

THE ARMY AND E.M. EFFECTS

Wido Hoville

THE incident described below took place in June or July 1966 (exact date is not available). It all began on a Friday, around 23.00 hours, and went on until the following Tuesday.

The witnesses involved were a Mr. 'X', my informant (name withheld at his request) and, in addition, at least 30 soldiers of the British Army.

Weather conditions were scattered cloud and intermittent clear skies, and the general location was North Wales, near Lake Bala, Llangollen and Mount Snowdon.

Mr. 'X' states that on the day in question he was serving as a reservist. He told me that the Army would call him for a reserve exercise at any time when needed. His unit, "Section B," assisted the Regular Army on a 24-hour alert basis in disaster areas, dock strikes, plane crashes, etc. During the course of the Exercise the Army had to pay his employer (when he was called on a working day) or he had to provide a substitute himself.

He recalls that on a number of occasions he was summoned to take part in investigations into reported UFO sightings.

On the Friday afternoon in question, a policeman telephoned the "Alert Unit" in the Valley of Anglesey [RAF Valley, Anglesey?—ED.] "plane-crash."

Witness was called up, and was sent with other soldiers to the alleged site of the crash, which was in North Wales, near an oblong valley. The valley was surrounded by hills about 30-40 ft. high, and was reached by a gravel road from one direction. The region serves mainly as sheep land.

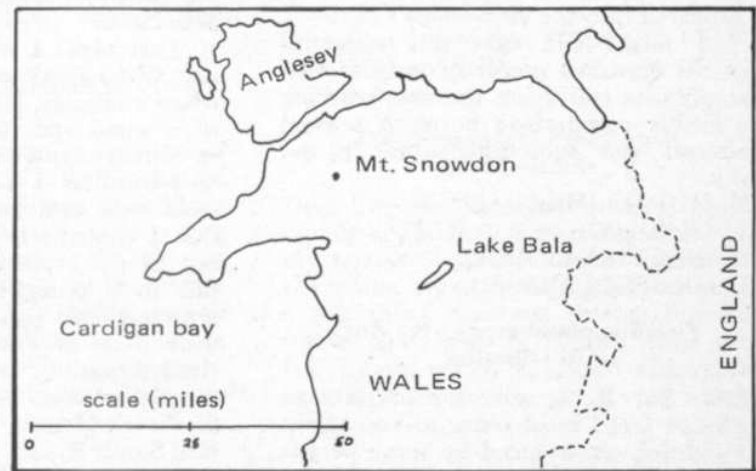
The convoy included at least 30 soldiers and nine trucks and one jeep (all engines petrol-driven), and arrived at the area late on the Friday night, around 23.00 hours. A Headquarters had already been set up, and also an Army Kitchen.

It was decided to begin "Gridsearch" at 09.00 hrs. next morning, with Army units advancing from four sides towards the alleged "crash site."

At 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday his particular group set out as planned, consisting of four trucks and one jeep and one rescue unit. These advanced into the countryside, headed by the jeep. Suddenly the engine of the jeep stalled. The driver checked his fuel and electrical system, but found nothing wrong, and tried again to re-start the jeep, but still

Mr. Hoville, a Canadian investigator, lives at Dollard-des-Ormeaux in the Province of Quebec, and works with the Siemens Company, for whom he does a great deal of travelling, in the course of which, as he informs us, he has been able to interview many UFO percipients in various countries and investigate their reports. He was born in Germany, and has lived in France before moving to Canada. He tells us that his journeys take him to Europe occasionally and that it was on one of these recent trips that he was able to meet one of the witnesses in this alleged Welsh case — a man who was a reservist in the British Army at the date in question.

FSR has no information which proves or disproves this report, and it is accordingly published as it stands. At the same time we note that the details as reported sound convincing. Is it possible that an attempt was made to investigate a UFO landing, and to camouflage the operation as an Army Reservists' training exercise?—EDITOR



North Wales

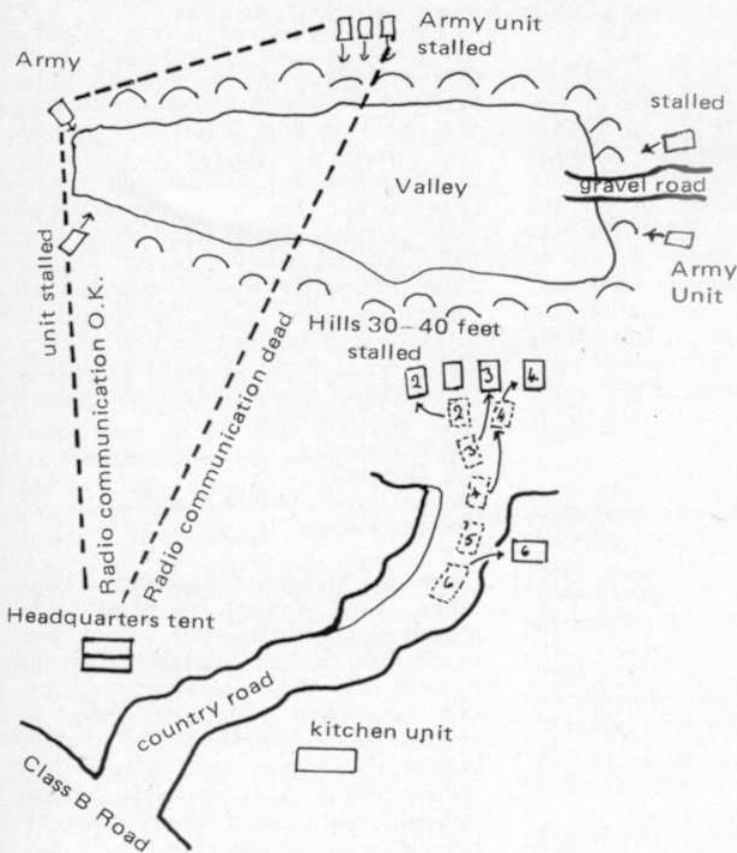
without success. The jeep was then pushed back by the soldiers. The driver tried once more to start it, and this time it started. The general conclusion was there had been a blockage in the petrol feed. However, as the jeep advanced again, it stalled once more. A truck then advanced on the left-hand side of the jeep and also stalled. A third vehicle (also a truck) then advanced on the right-hand side of the jeep, and promptly stalled too.

The fourth vehicle (truck) then advanced, on the right of the third, but did not advance quite so far as the others, and the driver halted there. (See sketch, drawn by the author with assistance of the witness.)

At this stage the fifth vehicle (the rescue unit) pulled vehicle 2 back by winch. But in order for vehicle No. 3 to be winched back, it was first necessary for vehicle No. 4 to advance slightly. The driver of truck No. 4 accordingly started up his engine and drove ahead, and the engine stalled immediately, as soon as the line of the other stalled vehicles was reached.

For a period of approximately three hours, the vehicles kept advancing, stalling, being pulled back by the winch of the rescue unit, and so on all over again.

Nobody however had yet associated this trouble with the alleged "plane-crash."



Sketch map of the area where the E.M. effects occurred

Meanwhile, another unit advancing from the opposite direction, as well as two other units advancing from the left and right hand sides, had also experienced the same trouble with their vehicles stalling. This was learned by Witness's party after they had tried to establish radio contact with the unit on the opposite side of the valley. The radio was dead. Contact was subsequently established around the valley by means of the other two units to the right and left hand respectively. An officer drove round the whole area in a jeep and reported that the same situation (stalled cars) prevailed at all points.

A meeting was held, and it was decided that soldiers should now go forward on foot, in groups of four or five, to investigate. (Witness stated that the men were armed with rifles, but had no ammunition.)

Witness was a member of one of these small groups advancing over the countryside when the following things began to happen:—

As soon as the soldiers had got ahead of the line of stalled vehicles, Witness and the rest of his party all experienced a very strange feeling. They had no more "willpower" to proceed further. Witness says that every one of them felt influenced by some sort of "mental interference."

During my interview with him, Witness was quite evidently embarrassed, as he was unable to find a clear definition of what it was that had happened to his mind that day. I asked him if he had the feeling of being *paralyzed*, or if there were some sort of *wall* which could not be passed. He said definitely not: it was a purely *mental* influence.

As soon as he got back behind the line of stalled trucks, everything became normal again. He tried to go forward once more, and again with precisely the same result. He heard later that the unit opposite them experienced exactly the same thing.

At about noon on the Saturday, the search of the valley area was abandoned. The search in the area to the right continued until evening, but nothing was found.

During the evening, while they were all eating a meal or taking a wash, they suddenly heard a high-pitched humming sound in a pulsating frequency. Then all was silent again for a while, until suddenly an orange-yellow light appeared, or rather its reflection was seen on the hills, for the object emitting the light was evidently lower down in the valley, and Witness said that he did not see the actual object emitting the light. This light appeared over on the right hand side of the valley, and then moved leftwards. Then it moved back right again. The same process took place four times, no sound being heard at any time while the light was moving to and fro. Then the light suddenly dimmed.

When this light was first seen, the words "flying saucer" spread around among the soldiers, and some of the younger became alarmed. Witness admitted that he himself had had a "bad feeling" too.

After the light had dimmed away, the soldiers again tried to advance in the direction in which it had been seen, and once again they encountered the same situation of being mentally immobilized and unable to go forward.

A conference with Headquarters took place, and it was suspected that a UFO was the cause of the whole business.

Witness said he thought the time that elapsed while the light was travelling to and fro was no more than a total of five minutes or so, but later, when all the reports were in, it was found that the actual time during which the reflected glow had been passing to and fro on the hills was *more than one hour*. It seemed to witness that he had lost his ability to judge Time and Space during the episode. The pulsating orange light always pulsated at the same frequency. A radiation check of the area was made, but no radioactivity was found.

On the Sunday following, another Army unit was called in, and Witness heard that the area was finally entered on the Tuesday or the Wednesday. He himself was again called in to take part in a Gridsearch of the area on the following Sunday, but (so far as he knew) absolutely nothing was found.

Witness states that the whole affair was classified as *secret*. For this reason, his name, rank, and all other details about him are being withheld.

Witness remembers that, shortly after the incident, he saw an article in a newspaper stating that a farmer in North Wales had mysteriously lost 37 of his sheep.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

From Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, C.H.

Dear Bowen,—The accomplishment of 20 years, though the F.S.R. came of age many years ago, is a proper occasion for warm congratulations and for the expression of great gratitude to you. It was Waveney Girvan who put me on to it years ago.

I am one of your very grateful and very sceptical readers — very sceptical about all *explanations*, but not sceptical about the urgent necessity for a proper scientific enquiry into many inexplicable facts.

My scepticism rests partly on an experience of my own. I have to this day the clearest visual memory of seeing in the north transept of St. Alban's Abbey the recumbent figure of a bishop in full canonicals, and I remember my surprise at seeing that he bore my mother's family name. My visit to St. Alban's with a family party was a fact (some 75 years ago), but there never was such a recumbent figure, and none of my mother's family was ever a bishop there. I can only suppose that after the visit I dreamed of what I thought I saw; but unless I knew for a fact that what I saw never actually existed in any form, I should to this day assert with complete assurance that I saw that statue. I do not doubt the integrity of those who report what they have seen but am doubtful of all uncorroborated evidence, but you report many events for which I see no explanation at all.

Much power to your arm!
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Nathaniel Micklem,
Abingdon, Oxon.
6th May, 1975.

On the Ummo affair

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. Gordon Creighton for his translation of my article *The Birthplaces of Prominent People in Relation to Bavic* (FSR Vol. 20, No.1).

I have also read with much interest Mr. Creighton's translation of Antonio Ribera's long article on the UMMO Mystery (FSR Vol. 20, Nos. 4-6 and Vol. 21, Nos. 1-2.), for I have myself been for some time in correspondence with Padre Enrique López Guerrero about this affair, and I have on my files a good many copies or translations of the famous UMMOAELEWE letters. In my opinion Father Guerrero is undoubtedly an important element by reason of his great knowledge of the

intricacies of this strange UMMO business (and what a foul affair it is!).

In July 1973 I wrote to Father Guerrero, and enclosed an account of the events that had been taking place at Les Nourradons, in France, in 1971, as described in my article *A French Repeater Case: Events at Les Nourradons*, which appeared in Mr. Creighton's translation in FSR Vol. 19, No.3 (May-June 1973.)

In due course I received the following very interesting reply from Padre Guerrero:

Dear Sir,

Going through the copious correspondence heaped up in my office (I receive a tremendous lot of letters) I have before me your letter of July 12 last, and I apologise for the delay in replying.

The landing of the first three UMMO spacecraft did indeed occur on March 28, 1950, at a spot situated some 10 km. from Digne, in the Departement des Basses Alpes (Provence).

All you tell me in your letter is very interesting, and I should be grateful for all information that you can give me on the affair.

There — at the French landing — they remained for three months or so, living in an underground base which they made themselves. In the vicinity a "strange" robbery is supposed to have taken place around that time at a rustic farm. It would be very useful to consult the files of the local press for that period. At any rate I shall be grateful for further word from you.

With my greatest esteem and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Enrique López Guerrero,
*Párroco de Santa María de la Asunción,
Mairena del Alcor, Sevilla, Spain.*

Well now, *it is a fact* that there are, in the close vicinity to the spot, two or three dilapidated farms and barns. And one wonders how it is that Padre Guerrero knows this?

It seems likely moreover that a cave or subterranean chamber does indeed exist beneath the house and the landing area, for two dowers,* working quite separately, have both indicated that there is such a cave or chamber there.

I do not claim to know myself what lies behind all this UMMO business, but one thing is certain, and

that is that there is far too much evidence of strange people involved in that 1971 landing at Les Nourradons (on which I reported to FSR as mentioned above), and Les Nourradons (Var) is not very far to the south of Digne (Basses Alpes). And there have been far too many "saucer" reports from that whole area of south-eastern France in recent years for us not to think that something very strange is going on. I hope to make a further investigation when I visit the region again later this year.

Yours sincerely,

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Corsica, France.

(Note by Gordon Creighton: I have taken the liberty of re-arranging Monsieur Dufour's letter, which was in English, and of adding a little to it here and there in order to bring out the points which he wishes to emphasise. A photostat of Father Guerrero's letter was enclosed by Monsieur Dufour. It was in the original Spanish, and I have therefore translated it from that language.)

* The French call dowsing *radiaesthesia*, and dowers *radiaesthetists*.)

Ummite philosophies?

Dear Sir,—Whether or not the "Ummo" documents are true, a fantastic fabrication, a deception on the part of alien entities, or the product of somebody's highly imaginative mentality, they do have, to my mind, a curious resemblance to our own terrestrial philosophies (superimposed, of course, on to an extra-terrestrial format).

In particular, there is a marked resemblance in some of the words and phrases to the critical philosophy of Immanuel Kant, among others. For example, from Part 4, (FSR Vol. 21, No.2), the following: 'dialectic' 'transcendent', 'necessary', 'necessary being', 'schematology', 'categories', and 'we create the (Universe) when we think of it.'

If the planet Ummo exists one can but say: small universe indeed!

Yours sincerely,

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21st September, 1975.

[We showed this letter to Dr. Ivor