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Re: New Evidence Disproves Glenn Dennis' Roswell

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List, All -

I'm not sure what induced Kal Korff to announce that the Glenn Dennis story was not accurate so long after most of us have decided that it was. I was, however, more surprised by the support of Dennis with the "so he lied" defense. We all agree that he lied about his nurse. What more do we need to know about him?

It would seem to me that once we have caught a witness in a lie, then we must re-evaluate all the testimony that comes from that witness. In this case it goes beyond just lying about one small and insignificant aspect of his tale, but the lies are essential to his entire story. Without the lies, Dennis would not be on the stage, and that might suggest something to us.

Certainly, we have been confronted by lies by UFO witnesses in the past. Some of those lies are harmless and meaningless. Others address the central issues. Dennis, for example, said that he had been a mortician in Roswell. In 1947 that wasn't exactly true. He was, in fact, only an embalmer. Is this... embellishment... sufficient for us to reject his story? No. In fact, it is clear that he was a mortician during his career, so the exaggeration in 1947 was, and is, of little importance.

We have been confronted by many people in the UFO field who have exaggerated their employment. Some have lied about their jobs, others have denied they held the jobs they held. Sometimes these lies can be understood in the context of the situation but even then, we begin to look at the tellers of those lies a little differently, especially when the lie is of no consequence. Why lie about something like that?

Others have lied about their educational background. Here Jesse Marcel, Sr. comes to mind. We have a discrepancy between the record and what Marcel said. Of course, if Marcel was still alive, we might be able to resolve this dilemma, but, in today's world we can't. We know that many military men have taken classes at various universities for their military occupations. Many of those classes were taught by the professors, but attendance at those courses are not listed by the universities.

There are also extension courses taught at military bases by the universities. I have, as yet, been unable to locate any records, with one minor exception, to suggest that this is the case with Jesse Marcel. Such classes are given for college credit. In my own case, when I entered the University of Iowa, I received a number of credits for university courses that I took in the Army. This might explain the discrepancy between what Marcel said and what we can find.

Of course, the real point is that Marcel was, in 1947, exactly who he said he was. He was the intelligence officer at Roswell and the story he told was corroborated by various records, newspapers, and other officers. The problem with his educational background is, at this point, a minor problem that is, essentially, irrelevant.

But, when we move into the realm of Glenn Dennis, we find, not a single embellishment or exaggeration, but a complex web of lies that go directly to the core of his claims. He told us of a nurse who had told him what she had witnessed on the base - a partial, or preliminary, autopsy. She described the alien creatures to him, begging him not to reveal what she had said. He had been "sworn to secrecy."

Dennis, however, hesitated only briefly when asked the name. He told all of us that it was Naomi Self, or a variation of that name. Searches through all sorts of documented sources, military files, unit histories, school records, birth records and the like, failed to produce results. When Dennis was confronted with the results, he said that he had never given anyone the real name. It meant, according to Dennis, he had lied about a central feature of his tale.

Before more commentary, there is a personal note. A number of years ago, I was searching for Robert Slusher. I had spoken to a number of men named Robert Slusher who had been in the Army Air Forces in the mid-1940s. They were not the correct man.

This becomes important because, at that time, I was talking to Dennis. He asked me why, after he had violated the confidence, after he had provided me (and many others) with the name of his nurse, we had failed to find her. He was, well, not exactly irate, but certainly disappointed in our failure to find the nurse. I explained the situation to him, meaning that there were many people with the same name. Plug John Smith into a CD-Rom telephone 'book' and look at the number of hits.

The point is, Dennis, was pushing the name of the nurse. He was insistent that he had provided the correct name. When we went to him and said that his nurse didn't exist, he changed his tune. He hadn't given the right name.

The question is, why not just refuse to name her? Why invent a name for us to chase? Why reinforce that name by insisting he had provided the right name? Then, when confronted by the negative results, change the tale and retreat to the point where he refuses to name her now? Why not follow that path originally?

The answers to these questions lead to a single conclusion. There was no nurse. If there was no nurse, then the vast majority of his tale has no support and collapses. If there was no nurse, then that segment was a lie, so why should we accept any other aspect of his story?

The problem for us, as researchers, is that when we find a major problem with a tale told by a witness, we begin to rationalize it. We try to think of reasons to reject the importance of the lie so that we can continue to believe the tale.

It is the same for the researchers. When we learn that an important researcher has lied about his background, his employment, his education, he has, to my mind, destroyed his credibility. Yet, here, in the UFO field, we say, "So he lied? Everyone does it."

Well, not really. It's a simple excuse so that we can continue to believe in the man's work, or the witness' story. So, when I learned that Glenn Dennis lied about his nurse, when there was no independent corroboration for the tale he told, when there is evidence that Dennis was less than candid with other aspects of his story, then I have to reject it. The problem isn't that he lied about the nurse, but that he lied to us at all. He should have no credibility and we shouldn't dismiss the problems just by saying, "Well, he lied." We are obligated to publish that information as well. I did that in 'The Randle Report' that came out in June 1997.

So, sorry, but I reject the Glenn Dennis tale now because he lied, the nurse he described does not exist, and all attempts to rehabilitate this testimony demonstrates what is wrong with our

research techniques.

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