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A TRUE STORY OF ALIEN INTRUSION INTO HUMAN LIVES

By D. Lynne Bishop

Editorial
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Thank you for bringing to my attention the fact that I dated the last issue totally and irrefutably wrong ;-). As Captain Mainwaring of the classic comedy 'Dads Army' would say: "I wondered who would spot that first."

Thank you

We would like to thank all those of you who have sent us in reports from newspapers, magazines, video's etc etc. We know that this takes precious time and effort. We just want you to know how grateful we are. Please, please keep them coming.

Dan Sherman

Readers will remember Dan Sherman as written about in issue {80}. Dan is shortly to be guesting on our UFO irc channel. The date of the meeting will be posted when known. Dan's story is really fascinating and we would urge you to read it in issue {80}. Dan has a web site with various information including how to go about purchasing his new book:

<http://www.earthworld.com/ppd/>

An account of Dan's story has just appeared in the latest issue of Alien Encounters magazine - issue 18 - November 1997.

The Real Audio sound track of Dan's interview on 'Sightings On The Radio' can be downloaded from the following addresses:

http://web.ukonline.co.uk/colin.light/uk-ufo-nw/sounds/dan_pt1.ra

http://web.ukonline.co.uk/colin.light/uk-ufo-nw/sounds/dan_pt2.ra

http://web.ukonline.co.uk/colin.light/uk-ufo-nw/sounds/dan_pt3.ra

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United Kingdom News
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[UK 1]*****

Source: Numerous national newspapers

Date: October 1997

uk.ufo.nw says: The below advertisement has appeared in numerous national newspapers and magazines. We have no other information other than what you see below. However we would be interested to hear from anyone who has.

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Universal Star Listing, Millenium Business Centre, 3 Humber Road,
London NW2 6DW

[UK 2]*****

Source: NF Focus - (Free paper in Tunbridge & Tunbridge Wells,
Kent, area)
Date: 9th & 10th September 1997
From: Address withheld by request.

Couple's UFO shock

A Tunbridge Wells couple are recovering from a brush from the other side after a late night trip home turned into a close encounter with a mysterious flying object.

Sally Rouse and Craig Rock were travelling down the A21 at 1.30am on their way home from Biggin Hill (to Tunbridge) when they caught sight of a brightly lit disc-shaped craft hovering nearby.

Recounting the chilling tale, Miss Rouse, 22, of Mountfield Rd, said "As we were driving along I looked beside me and thought "what's that?". I thought it was a helicopter with a spotlight underneath. Craig got really excited and said "It's a UFO"."

"It was round with flashing lights going one after the other lighting up the clouds around it. I was scared we were going to crash because Craig was not concentrating on the road. It was hovering and then disappeared."

They turned off the road (A21) at Tunbridge but had not seen the last of the strange object which appeared again as they were driving up Quarry Hill". (in Tunbridge)

"This time it was much closer and we felt like it was following us. It was very creepy. That's when I was really scared and started shaking. Craig wanted to stop the car and take a look but I just wanted to go home," she added.

Despite a few sceptical comments from people she has spoken to about the incident Miss Rouse remains adamant that her close encounter was all too real.

"We have all seen Men in Black recently so maybe our imaginations are going wild, but I know what I saw and it couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane," she concluded."

*** Items in () added by me for clarity.

Date of encounter not given.

As an addition/confirmation of this my son, 32, also saw an object that meets the description given on 29th Aug 22.15ish GMT from the garden of his girlfriend's home in East Peckam, nr Tunbridge. It was in the WNW, travelling south and visible for some 30 seconds, total, between the trees, at an estimated distance of some 8 miles.

Neither of us are strangers to various aircraft in the area as I'm ex RAF and both of us Airband listeners/spotters and Sat-watchers. My son flies model helicopters. Airlines G1/UG1, A20/UA20, R8 & UR37 are all within a few miles and a Gatwick App/Dep route comes over the house, together with local Light & Heli traffic flying VFR from

Biggin, Rochester and Lashenden (Headcorn), and a regular Mil Heli route. A daily total of some 250-300 movements.

Regards

Annon

[UK 3]*****

From: ardent@cix.compulink.co.uk (Roy Dent)
Date: Sunday 29th June 97

Short Wave Magazine - July 1997

The following item, which may be of interest, appears in the 'Scanning' column of 'Short Wave Magazine' July 1997 issue.

STRANGE ENCOUNTERS

An anonymous letter about 'strange encounters' informs me of an incident. Birmingham ATC were informed by a number of aircraft that another, unidentified, aircraft was flying in their vicinity.

Birmingham ATC had no knowledge of this....the local police helicopter, on finals, reported close visual contact with an unidentified aircraft, which was also unknown to ATC at that point.

My correspondent asks if this was an F-117 or other 'stealth type' aircraft....and reports that there are similarities between Birmingham at night from the air, and Baghdad! As this was Farnborough week, could a 'training sortie' to show off such 'secret' capabilities have been put in to display the potential of the aircraft's invisibility to radar..?

Now a letter from Mr A Pritchard of Chandlers Ford. A keen astronomist, which is an adjunct to his scanning hobby, he noted a satellite in high orbit travelling North, tracking towards Cassiopeia. He also noticed a second satellite coming in from the East, at right angles to the first. he informs me that the first satellite was at 8 degrees from the zenith when it was intercepted, indicated by both merging. He said that he then waited for the satellites to part, but they did not. Both continued in company North/South track for eight or nine seconds before the first broke clear and continued on its original East/West course. His question is: objects moving at that speed cannot abruptly make a right angle turn - can they?

He asks if any readers can assist him in determining what happened - without going into theories around non-Newtonian motion and aircraft, meteors, etc. If you think that you can assist him, then please write to him at: A Pritchard, 18 Swanton Gdns, Millers Dale, Chandlers Ford, Nr Eastleigh, Hants.

[UK 4]*****

Source: The People newspaper
Date: 5th October 1997
From: Calb1701@aol.com

OFFICIAL THEY'VE BEEN HERE!

Aliens have been visiting Britain for more than 50 years - and that's official.

Secret Government documents reveal that some spacecraft have even crashed-landed here.

But the details have been kept hidden from all of us in a giant cover-up similar to that in TV's The X-Files.

That is until now. A sensational new book A Covert Agenda reveals that the alien visits are fact and non fiction.

The author, full-time UFO researcher Nicholas Redfern, maintains the Ministry of Defence and the RAF have known for half a century about spacecraft which have crash-landed throughout Britain.

At least SEVEN UFOs have crashed in Britain since the end of the Second World War. Hundreds more UFOs have been sighted since 1940s. Redfern, 33, from Walsall, West Midlands, also reveals details of a secret MoD base where reports of crashed UFOs are compiled.

He has spent years investigating official memos and uncovered top-secret documents which prove that the Government does not want us to know how much it knows about aliens.

And in the book he describes how dozens of spacecraft have flown over military bases, by-passing flight security systems.

At the height of the Cold War, the Government was so concerned about UFOs that it contacted the Soviet Union to establish a joint task force to examine the security implications of alien craft.

But it is the evidence that UFOs have ALREADY landed in Britain which is the most scandalous cover-up in British UFO history.

Now turn the page for the full amazing story...

REVEALED: SECRET UFO LANDING

CASE HISTORY No 1: The British Roswell

SIGHTINGS of strange flying objects - later known as Foo Fighter - were reported throughout the latter part of the Second World War by both Allied and Nazi servicemen.

The reports certainly went through official channels. American journalist Dorothy Kilgallen was told by "a British official of Cabinet rank" about a Foo Fighter which had crashed in Britain - a case similar to the famous Roswell incident in New Mexico 50 years ago when alien corpses were recovered.

Kilgallen was told: "British scientists and airmen examined the wreck of one mysterious flying ship and are convinced these strange aerial objects are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions but are flying saucers which originate on another planet."

Retired diplomat and intelligence officer said he believed Kilgallen's source was Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Kilgallen's story was backed up by Dr Olavo Fontes, a Brazilian UFO researcher of the 1950s.

In 1958, Fontes - already known as Brazil's government was visited by two men who said they were from Naval Intelligence.

Fontes claimed that, after initially trying to persuade him to give up his work, the officers revealed that six UFOs had crashed throughout the world during the Second World War.

Three were in North America, one in the Sahara Desert, one in Scandinavia - and one in Britain.

Fonte wrote in a letter to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation: "I was told all of these discs were small craft - 32, 77 or 99ft in diameter. In all of them were found crew members' bodies.

"They were little men", and ranged in height from 32 to 46in. They were dead in all cases, killed in the crashes.

"The examination of the bodies showed they were definitely humanoid, but obviously not from this planet."

CASE HISTORY No 2: Penkridge, Staffs, 1964

SPECIAL snatch teams appear to be on stand-by, ready to go into action to retrieve wreckage from UFO crashes.

Just before he died in 1994, retired US Air Force intelligence officer Leonard Stringfield told Redfern: "Some time in 1964, a specially rigged naval flagship received a coded radio message. "Artefacts had been recovered with three dead personnel."

According to his informant, the decoded report stated that a UFO had crashed in two parts: the main section was in Penkridge, Staffordshire, the remainder in West Germany.

Wreckage and the bodies were shipped to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in the States.

The informant added that there was more to the incident, involving

coded information, that he preferred to keep confidential.

Redfern said: "The disclosure, while sketchy, may spotlight only the tip of the iceberg as to the scope of military crash retrieval operations in foreign lands. It is my suspicion that US special retrieval teams have been, and still are prepared to go into action into any crash location within its sphere of military or economic influence such as was exercised with NATO in the artefact retrievals in England and West Germany."

CASE HISTORY No 3: Corwen, North Wales, 1974

A WAVE of phantom helicopters black with no identifying markings - were sighted in areas of Britain where UFOs were reported in 1973-74.

They were probably rapid deployment teams sent to investigate UFOs, according to Redfern.

One such event happened at 8.3-pm on January 23, 1974. A UFO crashed into Cader Bronwen, a 2,000ft peak in the Berwyn Mountains near Corwn, North Wales.

One witness, Anne Williams, said: "I saw a bright light in the sky. It had a long, fiery tail which went dim and then very fire which keeps coming to life.

"It was like an electric bulb in shape, with rough edges. The object fell behind the hills at the back of my bungalow and the earth shook."

Off-duty police officer Gwilym Owen was drinking in The Dudley Arms pub when there was a roar, a bang and glasses in the pub shook. The sky was lit up over the mountains. Police stations as far away as 60 miles received phone calls reporting the tremor.

At the Institute of Geological Sciencices in Edinburgh, the crash measured four on the Richter Scale. They told journalists that a meteorite had come down on Cader Bronwen.

Witness Ken Haughton saw a "luminous sphere" 90 minutes after the crash in the area. He said the sphere was 400ft across and travelling at a height of about 15,000ft.

Army personnel were quickly dispatched to the scene.

The next day, a mountain rescue team went to investigate, while the RAF carried out a photographic survey of the area. No trace of a craft or any meteorite was found.

"One can only assume," said Redfern, "that unless the UFO exited on its own volition, it was removed by the army." Yet another UFO was seen in the area at 7.15pm that day.

"I believe it may have been searching for the remains of the vehicle which struck the Berwyn mountains," said Redfern.

CASE HISTORY No 4: Lake District, 1977

A UFO which was sighted over the Lake District wasn't witnessed by just members of the public - 10 police officers saw this extraordinary sight too. Shortly after midnight on August 28, 1977, a large object described either as triangular or diamond-shaped was seen over the Windermere area of Cumbria. As officers reported seeing the craft, colleagues along the UFO's path also confirmed the sighting. After 20 minutes, as the ship hovered above the A592 at Bowness, PC David Wild spotted it at a height he estimated to be 1,500ft. It eventually vanished, witnessed by two other officers, at sea over Morecambe.

The most detailed description was given by John Platt. He said: "I was looking up into what appeared to be a giant ocean-going catamaran with twin hulls. A large structure at the front supported what appeared to be two giant lights. Its surface was a dull, shadowy, charcoal colour."

CASE HISTORY No 5: Ipstones, Staff, 1991

A Witness known only as Mr M L was visiting friends in the Churnet Valley, Staffs, on July 19, 1991, when he saw an object fall from the sky at nearby Ipstones.

The time was 10pm. M L described the object as metallic - like aluminium - 10ft long, cigar-shaped and very bright. He immediately contacted police. They searched the woodland. A helicopter was used as well. No object was located but an area of newly broken branches was found which gave the impression that something had crashed through the trees from above. The search was eventually abandoned.

CASE HISTORY No 6: RAF Boscombe Down, 1994

A SMALL twin-tailed aircraft crash-landed on the runway at RAF Boscombe Down, on Salisbury Plain four miles from Stonehenge, at about 11pm on September 26, 1994.

Several aviation enthusiasts listening on airband radios drove to the air base next day. They were stopped by police at roadblocks.

Before being ushered away, several enthusiasts saw a disabled craft at the end of the runway covered by tarpaulins. Two days later, the wreck was flown to a California military base. Although the craft was initially believed to be a then secret US military plane known as TR-3A, one witness said the crashed craft was completely silent and was able to hover vertically abilities the TR-3A didn't possess.

A month before the crash, a lorry driver reported seeing a UFO over Salisbury. Its description matched that of the crashed craft.

CASE HISTORY No 7: Hepton Hill, Wilts, 1994

Villagers in the Cotswolds reported seeing a barrel-shaped craft fall into an isolated field on the evening of Halloween in 1994.

But they were later told it was a bale of straw.

The incident happened at Hepton Hill in Wiltshire near the villages of Church Lench and Norton.

The strange object was described by one witness Paul Brooke as resembling a 40-gallon drum.

Police sealed off the field and people were warned to keep away. The object was loaded on to a Royal Navy lorry and taken away. Residents raised the matter with both the Fleet Air Arm and the RAF, each of whom later denied any knowledge of the incident.

A police spokesman said : "Our investigations reveal it was a bale of straw that was on fire and which the fire brigade put out. Reports of something falling from the sky are either hoaxes or somebody has said something had come to the wrong conclusion."

Brooke replied: "What do the police think that we are all mad around here?"

CASE HISTORY No 8: East London, 1964

Bus driver Bob Fall was driving the 123 bus from Walthamstow to Tottenham when he had a narrow escape with a UFO.

He told a reporter: "I just glanced into the sky and saw something coming towards me very, very fast. It flew straight across the road and, had I been a few yards further, it would have hit the top deck of the bus. There was a loud crash as it struck the bank of the River Lea and a big splash in the water. The craft was at least 9ft long, cigar-shaped and silver."

As soon as Fall reported the incident, police arrived and dredged the river, but the object had vanished.

An MoD wing-commander was appraised of the details of Fall's encounter - implying that the MoD took his initial report seriously,

The MoD files available now are sent and Redfern believes the full story is buried somewhere in Whitehall.

SECRET BASE'S COVER IS BLOWN

UFO enthusiasts have long believed that highly classified investigations into UFO activity take place at Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire.

Redfern offers proof. It is officially acknowledged that Rudloe

Manor is the headquarters of the RAF Provost and Security Services (P&SS), where investigators are trained in counter-intelligence.

But Rudloe Manor is also the base of the Flying Complaints Flight, which investigates cases of low flying military aircraft.

A former special RAF investigator said: "I'm sure that all investigations into UFOs are carried out by P&SS investigators serving in a small secret unit with Flying Complaints Flight."

A report of one sighting in 1962, in Taunton, Somerset, was forwarded by the RAF straight to P&SS.

The report was not forwarded to the Air Ministry for nearly two months, Redfern said: "Given that department S6 at the Air Ministry was supposedly the focal point for receiving UFO reports, it seems odd that P&SS would neglect to inform S6 of the details for almost two months.

"Unless, as seems to be the case, P&SS have a mandate to conduct their own independent inquiries."

A letter received by Redfern written by Air Commodore J L Uprichard, the P&SS director, confirms that they have investigated UFO sighting being treated as a low flying incident and investigated accordingly."

Redfern said: "The importance of this letter cannot be over-emphasised. Although such investigations are rare, this is documented proof from the director of P&SS himself that UFO encounters have been treated as low-flying incidents."

Retired RAF medic Jonathan Turner told Redfern: "UFO sightings by military pilots were never recorded in their flight logs. The station commander would be advertised of the situation and, from there, all information would be forwarded to P&SS.

"If national security was considered an issue, the pilots and crews would be advised to keep quiet and reminded they were bound by the Official Secrets Act."

The Ministry of Defence has admitted P&SS involvement in UFO sightings. A spokesman said: "Rudloe Manor is the headquarters of RAF Police. In the past it was indeed the RAF co-ordination point for reports of unexplained aerial sightings. The role came to an end in 1992."

HOW THEY TRIED TO HUSH IT UP

An alarming number of UFOs were sighted around military bases in 1957. One sighting at RAF West Freugh, Wigtownshire, was published by several newspapers.

A secret Air Ministry report declassified after 30 years, reads: "It is unfortunate that the Wigtownshire radar incident fell into the hands of the Press.

"We suggest that the Secretary of State does not specifically refer to these incidents as sightings on radar."

Six years later, after another batch of sightings, the Air Ministry tried to dampen speculation but they failed to point out that many reports were by RAF pilots and radar operators. One of the most controversial sightings took place in Belfast eight years ago. The following is an extract from a report in official Civil Aviation Authority files about an incident on November 11, 1989.

"UFO passed above aircraft at 11,200ft and burst into a cascade of lights. Heading due west. Proximity of cloud intensified brightness of light. Sighting confirmed by another aircraft and tower."

[UK 5]*****

Source: UFO Roundup
Editor: Joseph Trainor

UFO approaches British warship off Lancashire shore

On Friday, October 10, 1997, talk show host Tony Newman of Red Rose Radio at 999MW received over 30 calls from listeners, who claimed to have seen UFOs flying over Lancashire the previous night.

Two calls came from men identifying themselves as sailors aboard the HMS Shetland (P298), which was on a cruise in the Irish Sea west of Lancashire. The men reported that "a bright light was approaching the ship." The UFO paced the 60-meter (198-foot) vessel for a few minutes before flying away.

Tim Matthews of the Lancashire UFO Society (LUFOS) stated that his group had contacted the UK Ministry of Defence, and a spokeswoman confirmed that HMS Shetland had been offshore at that time.

Other callers to the Newman show reported "anomalous lights and spinning discs" over Burnley, Blackpool, Crosby, Southport and Bamber Bridge.

Currently investigating the incident are Tim Matthews, Gloria Dixon of BUFORA, Eric Morris and Rory Lushman. (Many thanks to John Hayes for forwarding this report.)

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