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### Re: Archival Research [Foo Fighters]

From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
Date: Sun, 15 Dec 1996 20:18:04 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Dec 1996 14:49:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Archival Research [Foo Fighters]

Gary Levy wrote:

> Date: Sat, 14 Dec 1996 01:37:40 -0500  
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
> From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Archival Research [Foo Fighters]  
> References: <2.2.32.19961213074834.006f3a60@globalserve.net>

> UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

> > Date: Thu, 12 Dec 1996 10:20:04 -0800  
> > From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
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> > References: <2.2.32.19961212082712.006c2910@globalserve.net>

> > Hi Graham

> > Re: FOO-FIGHTER

> [snip]

> Jan

> I was wondering if you were familiar with Ivan Sanderson's material on  
> what should  
> also be listed under the rubric of "foo fighters" which he describes in  
> his book  
> Uninvited Visitors chapter II page 19-22. During WWII he served as a  
> British counter-intelligence agent in the Carribean and describes a  
> British army units' ground engagement in Curacao with an object which  
> later took off into the sky. It perfectly fits the description of a foo  
> fighter. I'd love to see the intelligence report on this, he dates it  
> to just before the invasion of Holland. He also personally had a  
> experince with such an object and reported it through his own  
> intelligence channels, yet he states that he was told to desist by his  
> intelligence HQ from reporting aerial green lights. This was a most  
> peculiar request "from the absolute top chaps of my service in London".  
> Unless of course they had a handle on it already or were pursuing the  
> investigation by other means.

This would indeed take some digging. Don Berliner a number of years back wrote the British military about "foo-fighters." They asked a large number of questions which he answered. He then received a number of night sightings of Me-262s and Me 198s. (There were night fighter squadrons of German jets, but their use was very limited and most of the operations were around Berlin. Me-198s could not possibly land at night and were not used.) They sightings were "foo-fighters." Of course, like most ufo reports many have logical explanations like Venus, flares or a

device the German's like to use "scarecrows." They would tow a flaming aircraft part and release it into Allied aircraft formations.

Some British airman that tangled with unknowns in 1942 called them "The Light."

Many intelligence officers had ready explanations for "foo-fighters." If seen during daylight they were floaters or at night "after-images."

Jeff Lindell in his interviews learned that if he approached aircrafts for all sides of the belief spectrum, he got excellent cooperation. The conversation might go like this: Did you ever encounter "foo-fighters?" " No." "Unusual lights." "Yes, the debriefing officer said it was Venus. It followed us on the left side for a while, then it came around to the right, then it streaked off."

Some skeptical aircrews thought that they had a vertigo incident.

> *The absence, at least in the literature I have seen to date, of what I  
> would term an appropriate  
> investigation and analysis on the part of the military and intelligence  
> agencies during WWII, of this phenomenon in its varied manifestations is  
> peculiar to say the least.*

Hynek had marked an intelligence report about 1952 Korean sighting as having information on what the military thought of "foo-fighters."

> *I have a particular interest in this subject. I would appreciate if you  
> could let me know when and where your manuscript will be published.*

> *Thanks,*

> *Gary*

There is much more research to be done here. The 415th NFS personnel recalled being stationed near a French night fighter squadron at about the same time "foo-fighters" were seen. A look in French military archives would be interesting.

Project Wringer, the interrogation of former Axis personnel, displaced persons, and returning POWs might have material about foo-fighters in the files. No one has systemically gone over 8th, and 9th Air Forces intelligence files. So there are still plenty of places to look. I currently have ten rolls of microfilm on order for the Asst Chief of Staff/Intelligence ,AAF office, which might contain such files.

The Robertson panel report mentions that Alvarez, Robertson, and Griggs had had some experience concerning foo-fighters. There is nothing in papers of Alvarez or Robertson. Griggs' papers have not been checked. Since they were associated with Operation Cross Bow, some mention of foo-fighters might exist there. 415th NSF personnel recall the visit of a scientist who went up on one of their missions. They had no contact that night, and the scientist left scared out of his wits.

Jan Aldrich, Project 1947

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