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### Re: Aircraft/UFO Encounters Prior to 1942

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This thread has gone rather far afield from the original post. I would like to ask researcher's help in locating aircraft/UFO encounters during World War I.

I remember reading in my father's psychology text book (circa 1920) about sightings of strange things in the air from aircraft especially in World War I. The authors contend that these sightings were illusions. The explanations for these illusions were the rarefied air and pilot fatigue. (BTW the authors also stated that there would be not more wars on the scale of World War I as the machine gun had made such conflicts unthinkable.) This book is not longer available--lost in a move.

Jeff Lindell told me he had also ran across a brief reference to strange aerial sightings by French World War I fighter pilots. It said that the sightings were announced in notices about the flying weather. Lindell cannot locate the reference.

Paris Flammonde also make a brief reference to such sightings in one of his books.

Last week, a French researcher told me years ago that he too had seen a similar French reference to World War I sightings by French pilots. Again, we do not have an exact reference.

Moving on to World War II: I have four sightings by ferry pilots and crews. They are in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic and at a training base near Santa Barbara, California.

A few years ago we had only a vague reference to phantom Zeppelins during World War I. Now we have dozens. Hopefully, we can find additional reports from World War I pilots.

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