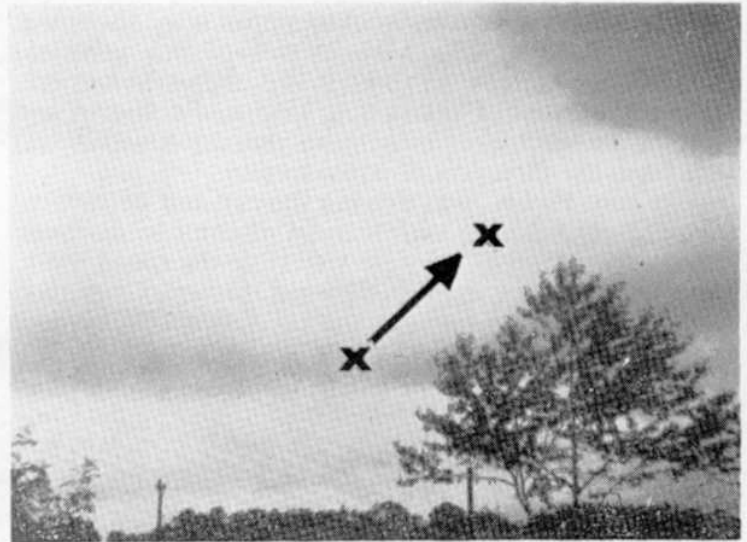


UFO when first seen, and the upper cross marks the UFO's position when photographed.

I would like to say that I have no reason to suspect fakery in this case. Both Mr. George and Mr. Druce are genuinely interested in UFOs since their initial sighting at Lytchett Minster.

While I was preparing this report, other members of the family had UFO experiences: while driving to London in their removal van, Mr. Druce and his other brother-in-law, Roy George, were buzzed by a brilliant, low-flying UFO. Their van contained electronic components. Also, Mr. Druce's parents and sister were witnesses to a saucer which hovered and emitted a "red worm".

In fact, delving into the past has brought further sightings to light. These all involve other members of the family and I also discovered, during my conversations at the Druce home, that both Brian George, and his sister, Mrs. Druce, seem to have a limited amount of ESP. Mr. George, for example, has been able frequently to predict the sex and time of birth of unborn babies. I offer this information for what it is worth, without suggesting any connection with the UFO phenomena.



Photograph (d)

I will endeavour to prepare a further report on these instances.

## Notes from my Queensland file

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**The author, who uses a nom-de-plume, has been connected with Australian UFO research circles for many years.**

HERE are a few reports which are among a number which have found their way to me following the appearance of a series of advertisements which I placed in newspapers in 1970. My reason for this was that I suspected there were many witnesses of UFO events who had remained silent about their experiences for fear of ridicule, and who might be willing to testify to a researcher prepared to give them a serious hearing. The overall response was encouraging, and confirmed my suspicions.

My informant in this instance was Laurie F. Cocks, who lives near Marlborough, Queensland, and who says that he and his friends were particularly puzzled, and alarmed, by the "circus tent" case: so much so that he felt that had they "gone straight in to the spot they may not have been here today to tell the tale."

"In December 1960," wrote Mr. Cocks, "soon after I had won my present grazing block in a ballot, I was travelling to Theodore from here, and went by way of the coast road through Marlborough. My father and mother were at the coastal resort of Yeppoon, having a house there, so I called in on my way to break the trip for the night. After tea, I had a few beers at the Strand Hotel on the sea front. I had known the publican for some years, and whilst talking to a few of the locals I noticed a light over the sea towards the North Keppel Island. I remarked on this, and one of the men and

myself ran down on the beach to get a better view.

"The light travelled the distance from the island to Double Heads, some nine miles, in a few seconds, and I have not seen any machine travel at this rate in the atmosphere close to the ground level. On reaching the coast line it turned north and headed in our direction, towards Wreck Point, and went out of sight behind this point, letting us think it had crashed. It reappeared in a second or two and continued towards the Yeppoon Hospital. It stopped here and hovered over the hospital for a minute or two. There was no noise from it at all.

"It then appeared to drift slowly in the direction of Rockhampton (or westwards), rising slowly as it did. The light was a circular fluorescent shape, the size of which did not appear to be much bigger than a car—it cannot have been very high in the sky as it disappeared behind Wreck Point. We did not report the sighting but discussed it at the hotel for some time, naturally.

"Next day, on the way to Rockhampton, I noticed a car-load of army officers, pulled up on the side of the road in line with what I considered to have been the general direction taken by the object the night before. Not wanting to be involved at this time as I was in a hurry, I didn't stop. I now wish that I had stopped as nothing further was heard of this sighting.

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"On December 23, 1968, a party from our property

was travelling back from Rockhampton after shopping there for the day. We were in two of our vehicles, travelling in a convoy. At about 9.30 p.m., on the western highway just west of Westwood, I noticed a fluorescent football-shaped object moving in the sky towards the west from the direction of Mt. Morgan.

"My son, Finlay, was driving the car and he saw it; we tried to keep pace with it in an attempt to discover its identity. At times we were well over the speed limit, trying to keep it in sight. We passed through Gogango, and the object was now on the right side of the road as we curved a little to the left. We stopped just past Grantleigh Siding, as the object was now stationary in the sky. There was no noise from it at any stage. I am not sure of the time we observed it in this position, but it could not have been more than a few minutes.

"As we watched we observed a sight which I think few if any people on earth have seen: the fluorescent glowing object started to take on a different shape. As it changed its shape, drifting vapour clouds could be seen moving to positions to form the shape of a perfect crescent moon of really brilliant appearance. I may add that on this same night, the moon had been at approximately the same stage but had set quite some time previously. I am not sure of the exact time we watched this fantastic happening, but after what must have been some minutes with no further visible change in the meantime, it now commenced to form back into the fluorescent shape we had observed in the first instance.

"When the football shape was attained the final act soon occurred. The object seemed to drop earthwards at a fantastic speed, and on what must have been contact with the earth it lit up the countryside with a brilliant floodlighting effect, and then total darkness. Nothing further was seen and at no time was there any noise from the happening.

"On reaching Duaringa I told the local Police Sergeant, Terry Carroll, who is now in Mackay, Queensland, what we had seen and left it at that. About a week later, the sightings of the UFOs at Childers, Queensland, occurred. This was reported in the *Morning Bulletin* at that time and I guess most people interested in these things would have heard of this fantastic sighting. I saw Sgt. Carroll a short time after this and he mentioned the Childers sighting and wondered if the two were connected in any way.

"(The people who observed this were myself, Laurie F. Cocks, my two sons, Mac and Finlay, and three others. Mac was driving a Toyota Landcruiser in which he had three passengers. They were an uncle of mine, Mr. J. R. Caskey, and a Mr. and Mrs. L. Latta who worked for a neighbour.)

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"This sighting is one which may be hard to describe under the conditions of sighting, etc., as you will see as we travel along. My neighbour, Ray Reynolds, his man Lindsay Latta, who was with us previously on the pre-Christmas sighting, and myself had been to the town of Duaringa for the latter part of the day and were returning home late on a Saturday night after meeting some friends in town and having a relaxed evening over quite a few jugs of beer. When we were approaching a place on Balcomba Station, known as the Old Station

stock yards, we observed a spectacle which almost made us pinch ourselves to make sure we were not asleep: what appeared to be something like a circus tent with lights all over it was in the cooling paddock near the yards. We stopped and had a discussion about this, and Lindsay Latta didn't want to have anything to do with it. He said, 'Let's get home and keep right out of it!' I think he had seen enough with the other sighting on the way home from Brockhampton and was scared.

"We stopped at the turn-off to the yards and did a bit more talking. We listened for a time and it sounded like a big party was in progress. We heard women's voices calling in unison—'Come on in!' It reminded us of the mythical syrens. We were of two minds, being a bit cautious. We drove in eventually and pulled up before a camp there. The circus-shaped object was not to be seen. We could see what appeared to be women's legs walking behind a screen near what would be a galley in a normal camp. There was a gap between the bottom of the screen and the ground and the legs had a peculiar shape, with very fine ankles and very big calves. Nothing came out to investigate our appearance although we waited for a considerable time; but we observed what appeared to be eyes looking at us through a small hole in the screen.

"We drove back to the turn-off and had a further discussion and waited a little longer. Soon after, a vehicle came out of the camp. It appeared there was a contractor camped there, doing work for Balcomba Station. This vehicle was driven by a midget if ever I saw one. He was as big as a normal ten-year-old boy but spoke with the knowledge of a man who had been around for quite a time. We had seen things which he could not understand and I often wonder if there was some connection between the contractor and the strange circus tent-shaped object we saw.

"One of my sons went down to the spot next day to look around but saw nothing of consequence. There were no women in the camp and we heard many women's voices the previous night. I might add that the object we saw was not in the same place as the camp, but would have been some four or five hundred yards distant in our estimation from the point of our sighting. We were all rather merry before the sighting, but not to the degree of seeing things which didn't exist.

"I might add that my daughter who is at Grammar School in Brockhampton said that one of her friend's uncles had seen an object similar to this some time ago a little further south of here."

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## “Peace-Symbol” UFO over Ceylon

THANKS to the courtesy of Mr. B. U. E. Ramage of Kandy, Ceylon, we received the following article through our good friend Mr. Geoffrey Watkins. It appeared in the Kandy journal *Weekend* of July 30, 1971, and the author is Rex de Silva. Under the headline “A Flying Saucer Comes to Ceylon” the story reads:

“A flying saucer, possibly with celestial beings lurking in it, was seen over Ceylon a few days ago. Not less than two hundred people in the tea country of Hewaheta, about 120 miles from Colombo, have seen this Unidentified Flying Object on the night of Saturday, July 17, 1971. This is the first time a UFO had been spotted in the Asian skies.

“When I visited Hewaheta yesterday, I was told that perhaps thousands would have been eye witnesses to this rare phenomenon in the sky. I questioned more than fifty people in and around the site where the UFO was sighted as well as several others from areas as far as 15 miles away from Hewaheta. And surprisingly, the descriptions given by all of them tallied without a single contradictory statement from anybody.

“A senior tea planter, Mr. Parl Abeywickrema, Superintendent of Rookwood Estate, Hewaheta, who was returning home from Pattiagama with his two Assistant Superintendents, Oswin de Alwis and Nimal Dunuwille, and the driver at 10.45 p.m. on the 17th night, first saw a bright circular object, a little bigger

than the full moon, above the rocky horizon. He showed it to his three companions in the car. They told me that this strange object at first glance was ‘really a breath-taking sight.’

“At the time they were travelling in Mr. Abeywickrema’s Morris Station Wagon through Hope Estate, nearly 6,000 feet above sea level.

### Speechless

“A little later, while proceeding towards Rookwood, they observed that the UFO was moving towards them, said Mr. Abeywickrema. Therefore he asked his driver to stop the wagon. The planters confessed that they were speechless with fear at that time.

“All four of them then saw the UFO which was stationary in the clear sky at an elevation of about 1,000 feet above ground level and a distance of nearly a quarter-mile away. They claimed that the object was circular in shape with two side wings. Suddenly, after 10 minutes or so, the UFO travelled at lightning speed towards them and stopped just 100 yards away and began descending to about 100 feet from ground level.

“Terrified, driver Wijesinghe got into the wagon to hide. In his excitement he had released the handbrakes, which made the vehicle move backwards on the slope. Three planters jumped just in time to block the vehicle and save it from plunging down a 4,000-foot precipice.