

catalogue, when published, will be an achievement for the whole of British ufology.

Already other similar projects are in various stages of preparation. Cata-

logues for Eastern England and for Wales are in course of preparation. The aim is to build up towards a complete series to cover the UK, and each one would have to be regularly updated. It would be nice to see this

extended, on a comparable basis, to other parts of the world and we would certainly like to hear from anyone who might have the inclination and resources to contribute to this aim.

A VERY UNUSUAL FIREWORK

Bryan Hartley

Bryan is perhaps better known overseas than he is in Britain. Invalided by a road accident some years ago he devotes enormous amounts of time to the subject, and has built up a formidable system of world-wide contacts. He fulfills the function of overseas liaison for BUFORA, NUFON and UFOIN. Owing to his circumstances investigation is naturally difficult, but he is able to handle some cases for UFOIN of the West coast of Lancashire and Merseyside.

Classification: November 5 1958 or 1959 Norris Green, Merseyside MED Level B

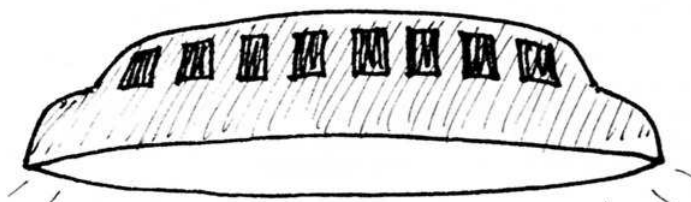
KENNETH DOYLE, aged 28 and an ambulance control officer, recalls an event that took place when he was only 8. It was so long ago, in fact, that he is not sure of the year. He is positive that it was November 5th because of the peculiar ritual performed by people in this country on "Guy Fawkes Night" involving the making of wood bonfires on a large scale, and the letting off of fireworks into the skies, all in celebration of the thwarting of a plot in 1605 to blow up King and parliament.

Given these circumstances, Ken realises one might be tempted to pass off his sighting as just an unusual pyrotechnic, or a misinterpretation caused by the excitement of the evening. However, he feels that the encounter itself was strange enough to rule out this possibility. It has certainly ingrained itself into his memory, and the story was only related when the *Daily Express* requested genuine UFO sightings early in 1978.

So far as he can recall the weather had been dull, with a little rain, but by 7.30 p.m. there was just scattered cloud with a light breeze and it was dry. Ken's attention was drawn towards the sky over Norris Green, where he lived (he thinks that he may have been looking up at a rocket or some other firework). Above him at elevation 75° in the north western sky he caught sight of a round object that gleamed brightly. Within a matter of seconds it was hidden by scudding cloud.

Ken's immediate reaction was that he had seen the moon, but when the object again came in view a few seconds afterwards he quickly realised that this was not the case. The object was very clear and most peculiar.

He estimates the size as larger than a tennis ball held at arm's length and says it looked spherical in shape, with the perimeter curved slightly down. Indeed he describes it as "...something like a saucer turned upside down. It had what appeared to me to be windows, but they looked black in colour — especially against the glowing silver of the object. The windows were shaped like those of a jet aircraft.



Kenneth Doyle's sketch of the object

Underneath the object there was a brighter glow of white, in comparison with the silver of the object."

The object seemed to be hovering above a nearby church in the Norris Green suburb of Liverpool. He estimates its altitude as about 1000 feet and the diameter as about 90 feet, although he recognises that after twenty years it is difficult to do so accurately — especially as the object seemed to be tilted slightly away from him, revealing some of the underside.

As clouds passed below it only the glow of the light shone through them. When the clouds passed the outline was sharp.

Ken stood watching for about two minutes as the object simply hovered. It was not possible to tell if there was any sound from the UFO, although he heard none. There was quite a lot of background noise. At the time he was with his elder brother, and he tried to make him look up, but he showed no interest. So, in desperation, Ken ran home. This was only 200 yards or so away, and he hoped that he could convince his mother to come back with him and watch the object. However, she refused to do this, insisting that he had only seen a firework of some kind. In disgust he went back outside, but the object had gone.

It was now some ten minutes after the initial sighting. As he reached the front gate there was a flash and suddenly he was surrounded by a bright blue glow. This bathed him totally, but he felt no effects. It lasted for several seconds, long enough for him to realise it was something abnormal. In fear he ran back into the house and remained there.

GREEK UFO MISCELLANY

Omiros Karajas

Our contributor is associated with a group of investigators known as the Athenian Team of UFO Research. He is in close contact with UFOIN's overseas liason officer, Bryan Hartley, who has made this collection of his reports available to FSR. We are, of course, delighted since this is a part of the world from which few reports are received.

RECENTLY on Greek television there was shown a TV film "The disappearance of Flight 417," a delightfully realistic treatment of an aircraft/UFO encounter, and the subsequent US government cover-up. This stimulated many people to come forward with old UFO sightings. One of these dates to 1925 or 1926 and was investigated by Spiros Vrettos.

Paphos, Cyprus

A young woman and her father were at their pasture a few miles out of the town of Paphos, Cyprus. It was a dull day but not very cloudy. They came upon a circular object hovering over the fields at a moderate height. It was dark and not reflecting the sunlight, but seemed to possess its own source of illumination. It was truly enormous, being described as the size of a saucer held at 20 cm distance. The object remained silently in view for some minutes before the witnesses left. The father said that he had seen it there in the same spot on several occasions and it had always left suddenly by accelerating away.

Island of Samos

In late July/early August 1946, Mr. Amphistion Moslionos, a designer from Athens, was at Pountes on the Island of Samos. About nine in the evening he was alerted by a pear-drop-shaped object coloured bright orange that was moving very slowly across the sky. Many others in the area apparently saw it also. It moved NE to SW, and was in view about 15 minutes. It left a noise like the wind rushing through trees.

Messini

Moving on to November 9, 1955, we have the story of a man and his son who were out hunting near Messini. It was about 6.30 a.m. and the sky was still dark. They were suddenly surrounded by a deep humming noise that struck terror in them. They both hid. Aware that the surrounds were all brightly lit up, they glanced upwards and noticed, about 100 metres from them, a huge disc, about five metres in diameter, which was hovering there. It appeared like an

upturned umbrella without the stem. In the centre of this was a large window that was surrounded by a grille, looking somewhat like the radar mast on a ship.

The two men watched in fear as it hovered for a few seconds and then flew away towards the hills where it stopped for thirty minutes. Then it doused its lights. Soon it began to move, the lights pulsing on and off as it did so. It finally disappeared into the distance.

Volos

One night in June 1956 at about 11.00 p.m. Miss D. M. and her son were at Philip John Street in Volos when, over the mouth of the river Anavros, they observed a large luminous object. It was about 500 metres above the water. Shaped like a disc it had three conical portions rising from the top. To their left over a hill appeared a smaller red object. This hovered at first.

Suddenly a door seemed to open in the larger object and the small red object then moved towards it, entering the "mothercraft" and going out of sight. This larger UFO then took off very fast and disappeared.

New Halkidona

Finally we move to January 7, 1976, at New Halkidona. Here witness Dimosthenis Louckidellis entered his bedroom at 10.00 a.m. and opened the shutters to confront a very strange dark cloud on an otherwise beautifully clear day. This dropped down 3 or 4 times as if it were a leaf descending on a breeze. Its method of departure is enigmatically summed up by investigator John Michelakis, "...another strange thing is that the object disappeared, but did not vanish. The witness supports this view emphatically."

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Due to a technical problem the article *Encounter with a UFO "Missile"* by Trevor Whitaker has been held over until the next issue.