

WELSH COAST FLARES PUZZLE

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FIRE-BALLS seen in the sky by villagers at Kenfig and Cornelly at dusk are believed to have been parachute flares fired from the sea.

And the flares could not have been British, say the authorities.

The burnt-out end of a flare container suspended from a two-foot square white cotton parachute was found in a kale field near Stormy Down yesterday by Mr. Richard Loughor, of Ty-Tanglwyst Farm.

The field is in the area where the three vivid red lights were seen—four miles from the nearest point on the coast.

The R.A.F. and coastguards said yesterday the flare did not seem to be of the kind used by the R.A.F. or British ships. It was much too powerful to have been ignited by a practical joker.

Fired together

It was difficult to understand how three came to be fired at almost the same time.

The day after the balls of fire were reported by scores of people, Mr. J. Cox, a quarry manager, at South Cornelly, said he saw a parachute come out of one of the objects just before it disappeared.

"I saw a parachute trail out behind it for a second and then the object seemed to disintegrate," he said.

There is no explanation to a flare ejecting a parachute after it has finished burning.

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