

windshield — roughly half the size of a B-17 bomber. I was a U.S. Army Air Force gunner in World War II, and saw active duty. I'm a student pilot and have designed beacons for space probes, and such, but have never come across anything like this in my life."

Mr. Adams told his wife and a state trooper at the time. The locale of the Conway-Adams sighting is only a few miles from radio station WLVP-FM. Aside from two weeks of a "nervous breakdown" in 1944 (when in the Service) he has had excellent health. Following the "breakdown" he returned to active duty in the Air Force, and served six more years as a career man. He does not use drugs unless prescribed and has had excellent emotional health.

The Newark Evening News contained several articles of similar sightings in northern New Jersey during the fall of 1966.

Case 5

"Frank Scanlon, age 56, has been a United Parcel Service driver for 37 years. He is a union steward. He has had a northern New Jersey route for twelve years. As a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II (Fifth Air Force, ground crew in Japan) he is familiar with aircraft. He is respected by his boss and fellow employees. He neither smokes nor drinks. He enjoys excellent health. Psychiatric interview revealed no emotional illness. Although he could not recall the exact date of his alleged UFO experience, at that time he told his immediate family, his boss, many fellow workers, and several other people. Interviews with his wife, two of his children, and four other people, including a police officer, confirmed Scanlon's excellent reputation and his report of the experience shortly after it happened. It was stressed how excited and frightened he was.

"It was November, 1967. It was bare and there were no leaves on the trees. It was on Rudeville Road on the way to Great Gorge (within a mile of the Vander Plates' radio station) at twelve noon, on a clear day, I went to the back of the truck and heard this terrific pounding noise. As I went to the front, I stepped away from the truck as I thought the noise was from the well digger across the street. But he had dived into the hole. At tree height, I saw a cylindrical object, like a dirigible, more than twice the size of the von Hindenberg. It was big enough for several Mack trucks to get into it. It had no cabins or propellers, no markings of any kind. It was a duller grey than aluminum. There was no smoke, heat, or exhaust. There was no effect on my truck motor. It was unbelievable. It had roundish windows that looked black inside. There was no reflection on them. It took off with such force toward Newton that it disappeared in an estimated two minutes.

"I never saw such a burst of speed after hovering. I was amazed. There were no exhaust fumes. I wondered what could defy gravity and hover there. It was gigantic." (See Figure 5.)

Comment—— Single-witness UFO examples, and, in some cases, lack of specific dates, have drawbacks. However, the favorable close-range circumstances support the validity of the experiences. The witnesses were healthy and trustworthy. They had no gross defects of vision or hearing. They had ample time to observe the UFOs. There was nothing suggestive of malobservations, behavioral aberrations, mass hypnosis, contrived posthypnotic suggestion, or fraud. The unique characteristics of the episodes and the backgrounds of the witnesses excluded such explanations as satellites, airplanes, balloons, helicopters, or birds, although very atypical ball lightning could have been a possibility for Case 4. There was nothing suggestive of a parapsychologic explanation in any of the examples. Most of the witnesses were frightened and had a vivid memory of their unique experiences. In Case 3, it was possible to see how easily mass panic could have developed. The physician, by having an awareness of UFOs, can help to avert mass hysteria.

Five hidden reports of UFOs from a relatively circumscribed area in northern New Jersey are but a small sample of the thousands of documented accounts from all over the world. UFOs indeed, do seem to be real. Physicians are in an excellent position to uncover "hidden reports" of UFOs and help to establish the reliability of the witnesses. By study of the possible emotional and physiologic effects of the UFOs, and of the witnesses themselves, the physician can go beyond merely establishing the event and contribute to the more meaningful questions of (1) what UFOs are (2) where they come from, and (3) what is their purpose.

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