

UFO REPORTS FROM LAKE EYRE (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Lake Eyre (Lat. 28°30 S.; Long. 136°45 E.), Australia's largest inland body of water, lies in the south-central part of the Continent and in the State of South Australia.

Like so many other remote places in the vast Australian "Outback", this region has had its steady quota of UFO reports and stories, and in recent issues we have given extensive coverage to Mr Paul Norman's detailed studies of the extraordinary experiences of the Knowles family on the Nullarbor Desert lying to the south-west of Lake Eyre, in the area (Lat. 30°50 S.; Long. 129°00 E.) where the territories of South Australia and Western Australia meet.

We are now indebted to FSR reader Mrs June Hill, of Carrington, Western Australia, who has sent us the following press account, which appeared in the *Sunday Times* of Western Australia on July 16, 1989:—

Mum tells of saucer terror

A mother and her two children fled in fright from a brightly-lit UFO near Hawker only 18 days after mystery markings in Lake Eyre were sighted.

And a second woman who picked up the terrified trio as they ran through the night on the Flinders Ranges road also saw the light and said it was bigger and brighter than the moon — but it was not the moon.

Mrs Beverley Schumann revealed her story yesterday.

Mrs Anita Lindblom, the woman who picked them up in her car, backed up the story and told how "the kids were screaming and clawing at my car door, trying to get in".

Their story follows the report of the Lake Eyre markings.

Recalling the experience, Mrs. Schumann said she had not known of the strange sighting at the lake 18 days before.

The UFO had appeared as a "very bright yellow light" while she and her two children, Jodie, then aged 11, and Jamie, 7, were driving to Hawker from a friend's house about 10.30 p.m.

"The light, which was very, very bright, looked as if it was coming down," Mrs Schumann said.

"I was so scared that I tried to turn the car around, but when I got across the road, the engine stopped and wouldn't start.

"By this stage I was really scared because the car lights still worked but the engine wouldn't turn over."

Mrs Schumann and her children jumped out of the car and ran along the road, away from the light and in the direction of the town.

Petrified

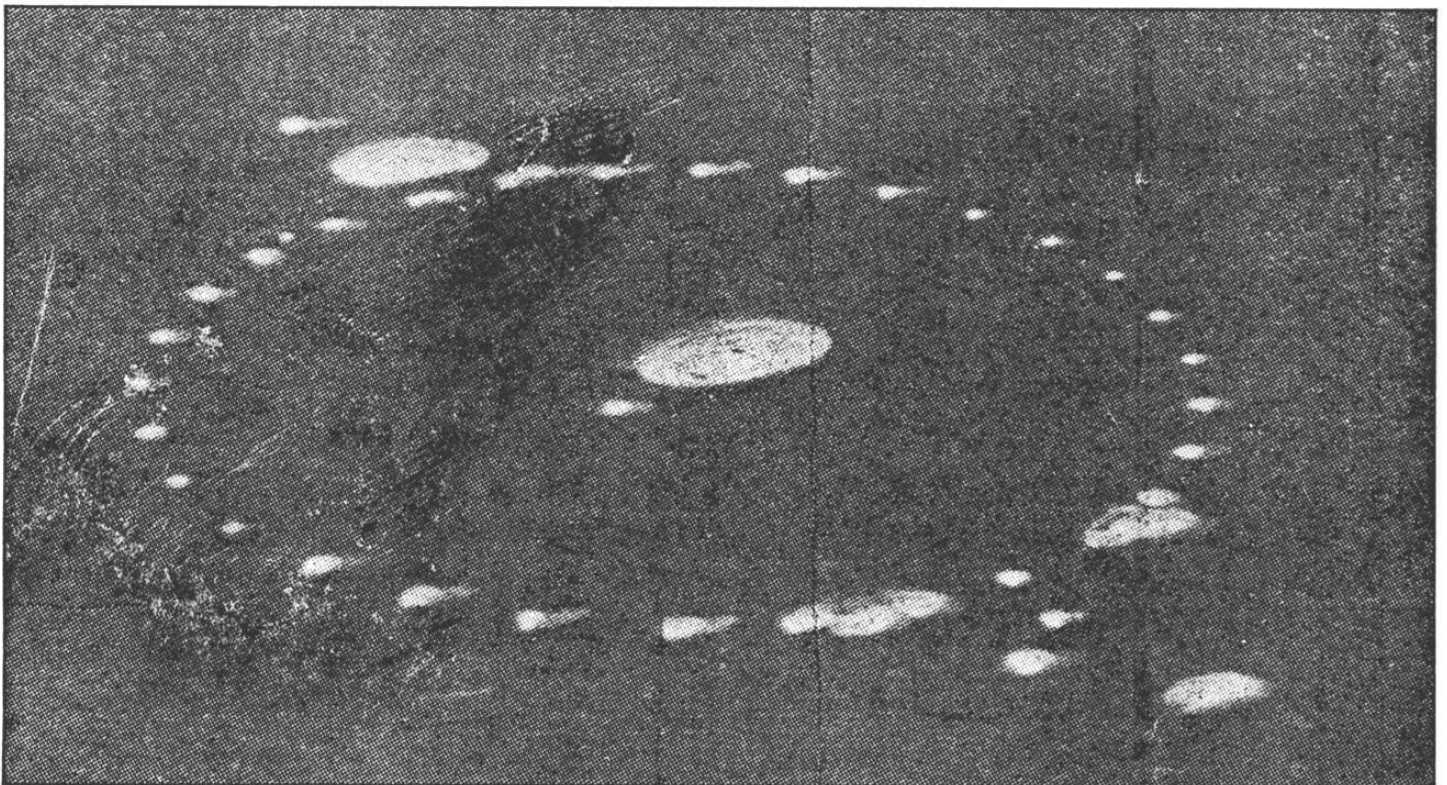
Within minutes they were picked up by Mrs Lindblom, who drove them back to their car.

"I don't remember the light after that but we were petrified," Mrs Schumann said. "Anita drove us back to our car, which started."

Mrs Lindblom said she had also seen the light while returning to Hawker.

"All I could see was big, round light which was bigger and brighter than the moon. Beverley's car was parked at a funny angle across the road and she was very frightened.

"The kids were screaming and clawing at my car door, trying to get in."



This is the dramatic slide shot 10 years ago and released only this week.

"Circles" at Lake Eyre ten years ago

Accompanying Mrs Beverley Schumann's story, in the same issue of the paper, we also read the following account of something that had occurred ten years earlier in the shallow waters of Lake Eyre:-

Flier reveals Lake 'UFO marks' photo. U.K. programme triggers Lake Eyre spaceship theories

A dramatic photograph of UFO-type markings on the bed of Lake Eyre has been made public — 10 years after it was shot.

The slide was taken around midday on January 2, 1979, by pilot Lewis Brice during a sightseeing flight.

A passenger on the flight, Jeff Findley, recalled the incident and produced the slide last week after seeing a TV programme about similar markings in a British cornfield.

He said the regular clockface-like markings with a central point, photographed from about 30m above the South Australian lake, showed "some phenomenon which has never been explained".

The circle in Lake Eyre had a diameter of about 30m and the indentations were in water about 30cm deep.

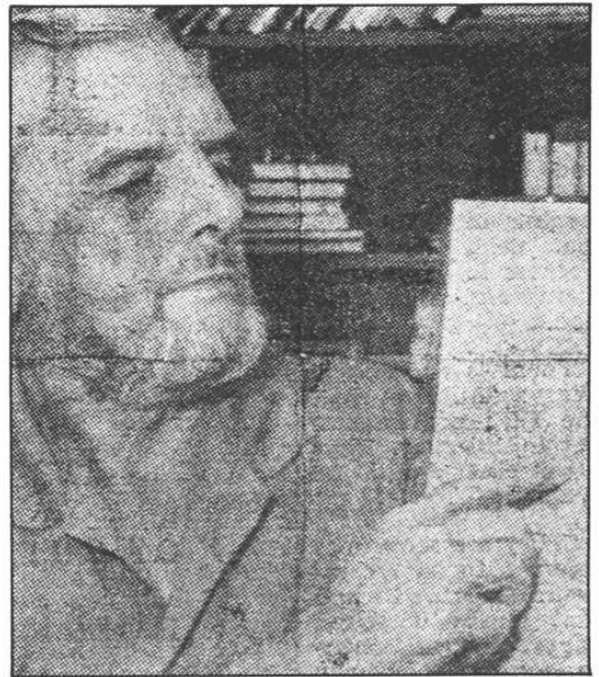
"I think the markings were caused by some terrific pressure of something taking off," he said.

"I don't know what it is but it's something that has the ability to take off and land and has terrific thrust."

Mr Findley said he owned the Outback Motel at Hawker when the photographs were taken. He now lives in Adelaide.

Mr Brice also told of the strange markings and how he photographed them. He said he had made regular flights in the area and had been on a scenic tour over the south-eastern corner of the lake.

"What I saw was a clockface with a central mound and a series of mounds in a circle around it," he said. It looked for all the world like little heaps of sand in pink water.



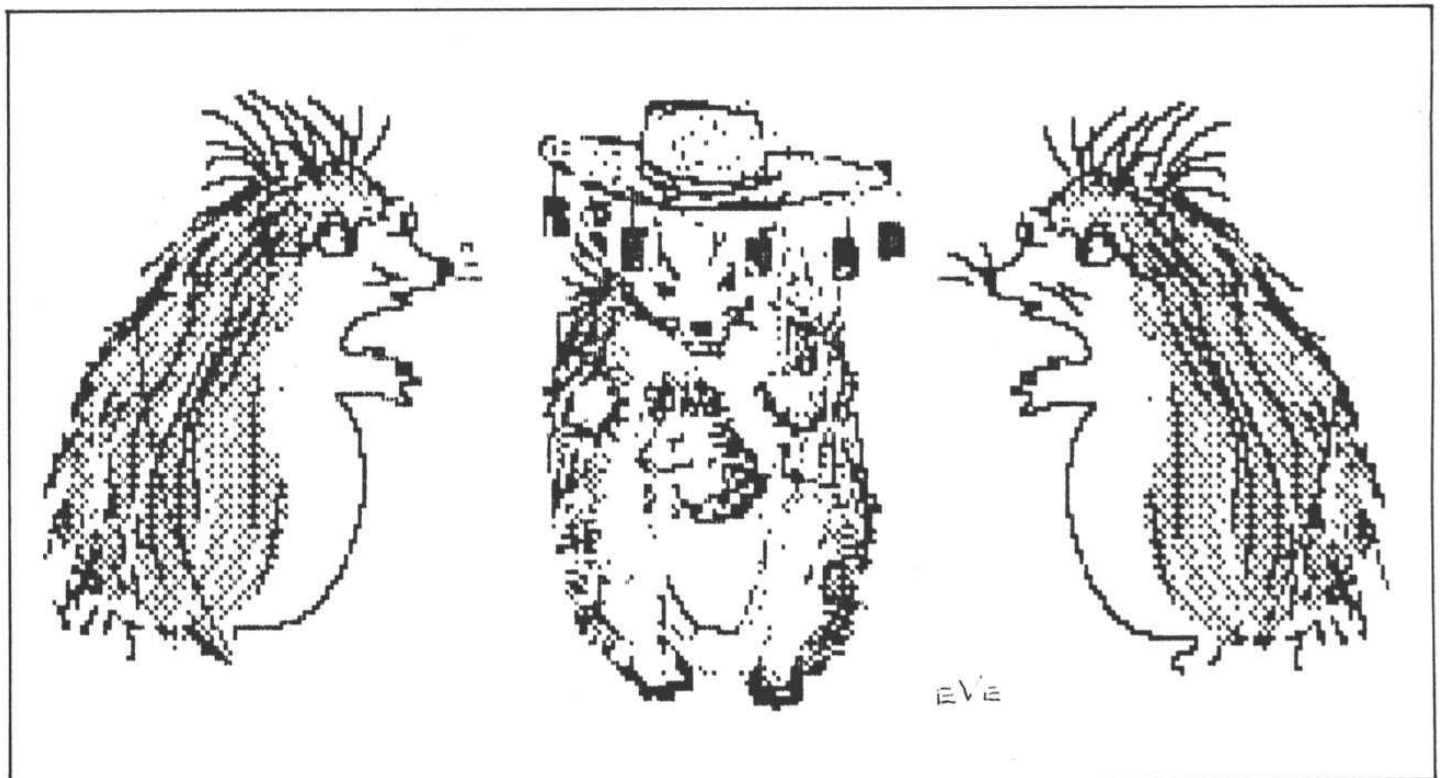
Jeff Findley . . . the spot on the map of Lake Eyre where the picture was taken.

"Some weeks later I flew over the lake again. I tried to find the area where I'd seen the markings but I didn't ever see them again."

Mr Findley sent the photograph to South Australian conservationist and Lake Eyre expert Mr Warren Bonython, who had made calculations about the size of the markings.

Mr Bonython said he could not decide what the markings were. "However, it seemed that the white patches were consistent with the crystallisation of salt in shallow water on objects which were above the water," he said.

(Credit and thanks for both items to Mrs June Hill, Carrington, Western Australia.)



"Meet Sheila — She's Co-ordinator of our Circle Scribing Committee from Down Under."

THEY SAY THEY KNOW ALL OUR LANGUAGES!: A CE—IV CASE AT SOSPEL, SOUTH—EASTERN FRANCE (1983)

By Marc Tolosano, President of the UFO Research Centre, Menton.

(Translation from French)

We translate this fascinating case from LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT No. 299 (September/October 1989). The co-ordinates for Sospel are: Lat. 43° 52N.; Long. 7° 27E, in the Département of Alpes Maritimes, right on the Franco-Italian border and just above Ventimiglia.

The Menton Ufological Group (Centre de Recherches Ufologiques Mentonnais) was only formed early in 1989. A collaborator with Marc Tolosano on this case is the veteran French investigator Claude Dufour, whom older readers of FSR will remember for at least half a dozen excellent articles and reports in our Journal, and most particularly for his extraordinary study, translated and published by me in FSR 20/1 (1974), concerning the abnormal number of remarkable and unusual French people who were born on places along the famous "BAVIC (Bayonne-Vichy) Line".

Our warmest thanks and congratulations — as always — to LDLN and its members. — EDITOR

THE incident took place at a spot some three kms. from Sospel on Saturday, April 30, 1983. The house of the witness is built on a slope, and overlooks the river Merlansson.

The witness is a sixty-year-old woman, very dynamic and hard-working. To safeguard her anonymity, LDLN are withholding her name.

The Entities

At 2.00 a.m. this lady, Mme X, asleep in her usual bedroom, was awakened by a red ball, the size of a football. This ball vanished, and then suddenly there were four beings there.

These beings were tall (1 m 70 to 1 m 80), and very athletic. Their gait and bearing were similar to ours. They walked in leisurely, deliberate fashion.

Their faces were long and pale, the noses long and thin. The mouth too was very thin, and also long. Their eyes were blue and very elongated also. She was amazed at the position of the pupil in their eyes. It was not in the centre, but close to the inner corner of the eye. Mme X said it gave the impression that they were cross-eyed — which of course they were not. (The French report says that "in view of the size of their eyes, she thought the pupils might extend right through the eye from one end to the other", but we do not understand what is meant by this statement, which seems to be in complete contradiction to what she had just said about the position of the pupils. G.C.) (See sketch of entity.) Their eyebrows were blond.

Whereas all humans have a recess or indentation at the point where the nose is joined to the forehead, this was, she said, non-existent in them. "It was just one single piece." Neither did they possess the little vertical furrow which we all have between our nose and our mouth. They did have teeth.

She did not see their hair, for their heads were covered by little skull-caps like those of frogmen, but with this difference: these skull-caps were not part of the whole one-piece suit, and merely covered the entire skull and ears. (Mme X said she could see on them slight bulges which might indicate ears.)

Their hands, gloveless, were soft and delicate and a little larger than normal human hands, with maybe "an impression" of softness about them, she thought.

The entities spoke French normally, and without accent. To her question: "Do you speak other languages?", they answered that they knew all the languages on Earth.

Croquis, par le témoin, de l'objet et de l'un de ses occupants.



"Parlez-vous d'autres langues?", ils ont répondu qu'ils connaissaient toutes les langues de la Terre.

(Mme. X's sketch of craft and occupant)

The Encounter Develops

Mme X is unable to say whether her awakening came from herself, or whether something else jolted her out of her sleep.

When she caught sight of the red ball, her only thought was: "It's ball lightning!" So she at once tried to awaken her husband, who was beside her. But all in vain. He just carried on sleeping. This did not alarm her however, for she knew he was a heavy sleeper. So she got up and went into the adjoining room to let some air into the bedroom. Then she came back. *And found herself face to face with the four entities.*

Her husband was still sleeping . . .

Mme X felt no fear, but nevertheless she made one more effort to awaken her husband. And then the entities said: "It is useless. He is sleeping".

The four German shepherd dogs, who regularly give warning of anyone approaching, remained silent. These dogs, generally regarded as being very aggressive, had taken refuge under the bed! And, with their eyes starting