

SAS soldiers waiting to ambush IRA gunmen were stunned when aliens walked in front of their gun sights, it was claimed yesterday.

The undercover troops hiding near an arms cache on a hillside in South Armagh say they saw up to four small grey figures.

The "aliens" and soldiers stared at each other for a minute. Then the "spacemen" disappeared - and seconds later the eight SAS troops saw a flash in the sky.

They were so disturbed by what they had seen they took the rare decision to abandon the stake out.

Their commander was furious and their comrades in the elite Special Air Services regiment laughed or accused them of being high on drugs.

But the eight stuck to their story and it was accepted. Now, four years later, it has been revealed to an Ulster UFO study group by a former Army intelligence officer.

Belfast based expert Hugh O'Brien said: "we are trying to interview the soldiers even though some may be too embarrassed to come forward.

"We have learnt that on that morning they were convinced they saw three, perhaps four, small grey figures in human form.

"At no stage did the soldiers feel threatened. They simply could not believe what they were seeing.

"The alien forms made no move towards them but judging from what the soldiers told their regimental priest and commanding officer, the aliens knew the soldiers were there. It was like a stand off. Within a few minutes, probably much less, the aliens disappeared.

"All the men can recall is that in a very quick space of time they saw a brief flash of light in the sky."

Mr O'Brien added: "these men were fit, highly trained observers and to put it down to some flights of imagination would be absurd."

The weapons cache was recovered by other soldiers.

[UK 2]*****

Source: MSN

King Arthur linked to UFO sightings

White triangles were hovering on the rugged coastline around Tintagel Castle, witnesses say Dave Gillham - 'military officials were unable to explain the sightings'

by Nick Constable and Karen Farrington MSN NEWS

A SPATE of bizarre UFO sightings involving bright geometrical shapes have been reported near sites linked to the legend of King Arthur.

In two separate incidents witnesses reported white triangles hovering on the rugged coastline around Tintagel Castle, Cornwall - where Arthur was supposedly conceived.

In the third sighting a group of lights formed a square above a lonely moorland road

The X-Files type mystery involve shapes which appear two-dimensional and move in total silence.

Intriguingly, one witness reported hearing a muffled cry for help seconds before the triangles appeared.

50 YEARS OF UFOs In the beginning... Bookies slash the odds on alien life 'Texture was rubber, like a moist wet suit' King Arthur linked to UFO sightings 'British Roswell' witness was ostracised

Reports on the sightings, backed by detailed witness statements, have been logged with the Ministry of Defence by the Cornwall UFO Research Group.

However the MoD's Secretariat (Air Staff) has refused to investigate further claiming there is 'no evidence that the UK Air Defence Region might have been compromised'.

All but one of the four witnesses has refused to be named publicly for fear of ridicule.

The first sighting at 4am on January 11 this year occurred a few hundred yards from Tintagel Castle.

Dave Gillham goes UFO-spotting on the Cornish coast

A 40-year-old woman was woken by a flashing light in her bedroom. Through the window she saw a five foot high triangle flanked by three rows of pulsating red lights.

She went back to bed thinking she was dreaming but returned to the window five minutes later to see two triangles side by side

The woman, who lives alone, said she was used to seeing tractor lights or the torches of farmers out rabbiting.

She added: "It wasn't like that. It was extremely bright." The second triangle sighting was at 8pm on 15 February at Polzeath beach, eight miles south of Tintagel.

"Perhaps there is a hint of truth in some of those legends" - DAVE GILLHAM
Cornwall UFO Research Group

A courting couple walking down to the sea in pitch darkness saw a bright, 20-foot long triangle, flanked by a smaller one, suddenly appear at the top of the beach and float towards the sea.

At one point the shapes were within 12 feet of the couple. They vanished as soon as they touched the waves.

The woman said: "We heard a noise, I don't know if it was connected. It was a cry for help that had just scared me anyway. It was sort of mumbled.

"The triangles didn't hurt my eyes. It became fascinating but it was like, wow, you know...I found myself drawn. Then we asked each other: 'Did you see that?'"

The third incident occurred in March near Dozmary Pool, Bodmin Moor - the lake into which Sir Bedivere is said to have hurled Arthur's sword Excalibur.

Drama student Matt Punter, 18, saw a square of lights hovering eight metres above his car as he drove home late at night.

"I suddenly had to duck and slam on the brakes. My first thought was that a plane was crashing in the road in front of me" - MATT PUNTER Drama student

He said: "I suddenly had to duck and slam on the brakes. My first thought was that a plane was crashing in the road in front of me.

"It stopped about ten metres further down the road. It was four different coloured lights in a square with no substance to it at all.

"I always thought people who claimed to see UFOs were a bit sad. Now I know what they were on about."

Dave Gillham, of the Cornwall UFO Research Group, said military officials at RAF St Mawgan and RNAS Culdrose in Cornwall were unable to explain the sightings.

"We believe something very strange is occurring, and has been occurring possibly for centuries, in this part of Cornwall," he said.

"Legend links Tintagel closely with the birth of King Arthur and the magician Merlin. Perhaps there is a hint of truth in some of those legends."

[UK 3]*****

From: andrew@espeland.demon.co.uk
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UFO swoops on lorry driver

Tales of the unexpected have been brewing across Burton and South Derbyshire, as residents bombarded police with stories involving - flying bricks.

>From the outer limits of Newhall to Stapenhill, people are experiencing close encounters of the third kind - with a series of unidentified flying

oblong objects.

Reports, which started with the sighting of a crescent-shaped UFO hovering over Swadlincote, switched yesterday as residents spotted a pinky brown brick shaped object in the sky above Newhall.

The X File-style sightings sparked a UFO investigation after a Burton lorry driver claimed that he was confronted by a giant airborne black mass he could only describe as resembling a giant brick or skip near a UFO spotters' paradise.

The driver, who works for the Burton firm of Thacker's Pet Products says he had left the Victoria Crescent firm to deliver goods to Middleton in Derbyshire, a stone's throw away from Ashbourne, once a peak UFO activity centre, when he stopped at a junction.

There, across his vision, was a jet black shape without any detail. It hovered immediately in front of him before zooming from one side to the other faster than his eyes could follow and then stopping.

Mr Stephen Dyche, of Baker Street, Stapenhill, is to return to the scene of the sighting in 10 days with UFO investigators keen to discover an explanation.

He said: "It certainly wasn't aerodynamic. It was getting on for a shape like a brick with nothing to keep it up there. It was just stuck there and there wasn't any movement like you'd expect from a helicopter if it was hovering.

"I didn't believe in UFOs or that sort of thing before now but this has definitely changed my mind."

Mr Dyche said later sightings of an object similar to the one he saw on Monday had been reported in East Anglia.

And he said after reporting the incident to police and the Civil Aviation Authority an organisation called Sub-paranormal Investigations is also set to probe the case.

[UK 4]*****

From: "Phil Light" <phil.light@ukonline.co.uk> Source: BBC Breakfast News
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Bonnybridge, Scotland

This also is not a laughing matter. 50 years ago today, an American air force pilot returned from a mission claims to have seen 9 disc shaped objects flying over the state of Washington. The phrase 'flying saucer' was born. Conspiricists and film makers never looked back. One UFO hotspot is Bonnybridge near Glasgow. Our reporter Emma is there.

Emma: Yes, something wierd is definately going on here in Bonnybridge because there have been more than 2000 ufo sightings in the last 3 years from sinister cigar shaped objects to funny triangles, and of course the classic flying saucer. Most of these, it has to be said, can be explained, but never-the-less, 250 of them still remain a mystery. So, is there anything up there?

Billy Buchanan (Falkirk Councillor): The area above Bonnybridge here is commonly known as a flight path and I would say around 75% of UFO sightings in the area have taken place here. If you look at back here [points to masts along a road], there are radio tele-communication masts and there have been many, many sightings along here. What the significance of the masts are, I don't know, but I think they've got a relevance.

It was on this very road about 5 years ago, I think it was in late October, when the first sighting took place. A businessman encountered an object that was hovering above here. [camera points up at some trees] He came to my house that night. I could see that he was very upset and frightened. We put an ad in the paper, to see if anyone else had seen something. 400 people replied, and that was when we realised something was going on.

Ann Malcolm: We've had quite a lot of experiences and the 1st time it happened was when my son came into the house, saying he was being followed by something. My daughter in law filmed it. It was quite scary. Really bright light, moving slowly, no noise. It lasted quite a long time, and then it disappears. We've been looking at different things, and trying to find an answer, but no-one will give us an answer.

Craig Malcolm: This is a film I shot in November. [home video showing a plane moving above a full moon] If you watch closely, there is an object

which passes underneath it. [a green blob moves across the screen in approx 1/6 sec] This is the type of thing I see all the time - week in, week out. It got to the stage that when I take the dog for a walk, I take the video camera with me just in case I see anything, and I must admit, I've videoed a lot of strange objects. It would be interesting to find out what they are, and to find out why they are coming here to this small village. There are ordinary people here. There must be some reason they are coming here.

[video of bright light moving slowly across sky]

Emma: Well one man who thinks he may have some answers to what is being seen in the skies above Bonnybridge is ufologist Malcolm Robinson. Lets start with the video footage which we have just seen. What do you think of that?

Malcolm (UFO Investigation Association): Well, I think that particular piece of footage was actually an aircraft.

Emma: And do you think that is what's happening to most people around here, that what they think is a UFO, but actually has a rational explanation?

Malcolm: When in most instances, people see something in the sky which they see honestly, but mistakingly. But there is video footage of objects which do not conform to aircraft movements, and I believe these are ufo's.

Emma: So some have no rational explanation at all. Lets deal with the things are are mistaking for ufo's. What other things could they be?

Malcolm: They can be aircraft where the sun is reflecting off the fuselage, causing satilites. There's a whole range of things which can account for ufo sightings.

Emma: You think that up to 95% (cut short)

Malcolm: Yes, I think that up to 95% of sighting can be explained have natural identifiyable solution. That leaves 5% that are very, very puzzling.

Emma: Now you've brought a film with you which of an object which you can't identify. We have some footage here.

[bright light moving across sky at night, above street lights]

Malcolm: We are looking at a very bright intense light which is not an aircraft, we checked that there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

Emma: Now that's your job isn't it - to check for any possible explanations.

Malcolm: It is indeed. We check with the police, the airports, and the MOD, and meterological stations to find a rational explanation to account for any given sighting.

Emma: Phil Tavis brought along this photo, which also you cannot identify. Let have a look at this photo. [picture of underside of a flying saucer, bathed in orange light]

Malcolm: Well what you are seeing is the underside of an object, and it is consistant with many sightings in this locality. It is a very puzzling photograph.

Emma: Why do you think it is happening here. Why Bonnybridge?

Malcolm: It's a million dollar question. All that we can say is that ufo sightings seem to be more concentrated here than anywhere else.

Emma: Well it is certainly a phenomenon it that people see things which they cannot identify, whether you think there is an extra-terrestrial explanation or not. You think the government should come up here and investigate.

Malcolm: Almost certainly. I would like to see a government investigation into the Bonnybridge phenomenon. I'm sure the British government know what is going on and I would like to see them get involved with Bonnybridge. What is happening is very tangible, very real, and I demand an explantion.

Emma: Well I'm sure the villagers here want one to. Back to the studio.

I hope to be able to get the pictures soon. When I do, I will post them on my web site at <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/phil.light/>. If you e-mail me, I will send you the pictures as soon as I can.

[UK 5]*****

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Here is the third and final part of Nick Popes abridged extract from his new book 'The Uninvited'.

For three years, Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope was the UFO desk officer in the MoD division, Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a. In that time he concluded that there was compelling evidence for some encounters being of extraterrestrial origin. His subsequent expose, Open Skies, Closed Minds, was an instant best seller.

Now, in a second book, The Uninvited, he has reached an even more startling conclusion. Aliens, he believes, are actually abducting thousands of people, possibly as a programme to 'civilise' human society. Today, in our final extract, he focuses on more strange cases and looks at conventional explanations for alien abductions.

by Nick Pope Former UFO Desk Officer At The Ministry Of Defence

If Patsy had just dreamed floating above the park, why had a mysterious wound appeared on her body. . .

What happened to Patsy Ryan, a 28 year old psychology graduate, in June 1992 is the sort of experience that sends ufologists into a frenzy.

She was spending a quiet afternoon sunbathing in a park near her London home, when, suddenly, she felt herself being lifted up into the air in a violent spinning motion.

Even more extraordinary, not least because she seemed to be about 50ft above the ground, she was embarrassed that others would see her up in the air.

Such a thought my suggest that Patsy was dreaming, but there was to be a dramatic and compelling piece of evidence to support the theory that something more astonishing had happened.

Her immediate concern was to get back down to the ground. Willing herself to return, she came down slowly but surely, although she is clear in her mind that the last part of her descent was the hardest.

She remembers a strange jolting sensation, which she believes was her spiritual body interlocking with her physical self.

Then she became aware of great pain in her upper thigh, the most excruciating she had ever known. Later, at home, she examined her leg. She found a wound about three quarters of an inch long, and two thirds of an inch wide.

In time the wound became redder and more raised. She sought advice from her friend Hazel Gilbert, a nurse, who said the wound looked like a burn.

Two or three days later, the pain spread to the rest of her leg, and she asked Hazel to take her to the casualty department of Guy's Hospital in London. Nurses at Guys examined the wound and confirmed Hazel's view that it looked like a burn. But Patsy was adamant that she had no recollection of having received such an injury.

The wound healed slowly, but the scar remained, and is still faintly visible. It is reminiscent of the type of scars often reported by abductees as resulting from medical operations carried out by extraterrestrials.

How did Patsy receive such a serious burn in a public park? Why did she not recall being injured? How did it occur without leaving any mark on her shorts?

There was a gap of three years, Patsy believes, before she finally met extraterrestrials face to face.. The 'encounter' happened on the afternoon of Saturday, September 23, 1995, while she was working in a Central London art shop.

A group of people assembled outside the shop in a quiet side street, and Patsy said to one of her colleagues, Maggie, that it looked as if a coach party had arrived.

The 13 strong group were definitely unusual. All of them were oddly dressed, as if uncomfortable in their clothes. One middle aged man, for example, was wearing a stylish pin-striped suit, but had a pair of scruffy trainers on his feet.

A man with what appeared to be an American accent said hello to Patsy as they went into the shop, but she found herself unable to speak. It was as if an other-worldly atmosphere had descended. All the visitors were talking, but Patsy and Maggie were unable to make out a single clear word.

The group, having made no purchases, finally began to filter out of the shop, but then a Swedish looking woman stepped forward and bought a single pencil.

Since then Patsy has flirted briefly with the world of ufology, but she has decided that it is a world she wants little to do with.

Abridged extract from 'The Uninvited' by Nick Pope, published by Simon and Schuster on June 2nd 1997 at 15 pounds and 99 pence. To order a copy p&p free, call 01624 675137.

During September 1990, James and Pamela Millen went camping in Dorset. One night they woke just before 3am and James, intrigued by lights he could see through the canvas, went outside. He saw several orange balls of light that seemed to be dancing in the air over an adjacent field.

He pointed them out to Pamela and the couple watched, mesmerised, as the glowing spheres moved silently around. After a couple of minutes, he decided to get his camera, but what happens next remains unclear.

Pamela recalls that James reappeared and commented on a pile of cigarette ends at Pamela's feet, which seemed odd as he had been away for only a minute or so and she could not have smoked that many. When they looked at their watches it was 5.40am. More than two and a half hours were unaccounted for.

James subsequently had recollections of being in a circular white room, lying on his back on something cold, and seeing figures dressed in robes rather like those worn by the Ku Klux Klan. He has no idea what happened to him, but believes that it was 'beneficial'.

On November 9, 1979, forester Bob Taylor was walking in Dechmont woods near Livingston, in Scotland, when he saw a huge, domed UFO hovering silently about 250ft above the ground. Two small, round balls detached from the craft and moved rapidly towards the startled forester. The objects had spikes on them, and looked rather like old naval mines. The balls attached themselves to Taylor's trousers, cutting him, and he recalls an acrid smell, which was his last memory before passing out. When he came to, he recalled the sound of an object moving off at high speed. When he returned to his truck, it would not start. Later, the police concluded that an object weighing several tons had been in the clearing.

Lost hours on a weird car journey

Londoner Mary O'Donnell, a 31 year old secretary, was apparently involved in one of the most spectacular 'missing time' incidents I've come across.

Last October, Mary was travelling on the M1 approaching Leeds with her friend Brenda Bailey when she noticed what she thought was a small aircraft flying across the road ahead of them.

It turned towards their car and, while Mary had a brief impression that it might be trying to land on the motorway, Brenda reached for some drinks that were on the floor. When she looked up again she yelled: 'Where the hell are we?'

They were no longer on the motorway, but on a roundabout in central Leeds. Mary and Brenda had both experienced the same sudden transition from motorway to roundabout.

Just before Mary saw the aircraft, they had made a note of the time - 2pm. Now, an instant later as far as they were concerned, it was 5.30pm

The scenario fits the classic story of aliens intercepting people travelling in cars, but surely anything would have been witnessed by countless other motorists. Could some form of mass hypnosis have been involved?

Explanations for these disturbing occurrences

If abductions are nothing to do with an extraterrestrial presence, what conventional theories might explain what is going on.

Birth Trauma

Many psychologists believe that the trauma of birth is one of our most profound experiences, and is largely responsible for shaping our psyche. Is

it not conceivable that recollections of abductions are recollections of birth?

Some of the images reported in typical abduction experience mirror images associated with birth. Many abductees report being in an environment that contains no right angles. Might this not be a distorted memory of the womb?

The aliens bear more than a passing resemblance to a foetus. The central procedure reported by so many abductees is medical, and is recalled as traumatic.

The problem with such a theory is that, the abduction phenomenon is experienced by only a small percentage of the population.

Near-death/Out of body experiences

In a typical near death experience (NDE), said to occur sometimes in hospitals when a person is clinically dead for a few seconds, the subject reports a lifting sensation. There is a feeling that they are travelling down a tunnel, at the end of which is a bright light.

Some experts believe NDEs arise from the brain being starved of oxygen. But this would not explain the NDE cases where people report details of real conversations that occurred outside the room they were in.

The out of body experience (OBE) is similar but is not limited to critically ill people. They will typically report seeing their body lying below them.

The similarity of of sensation and imagery between abductions, NDEs and OBEs - especially the lifting sensation - is remarkable.

Hoaxes

Fraudsters are often intelligent people who are capable of constructing intricate and believable fantasies. Some do it for fun, others for publicity and money. Then there are those who have a 'fantasy-prone personality': the psychologically driven need to be at the centre of dramatic events. However, bogus stories account for relatively few abduction testimonies.

False memory syndrome

Memory is not an accurate record of past events. Sometimes, when we play events over in our minds or relate an experience, what started as something about which we were unsure finishes up as a certainty. This is called false memory syndrome.

Hypnagogic or Hypnopompic imagery

Just before we fall asleep and just after we wake up, our minds are in a curious state of consciousness. In this state we sometimes see images or experience sensations that seem real.

Temporal lobe lability

The temporal lobes are areas of the brain associated with memory, emotion and understanding of speech. They can be extremely labile - that is, unstable and responsive to stimulation - and give rise to the feeling of a strange presence, a sense of ascending into the air, and panic.

Electromagnetism

Some researchers suggest that many UFO and abduction experiences have their roots in electromagnetic anomalies - possibly caused by tectonic stresses in the Earth's crust - which can cause hallucinations in those who come close to them.

Sleep paralyses

This is the biological process which inhibits our movements during sleep. In the borderline state between being asleep and awake, it can lead to situations where people wake up and are momentarily unable to move, perhaps giving them the impression that something is holding them down.

Child sex abuse

Such events have a devastating effect on the victims, who will carry the mental scars for life. The mind often suppresses memories of traumatic events. The problem is that they never disappear and can resurface from the subconscious at any time, often in a jumbled or disguised form.

World News

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uk.ufo.nw says: We are not sure exactly where this article came from however we think you will find it interesting. A www page on Ralph Rene and his book 'Nasa Mooned America' can be found at url:

<http://www.primeline-america.com/moon-ldg/mlh2.htm>

Cover Story

Did man really walk on the Moon or was it the ultimate camera trick, asks David Milne?

The greater lunar lie

In the early hours of May 16, 1990, after a week spent watching old video footage of man on the Moon, a thought was turning into an obsession in the mind of Ralph Rene.

"How can the flag be fluttering," the 47 year old American kept asking himself, "when there's no wind on the atmosphere free Moon?"

That moment was to be the beginning of an incredible Space odyssey for the self-taught engineer from New Jersey. He started investigating the Apollo Moon landings, scouring every Nasa film, photo and report with a growing sense of wonder, until finally reaching an awesome conclusion: America had never put a man on the Moon. The giant leap for mankind was fake.

It is of course the conspiracy theory to end all conspiracy theories. But Rene has now put all his findings into a startling book entitled Nasa Mooned America. Published by himself, it's being sold by mail order - and is a compelling read.

The story lifts off in 1961 with Russia firing Yuri Gagarin into space, leaving a panicked America trailing in the space race. At an emergency meeting of Congress, President Kennedy proposed the ultimate face saver, put a man on the Moon. With an impassioned speech he secured the plan an unbelievable 40 billion dollars.

And so, says Rene (and a growing number of astro-physicists are beginning to agree with him), the great Moon hoax was born. Between 1969 and 1972, seven Apollo ships headed to the Moon. Six claim to have made it, with the ill fated Apollo 13 - whose oxygen tanks apparently exploded halfway - being the only casualties. But with the exception of the known rocks, which could have been easily mocked up in a lab, the photographs and film footage are the only proof that the Eagle ever landed. And Rene believes they're fake.

For a start, he says, the TV footage was hopeless. The world tuned in to watch what looked like two blurred white ghosts gambol threw rocks and dust. Part of the reason for the low quality was that, strangely, Nasa provided no direct link up. So networks actually had to film "man's greatest achievement" from a TV screen in Houston - a deliberate ploy, says Rene, so that nobody could properly examine it.

By contrast, the still photos were stunning. Yet that's just the problem. The astronauts took thousands of pictures, each one perfectly exposed and sharply focused. Not one was badly composed or even blurred. As Rene points out, that's not all:

- The cameras had no white metres or view finders. So the astronauts achieved this feat without being able to see what they were doing.
- Their film stock was unaffected by the intense peaks and powerful cosmic radiation on the Moon, conditions that should have made it useless. McGrath
- They managed to adjust their cameras, change film and swap filters in pressurised clubs. It should have been almost impossible to end their fingers.

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