

SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES
CASE FILES

The Strange
Disappearance of
Gerry Irwin

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00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:19,840

[Music]

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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:26,230

gary irwin was a nike missile technician

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:29,359

at fort bliss in el paso texas on

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00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:33,440

february 28 1959 he was driving back

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:36,160

from nampa idaho where he'd been on

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00:00:42,630 --> 00:00:39,040

leave at cedar city utah he turned

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:42,640

southeast onto route 14. about six miles

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00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:45,120

from the turn-off he spotted a glowing

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00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:47,280

object that seemed to come to earth in a

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00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:49,680

field just off the road thinking he had

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00:00:54,709 --> 00:00:52,320

seen an airplane crash or at least a

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00:00:57,029 --> 00:00:54,719

forced landing he stopped to see if he

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00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:57,039

could give assistance he wrote a note

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00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:58,960

and placed it on the steering wheel of

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00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:01,920

his car it read quote have gone to

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00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:04,720

investigate possible plane crash please

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:07,920

call law enforcement officers end quote

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00:01:13,590 --> 00:01:11,360

then he wrote stop in large letters on

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:13,600

the side of his car about 30 minutes

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,840

later a fish and game inspector happened

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:18,159

to be driving past and stopped at

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:20,720

irwin's car he saw the note and took it

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,200

to the cedar city sheriff's office where

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00:01:28,469 --> 00:01:25,759

sheriff otto fife gathered a party of

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00:01:30,870 --> 00:01:28,479

volunteers and returned to the site when

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:30,880

they searched they found no trace of a

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00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:33,360

plane crash but they found private gary

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:36,320

irwin unconscious in a field by the side

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:39,360

of the road 90 minutes had passed since

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00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:41,840

he had first seen the glowing object

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00:01:46,950 --> 00:01:44,399

erwin was taken to the hospital in cedar

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00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:46,960

city where dr broadbent could find

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,280

nothing physically wrong with him irwin

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00:01:54,310 --> 00:01:51,520

was merely asleep and could not be

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00:01:57,109 --> 00:01:54,320

awakened dr broadbent could find no

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00:01:59,350 --> 00:01:57,119

explanation for this so his diagnosis

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,360

was hysteria when private irwin

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00:02:03,749 --> 00:02:01,759

eventually awoke he felt perfectly well

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00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:03,759

but he was mystified by the glowing

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00:02:09,109 --> 00:02:06,880

object he had seen he was also confused

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00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:09,119

by the fact that his jacket was missing

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00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,520

the sheriff's search party stated that

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00:02:16,070 --> 00:02:13,599

he was not wearing it when they found

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00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,080

him irwin was flown back to fort bliss

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00:02:21,589 --> 00:02:18,800

and placed under observation at william

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00:02:23,910 --> 00:02:21,599

beaumont army hospital for several days

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00:02:26,710 --> 00:02:23,920

after which he was released as fit to

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00:02:29,589 --> 00:02:26,720

return to duty the episode was not over

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00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:29,599

yet though some days later irwin fainted

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00:02:34,630 --> 00:02:32,000

on base and a few days after that he

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00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:34,640
fainted while in the city of el paso he

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00:02:38,949 --> 00:02:37,040
was taken to southwest general hospital

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00:02:42,070 --> 00:02:38,959
where he was found once again to be

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00:02:44,550 --> 00:02:42,080
asleep and unwakeable about 24 hours

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00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:44,560
later he awoke asking quote were there

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00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:47,519
any survivors he behaved as if he had

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00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:49,920
lost all memory of the period between

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00:02:55,670 --> 00:02:52,239
seeing the object on february 28th in

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:55,680
utah and waking up on march 16th in el

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:02:58,879
paso once again he was taken to william

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00:03:02,830 --> 00:03:01,040
beaumont army hospital where he was

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00:03:05,990 --> 00:03:02,840
placed under observation by

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00:03:07,910 --> 00:03:06,000

psychiatrists after one month extensive

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00:03:11,350 --> 00:03:07,920

testing could find nothing wrong with

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00:03:14,149 --> 00:03:11,360

him so he was released on april 17th the

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00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:14,159

next day irwin was seized by a powerful

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00:03:19,509 --> 00:03:16,480

impulse that made him take a bus from el

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00:03:22,630 --> 00:03:19,519

paso to cedar city arriving on april

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00:03:25,110 --> 00:03:22,640

19th he then walked back to the field in

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00:03:27,910 --> 00:03:25,120

which the sheriff's party had found him

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00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:27,920

he found his jacket on a bush there was

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00:03:32,630 --> 00:03:30,480

a pencil stuck in one of its buttonholes

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,640

with a piece of paper wound tightly

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00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:35,040

around it erwin burned the paper and

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00:03:39,990 --> 00:03:37,360

then seemed to come out of some kind of

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00:03:42,390 --> 00:03:40,000

trance he could not recall the path back

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00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:42,400

to the road or why he'd come there he

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00:03:47,030 --> 00:03:44,480

made his way back to cedar city and

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,040

turned himself in to sheriff otto fife

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00:03:52,470 --> 00:03:49,440

who told irwin about his first encounter

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00:03:54,949 --> 00:03:52,480

on the 28th of february once again irwin

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00:03:57,990 --> 00:03:54,959

returned to fort bliss and was given

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00:04:00,309 --> 00:03:58,000

psychological examinations on july 10th

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:00,319

he again entered william beaumont army

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00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:02,799

hospital he was discharged again but on

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00:04:07,670 --> 00:04:05,200

august 1st he failed to report for duty

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00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:07,680

and one month later he was listed as a

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00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:11,040

deserter after this private gary irwin

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00:04:17,430 --> 00:04:13,760

disappeared from the public view and his

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00:04:19,519 --> 00:04:17,440

current if he still is alive whereabouts