

1953: Kerkrade, Netherlands.

CE1 . non-inertials.
Color change w. motion
change.

Some CE2g
(eye irritation).

August 6, 1953, sighting Kerkrade,
Netherlands:

"During the last days of July and the first week of August I took a holiday and visited the Southern part of Holland. On August 6th I arrived in a small mining town, Kerkrade, in the south part of the province of Limburg. Kerkrade lies close to the German border, there is, in fact, a broad street divided longitudinally by barbed wire, the one-half being Kerkrade and the other half being German."

"I went for a walk along this street about midnight. All was quiet. Suddenly my attention was drawn to a blue-green light of moderate intensity, which ran through the sky in the East. It came down an elegant swoop, and then slowed down. At first I thought it to be a meteorite, but it left no trail of fire as these do. It was a light spot of nearly circular shape, and while it descended it came in my direction. Then I saw what it was -- a flying saucer. It came slowly towards me and so near that I could see it very clearly".

"I have made a test: if you want to know how big I saw it, take a dinner plate, hold it at arms length, then raise the plate somewhat higher than scalp level and look at it. That is exactly the relative size of the object I saw."

"Then it stopped and stood still in the air first at what I think was about 1000 feet. Then it came still further down. Not a sound was heard while it was in flight, or when it stood still. I had an opportunity to study it. It must have been of enormous size, far bigger than the wing span of any airliner."

"As I looked up I saw only its underside, but it started to hover around slowly, also changing its position, so that I could see it edge-on. Once I could look on it, when it took an inclined position and the moon shown on it."

"Its form was a disc, slightly dished in the center, and in the center (topside) a cabin with sloping walls, a cone. No doors or windows were discernible. Its color was grey. When it came down it was giving off a blue green light. As soon as it had stopped, the light vanished. In the dull grey color there were many black spots; it looked exactly as a grey-enameled pan, somewhat glossy when the moon shown on it, but not "polished".

"Two things impressed me much: firstly, when it stood still the rim of the disc was very clear and sharp, but as it started moving this rim became hazy, as if it had some motion, either rotating, pulsating or vibrating. I could not discern whether or not it rotated, it just became blurred. Secondly, after looking intently at it for some minutes I felt a very disagreeable sensation in my eyes; they felt irritated, the same feeling as after looking for a long time at a bad television screen".

"Suddenly I saw a second disc. It had come down from somewhere without my seeing it arrive. It stood much farther away. Its shape was slightly different. It, too, had a slightly dished disc, with a cabin, but this cabin protruded slightly from the underside as well as from the top. This one stood perfectly still, without any movement. The other kept hovering around slowly over the German country, as if it looked for something.

"Suddenly Number 1 leaped away. It shot away, making several very sharp angles. At the same time, the blue-green hue appeared again. After some wild leaps at speed I have never seen before, it shot up as a bolt of lightning and went off with one vertical flash into space. No sound was heard. The other disc remained for some seconds, then capsized on its edge and took one vertical leap, one fiery blue streak into space after the other -- also without sound.

"During the following two days the papers did mention, in the briefest articles, that the objects were also seen in three other nearby cities."

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