thought was an impregnable barrier. She said, "it was as if I had come up against a kerb, but when I got out of the car to see what was stopping me, there was nothing there. It was uncanny. I have been driving for over 25 years but I have never had an experience like it. There was no explanation for it." Mrs. Cant, who lives in the village of Coxhoe, Co. Durham, was so puzzled by her strange experience that she told her daughter-in-law, Rosina, about it. She asked her to try parking it in the same space to see if she could break down the mysterious barrier. But when Rosina visited the car park another motorist was already having problems similar to those of Mrs. Cant. Council officials could find no explanation for the phenomenon on the ground floor parking area. They claim they were able to park on the spot without any hindrance. A spokesman said, "It just seems to be one of those things for which there is no explanation." Mrs. Cant accepted a chance to prove her point before the television cameras - she said, "Unfortunately, on this occasion, I drove into the parking space without being stopped. I would have been happier if I had been unable to do so." "But I know what happened before was real and I won't go back on one word of my story. It's the truth - even though it does seem to make me look rather foolish."



THE PORTSMOUTH AREA.

