

"Then they took off (after 15 minutes) . . . straight up. There was a grey vapour coming from underneath them, and a strong wind. I had to hang on to my hat and it knocked the rape down.'

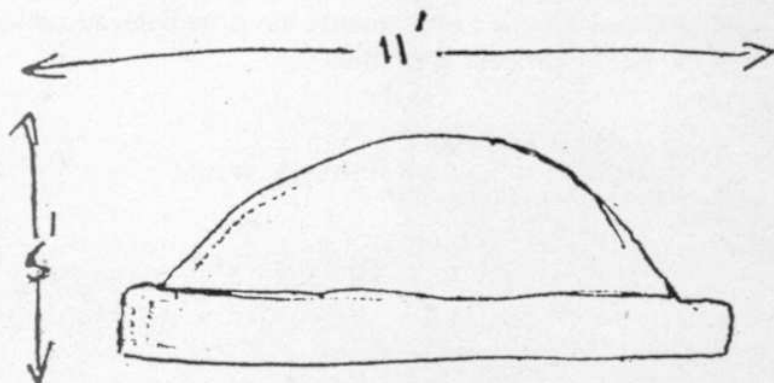
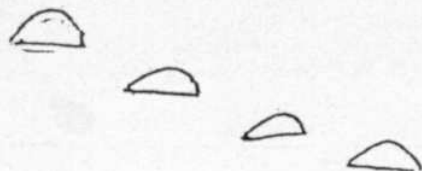
"It took two minutes for the objects to disappear into the clouds and another two minutes for Mr. Fuhr to come down from his swather.

"I wanted to be sure they were gone.'

"He then examined the circular depressions left by the objects.

"I felt the grass to see if it was warm. There was nothing you could feel and there wasn't any smell.'"

Credit: Mrs.M. Junck of Edmonton, Alberta and W.K. Allan of Kelowna, B.C.



Above right: Edwin Fuhr shows where one of the objects hovered over his field

Above left: Fuhr's drawing of how the objects appeared on taking off

Below right: Fuhr's drawing of the first object seen

Italy

An impressive early sighting

Mrs. Mary Boyd of Firenze (Florence) has kindly sent us the following interesting material, which she translated from the new book *UFO In Italia (UFOs In Italy)*, published this year by Corrado Tedeschi of Florence and compiled by a team of five members of the local research group S.U.F. (Sezione Ufologica Forentina).

This incident occurred on an unspecified day at the end of October 1949, at Montecarotto, Ancona, on the central part of the Adriatic Coast of eastern Italy.

"A local landowner named Carotti had just constructed a 'hide' from which to shoot birds. The spot chosen was in a valley called 'The Great Oaks,' and the oak trees, of imposing size, were centuries old.

"On the morning in question,

Carotti arrived at the 'hide' (a hut) at about six o'clock, accompanied by his nine-year-old son Fernando.

"It was the start of the migrating season for thrushes, so there were hopes of securing a full bag of game. However, on this day something very different from their accustomed feathered prey was to rivet their attention and interest.

"Shortly after their arrival, as they sat there in silence awaiting their birds, they heard a light rustling noise that was not at all like the usual sound of fluttering wings. Looking up, they beheld, in amazement verging on terror, a very strange, enormous 'thing' passing across the sky not more than 200 metres or so from them.

"It was a cigar-shaped object. Carotti judged it to be about 7 or 8 metres long, with a diameter of about 2½ metres. It was flying rapidly towards Senigallia, on a NNE course.

The extraordinary aerial craft was emerald-green in colour and was followed by a trail, twice its own length, of a bluish-violet colour which, as they watched, changed to an intense clear light. And their fear was added to as they observed that, when the unknown object passed low above the leafy boughs of the row of huge oak trees, the branches of these trees were bent and deflected backwards; some immensely powerful and mysterious force was affecting the trees. The sighting lasted but a few seconds. Then all was silent again in the valley, but father and son were left with an indelible impression of what they had seen.

"Some other men who were also out hunting in the Belvedere area, over near the Adriatic coast, also claimed to have seen a strange, oblong, luminous object, with a trail, pass