

the UFO suddenly disappeared.

The observational facts I've found are less tangible than the ones originally sought, but they are in many ways even more interesting.

The "structured light" phenomenon seems to indicate the existence of more rarefied, more volatile types of matter. "Foo-fighter" type objects consisting of such matter exhibit

phenomena such as "fade-out's," the "switch-off/switch-on" effect, merging, splitting and shape changes. (The chance of observing a "fade-in," if it ever happens at all, is slight and I haven't been able to find any examples.) All this strongly suggests the existence of "soft" (de)materialization. In processes of "hard" (de)materialization and metamorphosis (if they ever occur — see also paragraph 6), involving

objects of conventional material makeup, "structured light" might conceivably act as an intermediate state (this is of course highly speculative), In (part III) I intend to go further into the matter of merging splitting and metamorphosis.

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# THE LIGHT FROM NOWHERE

## AN ENCOUNTER IN EIRE IN 1924 — ANOTHER UFOIN REPORT

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MR. A. J. MURPHY was born in Ireland in 1907. In September 1924, when he was aged about 17, he lived in County Wexford on the south eastern coast of Eire. This particular evening he had been with a friend to the nearby village of Wellington-bridge. The time was about 8.30 p.m. and it was still not quite dark.

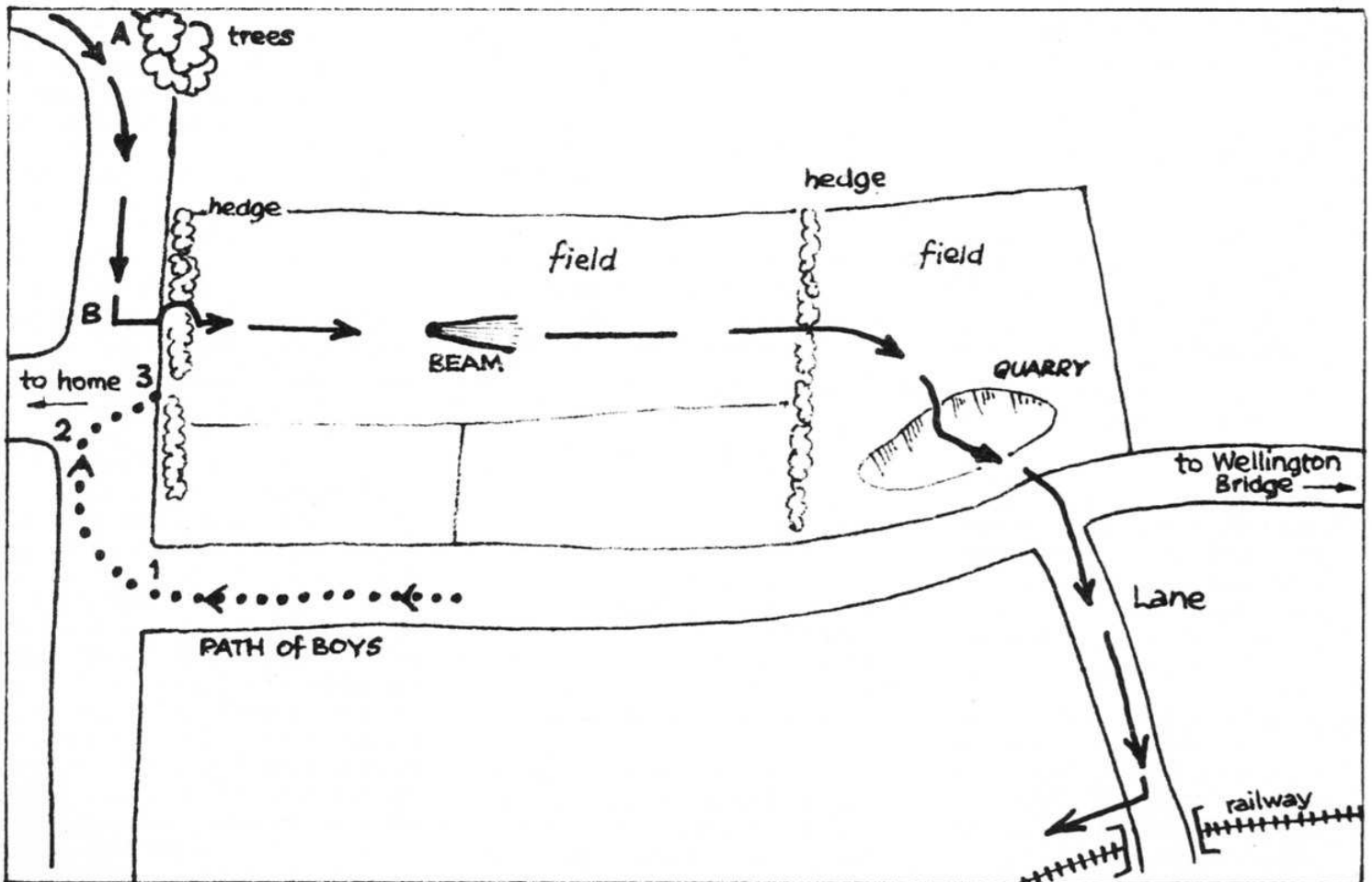
As the two boys sauntered along the lonely country roads Mr. Murphy noticed that the trees ahead of them across the fields were being lit up by peculiar odd flashes of light. At first they took these to be car headlights in the distance, although the beams looked more like searchlights. Certainly they took little notice.

They approached a right hand turn at a 'T' junction (point 1 on the map) and proceeded towards a left hand turn to take them home. As they turned

right the trees and hedges a few hundred yards ahead of them (A) suddenly lit up quite brightly just as if a car were rounding the bend in the distance. The road was particularly narrow at this point so Mr. Murphy called to his friend, "Keep in — there's a car coming." They continued walking on the very edge of the road.

The source of the brilliance now came into view. It was a single, very bright white light — much brighter than even today's car headlights. It seemed to be about one foot in diameter and was projecting a virtually parallel beam ahead of it which was inclined towards the ground. This was several feet long. The light source itself was about 3 feet off the ground.

Since the light had followed the road round the bend, and was now travelling above it, the boys assumed it was some kind of car. It's speed was only about 10 m.p.h. As they approached the second road



junction (point 2) they stopped to allow the "car" to pass them. However, as it came closer and closer they became aware of the total lack of sound and realised whatever it was, a car it was *not*.

As if to confirm this opinion, when the beam reached about 15 feet from the boys (B) it suddenly turned to the left and climbed up and over a 7 feet high hedgerow. It then dropped down into the field beyond and proceeded to move sedately along. The boys were flabbergasted. They had seen quite clearly as the light turned. There was absolutely nothing behind it. The beam of light was being projected from out of thin air!

Rushing to a slight gap in the hedgerow where people often took short cuts (point 3 on the map) the boys now observed the rest of the experience. Being in a slightly elevated position they could clearly see the beam pick its way across the field, seemingly accelerating a little as it did so. When it reached the other side of the field it passed *through* a second hedgerow and into another field. The light then turned slightly to the right and temporarily disappeared inside a quarry in the field (about five feet deep). It was then seen reappearing on the other side, and then crossing the road that they had travelled some minutes before. Now it followed a lane for a

distance of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile and made an abrupt right turn on to the Waterford to Wexford railway line. This is quite straight and the light followed it for a further 4 or 5 miles, again seemingly accelerating a little. It was finally lost to view over a hill after having been observed for a total of about 30 minutes. The fact that they were able to follow it for such a distance while there was still some daylight about testifies to the brilliance of the light source.

No logical explanation can be offered for this phenomenon. It seems most unlikely that it could have been ball lightning owing to the excessively long duration and the numerous, apparently logical, changes in direction. Whatever it was it seemed to be following a definite path of some sort.

In the words of Mr. Murphy: "I have often thought about it, and it scares me a bit. I was dumbfounded. The deviations it had made were astounding. Shortly after the event it seems that everyone in Ireland was saying, 'Oh yes, and how many had you had?' or 'Oh, what a lot of old blarney' or even 'Weren't there any leprachauns with it?' However I haven't seen anything like it before or since. There was nothing behind the light, nothing at all. We could see the beam of light coming from a headlight that wasn't there. It was a light coming from nowhere."

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