

● VALENTICH DISAPPEARANCE

Missing from Moorabbin

A 20-yr old Australian pilot disappeared in unknown and mysterious circumstances during a routine flight from Moorabbin, Victoria to King Island, Tasmania.

On October 21 1978, Frederick Valentich was flying solo over the Bass Strait in a Cessna light aircraft when he advised Melbourne air traffic control of a strange aircraft flying 1,000ft above him.

Over a series of radio transmissions, Valentich described the unknown aircraft as long with a shiny metal surface and a green light on it.

In his final transmission, Valentich reported "That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again. It is hovering and it's not an aircraft." Seventeen seconds of unexplained metallic noise followed before all contact was lost.

A seven-day Search and Rescue effort was undertaken but no trace of the pilot or the aircraft were ever found.

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