

# British Pilot Has Near-miss With Unknown Object

**LONDON, Sunday (A.A.P.-Reuter).**  
—The Air Ministry has been told that a British airman almost collided with an unidentified object over Gaydon Airfield last week.

The Ministry released news of the incident to-day, according to The Sunday Express.

The Express said Gaydon, in Warwickshire, is one of the R.A.F.'s top V-bomber stations.

The paper said that there was no explanation of the occurrence and the Air Ministry was waiting for the report of a senior intelligence officer who had visited the airfield and other stations concerned.

The Express said that at about 9.15 p.m. last Monday, Flight Officer D. W. Swee-

**Flying Officer D. W. Sweeney, a pilot with much experience, was flying a Meteor jet at 28,000ft. when he almost collided with the object.**

**He said that it was moving slowly and showing six lights. He calculated it was directly over Gaydon.**

**After violent evasive action, Sweeney reported he had approached the object from the starboard side but the lights had gone out and it disappeared.**

**Sweeney said that the object was not large, and its appearance was un-  
usual. It occurred accord-**

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ing to the officer's report.

A radar report from the R.A.F. Station at Langtoft confirmed that the object was at 28,000ft. over Gaydon. A check had shown that Sweeney's Meteor was the only aircraft in the area at the time.

The Express said that it was possible for a Russian aircraft to fly undetected over Britain during the nightly radar stand-down, if there were no night exercises in progress.

The Russians could map the airfields and even show the number of aircraft on them by means of delicate radar sets, the paper added.