

# A POLICEMAN'S LOT

Was there a macabre connection between a mysterious death he'd helped investigate and his personal CE1 (possible CE4) experience?

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THIS case was uncovered, as a matter of course, among reports of many sightings which have occurred in the Rossendale valley on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. Its interest was not recognised immediately. Manchester UFO Research Association (MUFORA) handled the investigation under the direction of Norman Collinson and Harry Harris. Mr. Collinson is a Detective Inspector in the police force (CID) and Mr. Harris is a lawyer. As it turned out their occupations were to prove extremely useful in the follow-up of this case, which is one of the most intriguing to have occurred in the north-west in recent years.

The events took place on Friday, November 28, 1980, during what has been thought of as a major period of drought in British UFO sightings. However, since a CE4 occurred in Cumbria on the previous Friday, and another close encounter in Durham during the intervening days, we may in fact see here the signs of a mid-drought flap.

## A preliminary teaser

PC Alan Davies, aged 33, of the West Yorkshire police force, stationed at Todmorden close to the Lancashire border, is the subject of our study. On June 11, 1980, he began his involvement in one of the most baffling cases he has ever come across.

At 3.45 that afternoon a body was found on top of a coal tip by the side of the railway line in the town. It was perched on top of the twenty-foot-high heap with no obvious signs as to how it had got there. Workers found it, and attested that it had not been there in the morning when work had last been conducted on the tip. Yet it was in plain view of the railway line on a bright summer's day, and trains passed by frequently. Consequently it was assumed it had not been on the tip for very long.

We were able to get a copy of the coroner's report, thanks to Harry Harris (who acted on behalf of the widow of the dead man in MUFORA's efforts to clear up the mystery). The post-mortem was conducted at 9.15 that same night, and it was reported that the body was a male, 5 ft. 6 ins tall, weighing approximately ten stones. Death had occurred between 8 and 10 hours previously to the body being found (i.e. about 7 a.m.). The man had consumed no food for 12

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hours before death, and had a one-day's growth of beard. The state of the body was not consistent with that of someone who had been sleeping rough. There were no signs of foul play on the body, and death had been caused by a heart attack. There were suggestions that this had been induced by fear, although later it was found that the man did suffer from heart trouble. The only other features of the body were that it had been exposed to water after death, and also had a corrosive burn on the head (seemingly due to some corrosive liquid) that had been caused two days previously (certainly not as many as five) but this had not been severe enough to contribute to the death of the man.

At face value this seems no more than a mysterious death. Who placed the body on the tip, and how? It was said at the later inquest that the only obvious answer (although ridiculous) was that the body had been put there from above! Certainly it would have been extremely difficult for anyone to have carried a dead man up the steep and slippery slope of the heap of coal, and there were no signs that anyone had done this. In addition it would have taken time, and there was every chance that it would have been seen. Someone wanting to dispose of a body could surely have found a better way of doing it. Since the empty tip was seen *after* the man had died there is no possibility of his having crawled up there himself.

After police investigation, an inquest was held. Again, thanks to Harry, we were able to delve into this. The man was a 56-year-old expatriate Polish coalminer who lived at Tingley, near Wakefield (30 miles away to the east). He was quiet and very caring about his wife. He was not the kind to have illicit relationships, and on June 7 was due to give his god-daughter away in marriage. He was looking forward to this very much, and had written his speech. He had no obvious major worries, and on June 6, at about 3.30 in the afternoon, left his wife and some friends in the house, telling them he was just going to a shop. He spoke to neighbours outside while on his way, and told them the same thing. He was never seen again. Five days later his body was found. He had been living well and had died early on June 11.

The police drew a total blank on this case, finding no evidence of foul play, or that he had run away from home, or of how he had died. The only clues were the

staring eyes (indicative of death by fear), the strange burn on the neck and head (which had an oozing growth in the midst of it), and the inexplicable way his body appeared on the top of a coal tip, in broad daylight, thirty miles from home. After studying the case and investigating it, Harry was unable to find anything to explain it. The victim's wife can only conclude that somehow, he was murdered.

Obviously, this is intriguing, but of no apparent relevance to ufology. Quite possibly it has none, other than the link with PC Davies, who, as will be seen, was very soon to start thinking of UFOs. But there is one last little twist that does set one wondering. For the name of the mysterious dead man was Zygmund Jan Adamski!

### A Close Encounter

On November 28 PC Alan Davies was working nights alone in his patrol car. Between 1 and 3 a.m. he had been called several times to an estate on Burnley Road to investigate reports that a herd of 20 to 30 cows were roaming about. He never found them. By 5.15 a.m. he was pretty fed up and was returning to the estate once more, being just about to turn off the A646 road.

Suddenly, about 200 yards farther on, he could see an object that was lighting up the area. It had a glow attached to it, although not too bright, and he presumed it was a lorry or a bus on the road. He decided he had better investigate and so drove on until about 100 feet from the thing. By now he was frightened

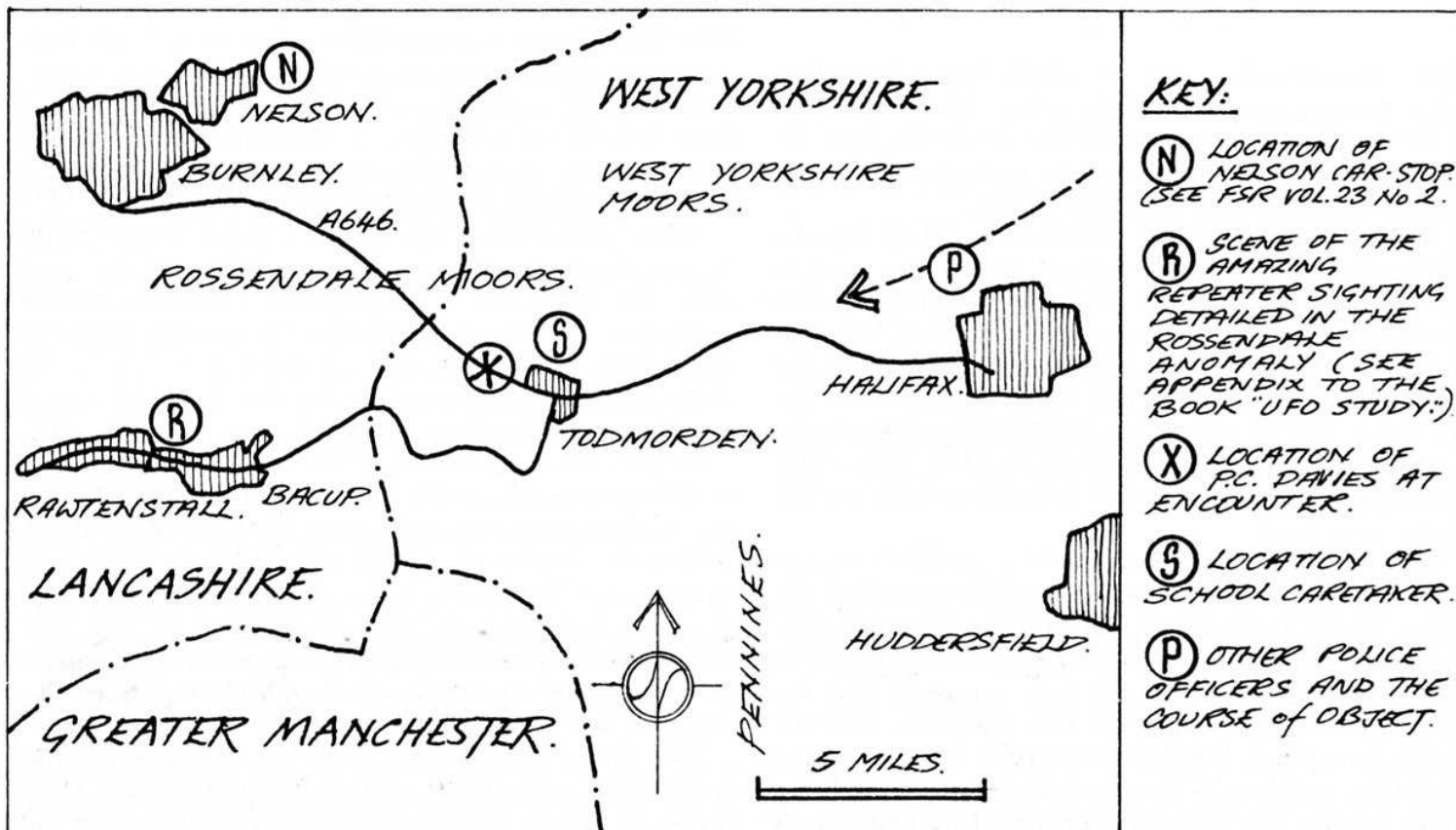
because he had no idea what was confronting him.

The thing was dome-shaped with a top more flattened than the base. It emitted fluorescent light from the top, and had a row of square dark "windows" beneath this. The thing was rotating (anti-clockwise as seen from beneath) and was basically white. It spanned the road, being about 20 feet in diameter, and hovered just five feet above the surface. The top came to within two feet of the tips of two lamp standards between which it hovered, enabling an estimate of its height (about 12 feet) to be made.

Alan watched in amazement for about one minute. He noticed that the top portion remained still, while the lower half rotated. He saw that leaves on trees nearby were shaking, although there was no breeze of any significance. Maintaining his composure he proceeded to sketch the thing on a sheet of paper on his clip board, held up against the windscreen as he stared at the object.

The weather had been none too good, and it had rained rather heavily for a time. The road surface was generally very wet, but beneath where the object was hovering it was wet and dry in blotches. Whilst observing this he also noticed that the headlights from his patrol car reflected from the object. So whatever it was it had a physical substance. He tried to radio to base but could get nothing on either VHF or UHF. There was no static, just a total silence. Alan pointed out to us that this may have a natural explanation as there are many blank spots in the area where radio reception and transmission are very difficult.

After taking all of this in and wondering what to do



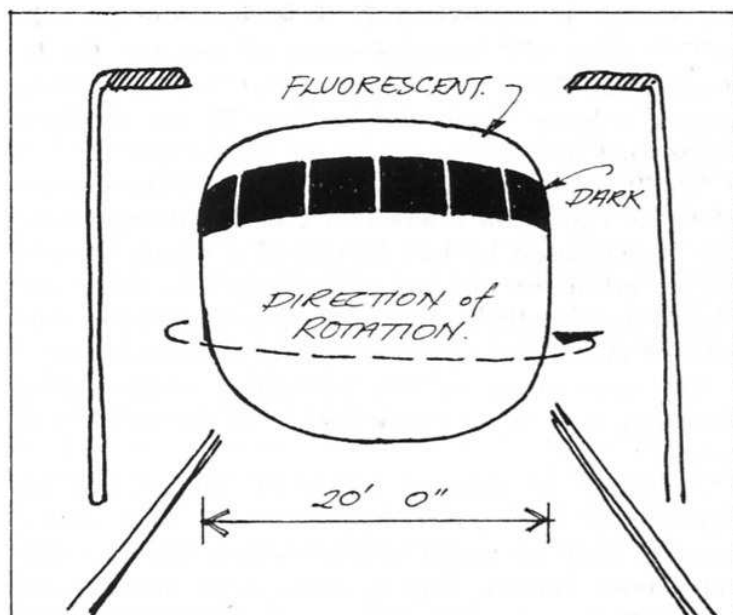
about it, something quite inexplicable took place. Alan was suddenly further down the road, past the point where the object had been. Looking back he saw that it was no longer there. He has no memory at all of how he reached this position. His engine had been running, and still was. Then he heard a voice (he thinks in his head although it was difficult to tell) which was dull but clear. It said, "You should not be seeing this. It is not for your eyes, Davies. You will forget it." He is now not sure what, if anything, he has forgotten, but I think (on the evidence of other cases) we might suspect it is something rather interesting.

### Conclusions

Naturally, there is an either/or situation here, for there is no conceivable chance of misidentification. Either whatever the constable says happened did happen, or he made it all up. Since he requests anonymity (and a pseudonym has been used), and since he played down the significance of some points himself (e.g. the radio blackout) it seems hard to believe he is not telling the truth. Hallucination is possible, but very difficult to fit into the circumstances.

It was obvious to us that this case bears more than a superficial resemblance to the Herb Schrimmer "abduction." State Trooper Schrimmer; who was driving alone, encountered an object he first thought to be a truck, and had a twenty minute time lapse (the exact time lapse in our present case is not known, but it was not longer than this, and possibly less). He had even been out prior to the encounter to look at cows behaving oddly. Regression hypnosis revealed missing memories of an alleged abduction. The case is included as Number 42 in the Condon report, although the report is inadequate and the conclusion totally unjustified (suggested psychological experience). If the present case is genuine this comparison is rather too close for coincidence. One is almost tempted to think the circumstances could be a deliberate "little joke" on the part of someone (or something), but if this "little joke" extended to the killing of Mr. Adamski then I, for one, am not amused. Of course, there could be another explanation, or it could all just be coincidence.

MUFORA is well aware that the use of hypnosis, in an effort to retrieve the missing memories, might prove interesting, although as a group we are not convinced of its efficacy as a means of obtaining valid data. Alan Davies is wavering somewhat about whether he wants this done, but we have a qualified hypnotist lined up to perform the experiments as soon



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as the time is right. When done the results of these experiments (for what they might be worth) will be made known.

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### Postscript to "A Policeman's Lot" dated June 11, 1981

Further information has come to light following the continuing investigations of Norman Collinson and Harry Harris for MUFORA. It would now seem that we have a most important case indeed, for it appears that independent corroboration of the sighting may be to hand.

First, a few points clarifying events from the point of view of PC Davies. At 05.15 he had left the police station in the centre of the town (which by no means is very large). He had only driven a couple of hundred yards, west-north-west along Burnley Road, when he saw the lighted object. He thought it to be a bus, because a works vehicle of this description regularly travels that route a few minutes later than the time. He wondered idly why it was early and why it was stopped. Then he confronted the UFO.

When he recovered at the other side of the object the car was in fact in first gear and moving slowly. He has no recollection of switching from neutral, starting to drive, or moving along the road to this point. After ascertaining that the object was gone he drove back past the spot towards town, a drive of no more than a minute. Here he picked up a colleague and related the

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experience. It was then that he discovered the time (05.30). Since his conscious memory accounts for no more than about four minutes, or so, there does appear a quite distinct time lapse of ten minutes. Regression hypnosis is now to be conducted.

We have found no reason to disbelieve the witness when he claims no interest in UFOs, although since the investigation he has developed a strong interest (by no means an unusual happening). His house displayed no indication of UFO literature, and indeed he seemed more fond of music than of reading matter.

We now come to the intriguing confirmation, although it is not a confirmation in the strictest of senses.

At 04.50 (25 minutes before PC Davies had his experience) four police officers (three men and a woman) were on patrol in a car which was on a hillside above Halifax. This is about eight miles to the east of Todmorden. They were engaged in a search for some stolen property. Suddenly they saw a brilliant ball of light approach across the hills. It seemed to swoop down towards the car and streak overhead silently. It came so low and close that the officers admit that they instinctively ducked! The light was finally observed streaking away across moorland, keeping low, and heading in the direction of Todmorden. They reported the incident immediately to their local base. The call was logged and recorded as having been received at 04.53. Now, there is a twenty five minute time discrepancy here, but the correlation is remarkably close and it must be recalled that PC Davies first saw the object already in position and

hovering. Traffic on that road at such a time on a winter morning would be very light, and it is not inconceivable that nothing else could have passed that way in a twenty minute period leading up to the arrival of the police car.

But that is not the end of it, for at just after 05.45 (15 minutes after PC Davies had returned to the station to report the encounter) there was a call from a school caretaker, a man in his sixties, who was opening a school and about to start its boilers. The school is on a hill just above Todmorden, looking down towards the location where PC Davies had his experience. This man claims that at 05.45 he saw a ball of white light, tinged with blue, streak into the sky and move away very fast. It seemed to have risen from the ground. The man was asked to come into the station to report what he had seen. He did so, and was there at the same time as PC Davies was being interviewed by his superiors about the fantastic events that he claimed had befallen him.

It is unlikely that we would have discovered this information but for the assistance of Norman Collinson (recently promoted to Detective Superintendent), and the legal aid of Harry Harris. It may prove that we shall be thanking them for uncovering one of the most important events ever to occur in Britain, yet one which has not even made a whisper in the press. Just how many other classic cases remain undiscovered? Incredible things could be going on in our midst and we might never find out about them. A sobering thought.

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## GRUESOME CREATURE ON ROAD IN SPAIN

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WE are indebted to one of our Spanish readers (whose handwriting on the envelope I regret I do not recognise) for sending an extract from the Spanish magazine *Hola*, No. 1891, dated November 22, 1980, which contains an article about a woman who was travelling in her car, with her son, along the road from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo (Province of Albacete) when they allegedly encountered a gruesome looking creature.

There had been a new outburst of UFO reports in the Albacete area. Two crews of National Police patrol cars had had sightings, and a week later there was again sightings, over Chinchilla in the same area, and very near to the Air Force base at Los Llanos. The precise focus is a piece of terrain owned by the Spanish Army and used by them for military manoeuvres.

The witnesses in the latest of these sightings over Chinchilla were a Sr. Antonio M. Sánchez and a married couple (not named). They observed, at about 7.30 p.m. one evening, two circular objects, one of which they estimated to be about 4 metres wide, on the top of the Sierra de Chinchilla. About an hour later, Gustavo Martínez López, police constable (*alguacil*) at Nava de Abajo, saw a luminous object half the apparent size of the full moon, flying at great speed in the direction of Albacete. He said it looked like a flying car headlight, and was far too fast to be an aircraft.

Only a few hours after that, on the highway from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo, came the astonishing experience reported by the woman. Her name is given only as Doña A.M.M., but the magazine has a very