



"Tired of waiting for it to show some sign of mobility, we took leave of our sky-watching acquaintances and journeyed on to our camp half a mile away. There we pointed out the mysterious globe to the rest of our unit and to the others - about 50 men in all. Most visitors to the camp were shown it. Assuming that the original discoverers of the object had also shown it to their own units, hundreds of the Tobruk garrison must have seen it. All day long it hung there, confounding the adherents of Venus by its stubborn immobility, and testing the credulity of the meteorological-balloons by the same token. Only those who opined that it might be some sort of secret weapon left there by the high flying Italian Savoias gained a few converts: they waited for it to strike. Eventually all of us grew weary of speculating about it. It was there - a mystery - and that was all there was to be said. We went about our duties and only occasionally glanced up to the zenith to see if it was still there. Imagination dried up. We had accepted it. Only towards the end of the afternoon did I realise that it had declined a little to the south-east - say about seven to ten degrees. At dusk it was shining like a star, more golden in colour than it had been in daylight. I did not see the going of it. I was asleep. Next morning we searched for it, but without success.

"My sighting may be compared with that at Ouellan in the French Sahara some five months later, in April 1942. Both were witnessed in North Africa, both were long term sightings, and both involved a similar object, a globe. The Ouellan sighting seems to have been particularly well attested and observed".

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+ Choir boys see lights in +
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A squadron of UFOs paid a visit to Sutton last November. They were on a zig-zag course and said to have flown from the south and disappeared in the direction of Morden. The objects were seen by three choir boys at St. Nicholas' Church and the director of music at the church. They made the sighting on November 12 at about 8 p.m., just after the evening service. One of the choir boys, 12 year old Timothy Jackson, of 45 Cheam Road, Sutton, who is a pupil at Sutton Grammar School, said that they saw the objects just after leaving the church. It was a clear night with a bright moon. The witnesses saw a number of lights in the sky. Timothy described one of the lights as brighter than a star and said it began to move across the sky in a north-west direction. "The light seemed to zig-zag from left to right for about three minutes. At first we thought it was a shooting star, but it went on too long". Timothy said that he was also sure that the light was not a plane because of its manoeuvres and its speed. After sighting the object in the sky Timothy and his two friends, head chorister Geoffrey Davis, of 60 Upper Vernon Road, who goes to Glastonbury School, and Steven Prince, of 5 Brandon Road, who attends Sutton West, went to the police station to report what they had seen. The music director at St. Nicholas Church, Mr. David Squibb, of 9 Banstead Road South, verified the boys' account. Mr. Squibb, who is also director of music at Trinity School, Croydon, said the light zig-zagged for about five minutes. At first he thought it was a shooting star then, when it persisted, he thought it might have been a meteorological balloon reflecting the light of the moon.





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I have recently had correspondence with the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society, the publishers of UFOLOG and until last year the producers of SPACELINK, which many of you will have read. UFOLOG is a monthly bulletin giving details of all known UFO sightings which have been probed by groups throughout the country. This is of course very useful information and S.I.G.A.P. is subscribing to it.

Someone somewhere has my "Guide to UFOs", a booklet by Lloyd Mallan and published in America by Science and Mechanics. Please can they return it! (195 Epsom Road, Guildford).

- Dick Beet.

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Finding enough material each month for the newsletter is a formidable task, as Omar Fowler will tell you. Yet the job would be made much easier and the newsletter more interesting if members sent in letters and articles. Things I should like are as follows:

1. Ideas for S.I.G.A.P. projects.
2. General letters.
3. Features on ufology and related topics.
4. Interesting extracts from UFO books and magazines.
5. Personal pieces - how I became a UFO believer.

Any copy for publication should be sent to my home address, given on the previous page.

Eventually, when S.I.G.A.P. has more funds available, it may be possible for us to have a proper magazine. But a lot depends on you.

- Ron Toft.

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+ Another Surrey UFO Group! +
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S.I.G.A.P. has been contacted by The Society For The Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena, based at Tolworth, Surrey. We hope to exchange UFO data and co-operate on sighting reports. The Chairman is Mr. I. Mackinlay and the Secretary Mr. P. Jones.

