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" EVENLODE INCIDENT "

News of this incident was first reported to the editor, three weeks after its discovery, by Edward Collins, LUFORO investigator at Northampton. The nearest investigator, Mr. J. D. Llewellyn of Stratford-on-Avon, was then asked to investigate and a report by him was published in the last bulletin. Mr. D. C. Jones, LUFORO member, editor of Saucer Forum, and I.U.F.O.O.C. area investigator for Gloucestershire, has since reported that he visited the scene ten days before Mr. Llewellyn and here is his independent report:-

LOCATION: A field at Poplars Farm, Evenlode, Glos.

DATE: On June 3, 1960

SEEN BY: Mr. Bill Edwards, the farmer.

PARTICULARS: Two circular burn marks on the ground one within the other. The larger circle 23 feet in diameter, the smaller 16 feet. Both $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. The circles were regular.

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The incident was first brought to my attention by my sister-in-law who heard it mentioned on the ITV Midland News.

The following day, June 20th, I visited Evenlode and met Mr. Bill Edwards at his farm. He told me that on the Friday before Whitsun he had been walking through the particular field, as he did most every day, when he came across the markings, two circles burnt in the grass. He could not account for them or recall seeing anything like them before. After he had told his wife and son of his discovery they rang the Moreton-in-Marsh office of the 'Evesham Journal' whose reporter, David Day, went to Evenlode and saw the markings, and so the discovery became known.

Within the next few days various people visited the site but none could explain the sudden appearance of the circles. From one of these visitors, Mr. Rutherford, a draughtsman with a local aircraft firm, I obtained the measurements.

Between the date of the discovery and the date of my visit there were two good thunderstorms and the grass had grown considerably. When Mr. Edwards and I walked out to the field we were at first unable to find the markings, but it was possible to still see the outlines of the two circles and the slight depression at one side where the field sloped downwards. The grass still showed the burn marks on some parts but the ground was unmarked inside and outside the circles. Mr. Edwards said he saw no other markings

in the field at the time of his discovery and we looked around and and could see none then.

The markings were situated at a spot towards the corner of the field, about midway between Chastleton and Evenlode, far away from any roads or houses. Cattle and sheep have free access to this field and were there the night the markings were made. Mr. Edwards said he had observed no reaction on their part...The cattle were not even curious.

I took a small piece of the burnt grass from the outer circle and took it to a laboratory in Cheltenham who advised me to submit it to the Public Analyst for test. There was some delay in getting it to him as he is situated in Gloucester and I was unable to get it across. The Public Analyst examined the sample under the microscope and said that the grass appeared to have been burnt but he didn't really feel that much more could be learnt. He felt that the thunderstorms and rain, and the delay in getting the sample to him, probably had some effect and that it wouldn't be worth the £2-2-0 to examine it further.

While in Evenlode I spoke to some of the villagers, asking them if they had seen or heard anything in the direction of the markings on the days and nights prior to June 4th, but no one had. One man thought he'd heard a strange whistling noise when he awoke one night but was uncertain whether that was before or after the markings were discovered. There was some reference to "black magic" circles but I couldn't tie it down to anything definite, and I cannot believe that it has any connection with the incident. A Mr. Coles took two colour shots of the markings within a few days of their discovery, but so far I have not seen them.

Mr. John D. Llewellyn, of 80, West Green Drive, Stratford-on-Avon, also examined the markings and took soil samples from the inner and outer circles. A chemist colleague analysed them for him but the report was negative.

The symmetry of the markings convinces me that they were not a natural formation, and I feel they were made by something alighting from the sky. I say this because there was no evidence of skidding, only downward pressure.....

Mr. Llewellyn sent soil samples to LUFORO investigator, Mr. W.S. Farrall who reports as follows:-

"I have carefully examined the sampler, in collaboration with a colleague who is an analytical chemist and who is ideal for the present job as he has studied forensic science as a hobby for some years.

We have both reached the same conclusion. Both samples are completely normal in every way. The top-soil fraction contains no traces of any foreign matter and no unusual feature is present as regards the grass - except, of course, for the usual dehydration. There is no evidence of any overheating of any part of either sample, in any charred fragments after such a time interval.

The only feature worth noting was that the 22ft diameter sample contained one horse-hair, but this is hardly remarkable on farm-land!

My colleague intends to carry out a series of chromatograms on the specimens, to make sure we have not overlooked anything in the ordinary routine tests. However, it is highly unlikely that these will reveal any significant results.

I'm sorry to have to give you such a completely negative

report...It's a great pity we couldn't have been on the spot earlier.

The idea of gauging the weight of the object by standard yield deflection methods would not necessarily have been valid. A reliable result would only have been obtained if the 'object' had been lowered very gently to the ground. If the object had hit the ground at any speed, the results of such tests could have given a greatly exaggerated figure for the weight. For example, an ordinary bullet would leave no imprint if placed on the ground, but if fired into the ground its penetration would be very considerable, you'll agree!..... (Mr.W.S.Farrall, 129, Westfield Road, King's Heath, Birmingham,4.)

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Reported Sighting at Westcliff-on-Sea.

An UFO was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of 67,Grand Parade, Leigh-on-Sea on Tuesday June 7th 1960 at approx 11.15pm to 11.30pm. This was seen from the garden, looking towards the Airport. It was first thought to be a very light distress signal. The viewing lasted for three to four seconds. The weather was bright moonlight, with patches of cloud. It appeared to be bright in the centre with luminous green edges. Mrs. Kemp, who served on a gun-site during the war is quite used to cloud formation and searchlight etc., on cloud, and is quite sure it was nothing like that. This was also witnessed by Mr.J.Marrison,Kings Road,South Benfleet, Essex.

The following appeared in the Southend Standard:

Greenish-Glow Sattellite?

Mr. C.Giddings, of Ronald Park Avenue, Westcliff, was walking with his dog at 11.20pm on Tuesday, when he saw what appeared to be a satellite. He said it was visible for about five seconds, travelling swiftly from south-east to north-west, and gave off a 'greenish violet glow'.

Sent in by Miss Tassie E.Harris,
St John's Cottage,
23,St.John's Road,
Chelmsford,Essex.

(N.B. Sputnik IV Satellite & Sputnik IV Rocket were not due at this time.)

MYSTERY FIREBALL IN SKY

A mysterious light which crossed low in the sky above Cardiff early today was described by one observer as 'a brilliant ball of fire with bits falling off', and by another as 'just like a plane in distress'.

"A huge white ball,with red flares coming from it, passed over us", Mr.Robert Cowan of Jellicoe Gardens,Roath,said. He watched the object from his house with seven other people.

"At first we thought it might be a plane because of the

flares." but said. "It was falling in the direction of St.Mallons."

A spokesman at the Royal Air Force station at St.Athan,said that no reports had been received of missing aircraft.

A METEORITE?

And at Cardiff (Rhoose) Airport, a meteorological spokesman said "We have not seen anything in the sky, and no reports have been made to us." He added that it could have been a meteorite.

People who saw it said there was no noise. "Just a silent ball of fire sailing through the sky," one said.

Another man who watched the object through binoculars, Mr. George Rigby, of St. Isan Road, Heath, said it disappeared after two or three minutes...It was travelling rapidly.

Cardiff police received reports, but could not identify the object.

(Source "Western Mail" 5th July, 1960.)

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FURTHER 1960 UFO SIGHTING REPORTS

Further indexed sighting reports have not yet been compiled and will therefore appear in the next issue.

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" F L Y I N G S A U C E R S "

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R I N G / A N G E L S

Look out in the next Bulletin for an article dealing with the mysterious 'radar angels' reported early last year, which will give the findings of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company's research scientists.

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