

Firstly I must stress that I am one of the worlds biggest sceptics when it comes to UFO's, however I can offer no realistic explanation for what I saw, therefore it was literally an unidentified flying object.

I was working in Air Traffic control at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire on a night shift. I was the approach controller and supervisor of the shift. At that time I must have had almost 20 years experience of working on radar and was very used to analysing the quirks which a radar can produce such as bird activity, anaprop (atmospheric variation) and MTI supression.

I was recovering a couple of C130's to base when I saw a large 'blob' on the radar screen about 3 miles from touchdown on the centreline. I had no idea what it was so I called it to the pilots and fed them around it. The 'blob' was stationary. I handed the aircraft over to the visual controller and then went upstairs to the visual control room, where I could see the 'blob' on the DFTI (Distance from touchdown indicator). I looked through the window but couldn't see anything so I returned to the radar room. Suddenly the 'blob' burst and fragmented shooting off in all directions at massive speed. Some discussion took place between me and the visual controller and we left it at that. Some time later I received a phone call from a very agitated airman who said ' Sir I have not been drinking, I am on guard duty and have just seen something that was very strange and I can't explain but thought that Air Traffic should be informed of. He said he had seen a bright light to the East I remember commenting that it was nearly Christmas but doubted that we would find 3 wise men or a virgin at Lyneham. He said that the bright light had burst and that fragments had shot in all directions at speeds which he could not believe. He said he had never seen anything travel so fast and it was definitely not an aircraft. His account caused the hairs on my neck to stand up. Several minutes later another airman telephoned and gave a similar account. I logged all the details and telephoned the MOD UFO desk, gave them a verbal report backed up with a written report which hopefully they will still have on record.

This happened just before Christmas but I struggle to remember the year. I served at Lyneham in the early to mid 90's and guess it would be December 1994 or 1995. I think the visual controller was a chap called **Section 40** who was a Sergeant at the time but later became commissioned. I've not really discussed the matter very much because I cannot justify or explain it any better than I have to you.

Please call me on my mobile if you would like to discuss it more. **Section 40**

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