

seemed to be a flood of white light beyond the horizon, but, said the doctor, “. . . undoubtedly the horizon was behind the object.”

The doctor once again got out of the ambulance, walking to and fro and talking to the crossing keepers. All the time she was watching the object up the road.

“No, I was not nervous.” She shook her head. “Every moment I was aware of what I was doing, of thinking, of watching. I knew it was a strange object from the skies, and certainly not a natural phenomenon. I was a little bit frightened, but not scared. My mind was alert.”

We should admire this brave young Doctor Barbara.

Minute by minute the doctor checked the time because of her patient. The situation was now urgent, and she called the police station again.

Meanwhile, the object was changing back to its original colour. The orange patches disappeared, and the whole thing became deep crimson.

The doctor looked at her patient and knew they could

wait no longer. Her thoughts raced. . . surely it would know we have no time if we give it a signal? She turned to the driver: “Flash the headlights,” she said, and he did so, twice. Then, one second they could see the crimson UFO as they began to move forwards, the next second it vanished “. . . like a TV set when switched off.”

That was at about 4.15 a.m., and 10 minutes later the ambulance is in the hospital. At 6.10 a.m. Mrs. Elzbieta Pluta bore a daughter, Aneta, 2,600 grammes, her fourth child.

Soon after the incident Grzegorz Skoczynski drove the same road. He found no trace of marks there, and no leaves were burned. Not a scrap of the bark was any darker than normal.

Two days later I was interviewing the ambulance driver at the newspaper where I work when a doctor came into the room. “Say, doc, if we were in the ambulance with him we would drive through the ball, wouldn’t we?”

THE ROSEDALE LANDING WITH PHYSICAL TRACES

Extraordinary case reported from Victoria, Australia.

W. C. Chalker & K. Basterfield

ASPECTACULAR UFO-related physical trace event occurred during the early hours of September 30, 1980, on a 600-acre property, some 8 kilometres from Rosedale and 19 kilometres west of Sale, Victoria. Preliminary details only have been supplied, as the case is still under investigation. Throughout the report imperial measure is retained, as the witness always expressed himself in these terms.

Mr. George Blackwell, 54, farm hand and caretaker of the “White-Acres” property was awakened at 0100 hours (daylight saving time) by disturbances amongst the stock, and a strange screeching, whistling noise. Cattle were bellowing, and a horse was running around in a state of panic. The witness went out to investigate. It was a clear, mild and still moonlight night (waning gibbous moon: full moon September 24th, last quarter October 1st).

From up on the back verandah rail, the witness saw an aerial object appear between a cypress hedge and shed, some 500 feet or more from his position. As it emerged into clear view it appeared to be a domed object with a white top, moving about 8 feet above the paddock.

The witness at first thought it was an airplane about to crash, but soon realised that the object had neither wing nor tail. He could now make out orange and blue lights on its surface, and estimated its diameter at about 26 feet. Later developments led to a more accurate estimate of 28 feet. Its height was near 15 feet.

The object continued to move over the property, passing a hay shed and then appearing to head towards an open concrete 10,000 gallon water tank situated about a quarter of a mile from the house. The percipient indicated

that the object appeared to rise as it approached the tank and then seemed either to hover immediately above, or to rest on top of the tank, for about a minute. The object’s passage from the point at which it was first observed near the house to the tank area also took about a minute.

The UFO was then seen to rise up several feet and seemed to drift off and land on the ground, some 50 feet to the north of the tank.

With the welfare of the stock in mind, the witness went inside to change and within 5 minutes or so had ridden on his motorcycle up to the paddock where the object had landed.

A whistling noise continued to be heard and the object was in sight all the time as the witness rode up to it. As he neared it, an odd sensation overcame him, and he could only describe this as “feeling like a plate of jelly.”

Mr. Blackwell stopped his bike at a point between 30 to 50 feet from the object. At no stage was there any effect on the bike. The witness could now see the object clearly.

It seemed to consist of two sections — a white dome on top and a larger orange section underneath. Around this bottom section there were said to be circular windows or lights, estimated to be about 10 feet apart and approximately 7 inches in diameter. These seemed to give the impression that both parts were rotating in an anti-clockwise direction. The object seemed to stay on the ground for about 2 to 3 minutes.

Suddenly, the noise level increased to “an awful scream,” like a jet engine reversing for landing. The witness had to place his hands over his ears. Something like a black tube appeared around the base of the object,

and this seemed to inflate to a tremendous size, just beyond the periphery of the object. There was a tremendous bang, and the object lifted up and gradually rolled out of the landing site, reaching a height of about 8 to 10 feet.

The witness was almost knocked from his bike with a blast of hot air. The bike's headlight illuminated the base of the object as it moved away enabling the percipient to observe that the black "tube" seemed to be deflating towards the centre of the base. Also around the rim of the base were 6 evenly spaced "spokes" or V-shaped "things."

At about 30 feet out from the landing site, and at an altitude of 8 to 10 feet, the object fell silent. It was then that the witness saw material falling away from the base of the object. This debris largely consisted of stones, cape-weed and cow paddies (dung).

The witness then rode straight on to the landing site and watched, stunned, as the object travelled off in an easterly direction, never higher than about 100 feet. It grew gradually smaller and smaller until it was lost to view.

Around him in the moonlight, the witness was able to make out a ring of "black" flattened grass, some 30 feet across.

Stunned, he was able eventually to ride back with difficulty to the house. Inside he noticed the clock showing the time to be 0150 hours. After a cup of coffee, he found that his wrist watch had stopped at 0110 hours. It restarted after a few minutes when he laid it down, but it stopped whenever he put it on. The problem persisted for about three days.

Unable to sleep properly, Mr. Blackwell was up early. He made his way down to the paddock where he had seen the object land during the night. With daylight, he found the ring standing out quite clearly in the paddock. The paddock was a blanket of yellow flowers, but at the landing site, the ring was near black or brown in colour — consisting of grass flattened in an anticlockwise manner, to a width of 18 inches. Inside the ring there was only green grass. The yellow flowers had been removed. The total diameter of the site was 28 feet. Evenly spaced within the ring were 6 "spokes" of relatively undamaged grass. In a well defined path leading from the site to the east was debris, ostensibly seen falling from the object during its departure the night before.

Later that morning, the owner of the property came by and together they inspected the site. The owner reported the incident to the local newspaper and an account of the event appeared on the front page of the *Gippsland Times*, of October 1, 1980, under the headline: KILMANY MAN SEES UFO. Many inspections followed, including one about 2 weeks after the event by Paul Norman (VUFORS vice-president & MUFON state representative for Victoria)¹ and his VUFORS associate, Pat Gildea. It is hoped a detailed report of their enquiries will be available shortly. A short report on their investigation was published in the December, 1980, issue of the VUFORS Bulletin, under the title "The White-Acres Encounter."

Bill Chalker (Australian representative for APRO, NSW state representative for MUFON and scientific consultant for the Australian Centre for UFO Studies)² together with Keith Basterfield (co-ordinator of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies & MUFON Continental Co-ordinator) and Garry Little (private

investigator) conducted an on-site investigation of the incident during December, 1980. Although he had received visits from all sorts of people, Mr. Blackwell graciously provided an in-depth report of his experience. Soil and rock samples were taken for analysis by Centre consultants.

An extensive report is currently being prepared as this one-witness close encounter event involves many extraordinary elements. These are a UFO-correlated physical ground trace; effects on the witness (headaches, nausea, etc) and on his watch; other trace effects; effects on stock; the disappearance of about 10,000 gallons of water from the tank, and possible secondary witnesses.

Further unusual events have been reported, or have come to light, in the Gippsland area of Victoria in the few months that followed the Rosedale event. These included further reports of ground "traces," UFO reports and water losses. Understandably it will be some time before the status of these events can be finally established.

At face value, the Rosedale landing appears to be one of the most interesting UFO cases to have occurred in Australia. Investigations are continuing. Details will be documented in due course and forwarded for publication.

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Notes

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CONTACT REPORTED NEAR PYROGOVSKOYE LAKE

A remarkable CE-3K experienced by Red Army officer in the USSR. (Or was it a CE-4? — Editor.)

Nikita A. Schnee

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS of the Third Kind are the most thrilling category of UFO reports. As a rule such reports provoke distrust, and the contactees feel a motivated fear of mockery which, in most cases, results in their outstanding experiences remaining unknown to researching groups. The case described herein was investigated by myself and other specialists. Our finding was that this case was neither hoax nor hallucination. The reader will judge for himself the possibility of some kind of other natural explanation after becoming familiar with the facts.

For a long time the Soviet ufologists were of the opinion that there were no close encounters of the third kind in the USSR. This made it possible for one of the leading specialists in ufology, assistant professor of the Moscow Institute of Aviation, Felix Y. Zigel, to make a somewhat hasty statement in the second issue of the manuscript *Observations of UFOs in the USSR* that such reports are the fruits of sick minds, or obvious hoaxes with the aim of making money or obtaining publicity. Truth to be said, in the third volume of the afore-quoted manuscript Zigel changed his opinion and even gave a description of one case when UFO "pilots" had been seen inside their craft. Unfortunately Zigel did not conduct the complete investigation necessary in such cases, and limited himself to an interview with the sole witness. Although the case seems trustworthy to me I do not assume responsibility for the authenticity of the events described in that report. The case, therefore, does not appear in the present article. Another reason is that the two reports* presented herein which refer to contacts with humanoids are much more informative, and are worthy of special attention.

At this point I would like to stress that all the facts related in this case, incredible as they are, are **facts**. All the events described **actually** took place, and are not products of the contactee's imagination. It has been proved, quite convincingly, by examination of the witness himself, as well as the landing site of the UFO. Now, the facts. . .

Contact

The event took place at the end of May, or the beginning of June, 1978. A high-ranking officer of the Soviet Army was walking away from Pyrogovskoye Lake. Suddenly he felt himself being taken by the arms on both sides. When he looked around he saw two men in dull-coloured cellophane-like garments. One of them said: "We'd like to talk to you. It'll take just a few seconds. Everything we'll talk about will be erased, and you'll

The author is scientific secretary of the section "Investigation of abnormal phenomena in surrounding space" in a Technical Society. In the note that accompanied his very welcome contribution he stated that his article was specially prepared for the magazines "Ultra" (Finland) and "FSR" (England). In his article Mr. Schnee presents details of two interesting cases, but unfortunately pages 11 and 12 of his manuscript were missing when we received it. Accordingly it has been decided to present just the first part in the hope that the missing pages will be sent on to us in due course.

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forget it." (From here on the narration will continue as presented in the officer's written statement.)

"I'm saying *'they said'*. That's not exact. I can't imagine their faces. . . they are as if in a haze. I could 'feel' their words and I, in my turn, didn't talk, but thought, and they understood me. When they addressed me I no longer felt the fear that had gripped me in the first instance. I felt light-hearted, free. I answered: 'I've nothing against talking with representatives of another civilisation.' "

Aboard the craft

"The next moment I remember myself being at a table in a dome-like room. It was bright inside; the walls were bright and white, but I can't say where the light came from, as I didn't notice lamps of any kind. There were two figures sitting at a table, but I can visualise them only hazily. Part of the room opposite me was in the dark; I could just see some small tables with buttons and a big screen like a TV-set.

"While at the table I was wondering how to prevent those two from erasing the conversation from my memory. I had to try one of our old customs. I said: 'It's a rule here to celebrate (to wet) such important meetings with a drink.' They supported my idea and brought a glass (or glasses?) containing a drink that looked like lemonade, but which had a salty taste. When putting the glass on the table I noticed that it was almost round-shaped — with edges slightly raised — like part of a sphere of large diameter with its convexity facing downwards.

* See Editor's introduction above.