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OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION

REPORT

CASE NO 60

**RAF MONTROSE,
MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM
MONTROSE DD10 9BB**

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2013

**OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO ALLEGED HAUNTINGS
MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM, MONTROSE, ANGUS.**



INVESTIGATION TEAM

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TEAM LEADER -
INVESTIGATORS -**

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MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM -

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Investigative Night Visit to **Montrose Air Station Museum, Montrose** Saturday 15 June 2013.

Owners and Occupants: **Montrose Air Station Heritage Trust**

**Address: Montrose Air Station Museum
Waldron Road
Broomfield
Montrose DD10 9BB**

GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:

17:30 hrs - Arrive at Montrose Air Station.

17:50 hrs - Tour of areas.

18:50 hrs - Briefing by Derek Green.

19:00 hrs - Investigation teams make way to first location.

NB: PLEASE REFER TO THE GHOST ROTA BELOW TO SEE THE TEAM YOU ARE IN AND THE PARTICULAR LOCATION YOU ARE IN FOR EACH TIMED VIGIL. THE INFORMATION BELOW IS JUST A SCHEDULE TO SHOW THE TIMINGS.

**Rota of Investigators / Experiments
Investigation at RAF MONTROSE - MONTROSE
Saturday 15 June 2013**

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Please also refer to your **GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:**

**RAF MONTROSE
INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS
ALL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS OWNED BY INVESTIGATORS MUST BE BROUGHT
TO INVESTIGATION.**

**BATTERY EQUIPMENT ONLY, ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE PAT
TESTED.**

**Ghost Club Investigations Officer: Derek Green
Admin Support: Stephanie MacDonald**

**Team Leaders: Derek Green
Stephanie MacDonald**

Investigation Support: Bill Green

Responsibility of Team Leader is to ensure that Group vigils run to time.

INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 9 VIGILS

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TEAM 1

Derek Green (Co-ordinator)
 Bill Green
 Lynn Robertson
 Tracy McIntyre

TEAM 2

Stephanie MacDonald (Team Leader)
 Joan Green
 Lisa Bowell
 Barry McCracken
 Marco Piva

Guest – Forbes Inglis

BASE CAMP: CABARET LOUNGE

<u>Vigil</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time Allocation</u>	<u>Team Number</u>
1	19:00 - 19:25 hrs	Main Museum	25 Minutes	1
		CO's Room	25 Minutes	2
2	19:30 - 19:55 hrs	CO's Room	25 Minutes	1
		Main Museum	25 Minutes	2
3	20:00 - 20:25 hrs	Corridor	25 Minutes	1
		Waldron Bridge	25 Minutes	2
4	20:30 - 20:55 hrs	Waldron Bridge	25 Minutes	2
		Corridor	25 Minutes	1
5	21:00 - 21:25 hrs	To Be Decided	25 Minutes	1
		To Be Decided	25 Minutes	2
	21:30 – 21:55 hrs	BREAK	25 Minutes	ALL
6	22:00 – 22:25 hrs	Main Museum	25 Minutes	ALL
7	22:30 - 22:55 hrs	CO's Room	25 Minutes	ALL
8	23:00 – 23:25 hrs	To be Decided	20 Minutes	ALL
9	23:30 – 00:00 hrs	To be Decided	20 Minutes	ALL

COMMUNICATION CIRCLE



100 years of aviation history - 1913-2013

Britain's first operational military airfield was set up in Montrose by the Royal Flying Corps in 1913. The heritage centre's collection of photographs and artefacts tell the story of RFC/RAF Montrose through the words and deeds of the men and women who served here through two world wars, bringing the airfield alive and sparking the enthusiasm and admiration of generations for whom the First and Second Wars exists only in others' memories.

Alleged activity

- Sightings of mysterious 'bi-plane' flights when no such aircraft was stationed at Montrose
- Ghostly airmen adorned in flying suit & goggles
- Ghost riders in the sky (reported in the Scottish Daily Express May 1963)
- A black Labrador has been seen following members around the museum.



Desmond Arthur, one of the alleged ghosts of RAF Montrose.

Ghost Club Investigation notes

Official Report compiled by Derek Green from notes of the Investigators

The following information has been taken from the notes of the investigators present and where possible notes have been copied verbatim and listed by location.

Prior to the investigation the following notes were recorded by the following:

MARCO PIVA

17:45 hrs. In exhibition Room 3, I can smell burning.

18:50 hrs, Door from outside of corridor where base room is clicked as if it was being opened then sounded as though it was being closed. Nobody else was around. I have tried to replicate the sound. Some minutes later Derek has come in but thinking the door noise was different. The door is ajar now without moving.

LYNN ROBERTSON

On tour in the main Museum room. I am aware of a gentleman calling for Squadron Leader Marshall who has nick name Zig.

In Co's office. I had a really strange experience almost like I would imagine an OBE to feel like. I felt I was drawn to the outside area. There was a young man who badly needed a tourniquet for his right arm. The blood was gushing. From outside I could hear what I thought was a sound of a Go-cart racing track with lots of cars racing outside. Near the bridge I could feel a sensation of panic and went back into the CO's office and a lady was holding an implement that I did not recognise. It had a round barrel with a handle and she was swinging it around and there was a noise coming from it like a warning signal. (like a rickety). She tells me her name is Sheena and she is a volunteer nurse in her spare time. She was 5ft 4 tall, hair parted on left coming down to her ears.

LISA BOWELL

I could sense a woman in a dark armed forces uniform come out of our base room. She had dark shoulder length hair and aged about 24-25 years and her hair was in second world war style. She was concentrating on some pages in her hand. This felt like stone tape, I think this area was for Admin.

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VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – MAIN MUSEUM ROOM

TIME: 19:00 HRS

TEMPERATURE: 62F

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM ONE

OUTSIDE WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY AND CLOUDY.

Derek opened the vigil by asking out. At 19:05hrs, Lynn sensed a stocky man asking for Pinkerton. Pinkerton then appeared and had a long ruler or slide 2 ft long and it was made of wood. It was also black in colour. Lynn then said that Pinkerton had a shiny scrubbed face and black hair with a centre parting and greased down like it was Brylcreemed. He also had Khaki shirt sleeves rolled up. Pinkerton showed Lynn the ruler and smiling back he said "just delivered and the barrel very polished". There was transportation with this and it was preceded by two letters. Lynn said it looked like rifles and also some other kind of weapon. Another gentleman appeared and was also of stocky build with grey hair and very bushy eyebrows. He also had a bulbous and reddish nose. His jacket had a belt round it. The jacket was a bit tight for his portly shape.

“We are in the early 30’s my dear”. The buttons on the jacket were rounded and embossed with something. The man had a pipe and tobacco pouch and had a bad cough. The name Ted Nicolson came forward. Lynn then added that he was trying to conceal the pipe as he should not have been smoking and he was also a bit of a ladies man.

Lynn was now sensing the smell of damp clothing from this man as he stepped back. Lynn then sensed various pieces of equipment in the room which included Barometers, Temp gauges and other pieces of equipment. The glass gauges were made of brass and all shiny. There was also equipment that had old brown shiny leather material as a cover. Lynn was then shown a table with large green baize colour and this involved a large map with a pole at the end. Lynn added that Pinkerton was walking about very pleased and proud of his accomplishments. The time was recorded at 19:25 hrs. Lynn said he then went to a cupboard or unit and brought out something which looked like a tent. Lynn also added that there was a number of old fashioned angle-poise lamps on the table and quite a number of them but all rather old looking. Lynn then sensed a lady in uniform enter the room carrying a tray with mugs and cups for possibly tea. The lady pushed one of the mugs forward and said this was for Shelly. She was married and had a wedding ring on. She seemed slightly harassed. A man now entered and put pins on a chart on the wall, the chart was well used. Lynn could see this image in sepia colour and she added that the chart got moved around a lot. It was not always on the wall and there were clearly folds in it. The pins had different coloured heads and were kept in an old tea caddy. During all of this a gentleman kept looking at Derek and said to Lynn to tell Derek not to forget and to mention Knaresborough.

At 19:25 hrs. Tracy McIntyre could clairaudiently hear sounds of bombs dropping and hurling down with a whistle sound. People running around panicking but also knowing what to do. They were in uniform and there was a woman directing people where to go.

VIGIL ONE

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM –CO’S ROOM

TIME: 19:00 HRS

TEMPERATURE: 15.4C

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM TWO

Marco sensed a lady sitting at the desk and at 19:08 hrs, Marco also sensed a male called Queen who had something wrong. People were talking about him. At 19:22 hrs, someone called out the name of Tom to Marco.

Lisa was sensing a man in dark uniform, he was a man of authority. Lisa was then aware of two men being brought into the room, it seemed that were was a disciplinary. It was an issue of being charged with stealing food and selling it on the black market. A name of Hutchins or Sutyens. Lisa then sensed the name Ross and he was wearing thick glasses. Lisa added the man who was blamed for this was not the culprit. At 19:20 hrs, Stephanie noted the name David Stoke.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM –CO’S ROOM

TIME: 1930 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM ONE

Tracy while sitting at the desk for the vigil, at different times asked Derek to take the temperature around her as she was feeling hot and then cold. Derek recorded the temperatures and did note that at one point that they dropped from 64F to 55F very quickly in the succession of seconds.

At 19:35 hrs, Lynn mentioned the previous info she had received before the start of the Investigation and Forbes Inglis confirmed that the equipment was a gas attack warning device. Lynn then said that she was sensing an important leather bound ledger which had to be locked away. At 19:39 hrs. Lynn stated she was seeing different clergymen visiting the base and she added that there was also a track outside which had small containers on it for transportation. Lynn then said that she was sensing what looked like a mineshaft or something of sorts nearby. Lynn also added that she could sense what looked like large Milk churns being delivered with ladies in uniform around them. At 19:49hrs, the temperature was recorded at 64.0F. Lynn then said that the weather could be very extreme in this part of the country and she added that she did not feel comfortable in the room. Lynn then said that

she could sense there was a lot of fooling around outside the window with fluid and that there was an accident and there was fire and someone was badly burned and disfigured. A man then entered the room using a riding crop and again fooling around but people were angry. Lynn then sensed a man with a limp needing a walking stick. He said he was a pilot despite a leg injury and stated that he could still climb into aircraft if he had to. Lynn added that he was sweating but this was due to the pain that he was having. There was also a scar on his face from his eye to the jawbone and that he swore a lot but was a very well respected trainer of young pilots. Lynn sensed the name McKendrick with this man.

VIGIL TWO

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – MAIN MUSEUM ROOM

TIME: 19:30 HRS

TEMPERATURE: 18.2C

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM TWO

Lisa sensed the name Parker and Marco also sensed the name Greene and Joan said Bannerman. Joan felt very serious. At 19:42 hrs, Lisa said she saw a shadow shape go behind Barry who was standing in front of the doorway of the radio room. Stephanie sensed twins of which one was lost and one left very grief stricken. Marco sensed the name Willy Holmes and Lisa sensed the name Waddell and the name Archie.

Barry noted 19.45 – Standing in main museum by billet room door, looking down the corridor, through a doorway, towards the main entrance where the offices are:

At first, I thought I was looking at a lazy flying bluebottle in the corridor by the offices. I then realised that what I was seeing seemed to be some sort of toggle or strap and an almost shimmering figure seemed to be forming in front of my eyes. The form was totally transparent, but had enough solidity to show it was a figure walking towards me. It suddenly turned to the left in the museum doorway and disappeared in on itself (i.e. the figure just disappeared as it turned to the left.) It took me a moment or two to realise what I had seen. Derek pointed out later that the figure would have had to have turned to the left as the current doorway into the museum had only been recently added. This validated the figure doing what it did.

At 19:59 hrs, Lisa said that she saw a light figure to Joan's left. Barry did say that he was feeling colder and Marco felt that he was not welcome and he felt someone had died of natural causes.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – CORRIDOR AREA

TIME: 20:00 HRS

TEMPERATURE: 63.0F

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM ONE

Lynn said that she felt there would have been very heavy footsteps heard in this area from time to time and she also added that she felt there was confusion regarding the layout but could not understand why. This was confirmed that the layout of the building had changed. Lynn then said that she felt she wanted to cower in the corner and that she wanted to hide due to feeling very anxious. Lynn then said there was a male energy stepping forward who was apologising to Lynn and saying that he did not want to frighten her. She added that she felt she was running out of time but did not know what this meant. Lynn added that she was very confused around the area of the kitchen and toilet. Derek then opened a door which was marked Private and this upset Lynn and she added there was a wet cloth smell in the room. All her feelings were similar to the investigation a few years back in the old Museum of Transport Underground in the Kelvin Hall.

VIGIL THREE

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – THE WALDRON BRIDGE

TIME: 20:00 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM TWO

At 20:12hrs, Marco sensed an airman limping due to a wound and walking towards the bridge from the opposite side of the base. He was approaching from the main road area. Marco said there had been a bad fire in the field on the other side of the base. Airmen were walking over the bridge and one was called Archie. (Could this be the same Archie Lisa was sensing.)

Lisa while on the bridge saw a black silhouette shape standing in front of the jet plane on the grass in front of the bridge. (This area has had reported sightings)

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – THE WALDRON BRIDGE

TIME: 20:35 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM ONE

Lynn said that she sensed a male crossing the bridge with what she could only describe as carrying a back pack.

VIGIL FOUR

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – THE CORRIDOR

TIME: 20:35 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: TEAM TWO

Marco sensed a male by the name of Cohen. He was tall in height and was too old to be called up but he wanted to help. Marco also sensed a dark coloured figure walking into the CO's office. At 20:45hrs, the name McGhee or Magee was brought forward by Marco.

BREAK

VIGIL FIVE

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – OUTSIDE THE CO'S OFFICE

TIME: 22:10 HRS

TEMPERATURE: 28.6C

INVESTIGATORS: ALL

Lynn opened a Communication circle. The following was recorded during the circle:

- Tapping noises coming from corridor.
 - Lynn hears a whirling noise like an engine.
 - Marco sensed the name George after the war.
 - Lisa felt someone standing beside her.
 - Lynn said there was a man outside with a loud speaker and frantic activity inside.
 - Marco sensed an old man called Sir with a stick and medals on his coat.
 - Barry felt very sad.
 - Marco sensed a tall woman in the CO's Office and she was carrying papers, but quite agitated and the year Feb 1942.
 - Tracy senses the date 5th November 1945.
- Lynn then closed circle.

At 22:34 hrs, Marco,Lisa,Barry, Stephanie and Joan all hear whispering

VIGIL SIX

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – THE HANGAR

TIME: 22:40 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: ALL

At 22:40 hrs, Derek asked out and Tracy noted sensing a man shouting "Help me, Help me, please." Then there was

wireless interference sounds. Tracy noted there was the feeling of a Pilot going down and having an accident. Also Tracy noted that there was not just British people in the base but people from countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada and other countries. Tracy also noted feeling her ears and face burning again.

At 22:43 hrs, Marco noted seeing a figure to his right while standing between the Red Baron plane and the grey plane. Marco saw the figure quite clearly. Lisa also noted seeing a figure by the Red Baron plane and she was standing in a different area from Marco. Barry noted seeing feet also by the same plane and he was standing in a different area. This has been witnessed by three different people and was some kind of figure from different angles)

Joan asked out and Lisa sensed a Mechanic and Lisa added that the area was a hive of activity and there was a workman working on mainly a Sopwith. Lisa added that the mechanic had a friend who died in a crash in 1917. Lisa said the mechanic was called Hugh and he had been worried about the plane his friend had flown. Lisa also sensed a black cat by the name of Snowy. Lisa then sensed the name Herbert and he said that he was always in the area and she also gave the name Howarth. Another name was Green and he too was a Mechanic. Lisa added that Howarth was married with a son. Marco added the name McKenzie onto the list noted.

Barry noted: Feet spotted the other side of the large plane in the middle of the museum which vanished almost immediately. I could not see any other part of the body as it was obscured by the main cockpit of the plane. On checking, there was nobody beside the plane on the opposite side. All members of the investigation team were on my side of the plane at the time, therefore it was none of us.

23.00 – Far left hand side of hanger feels extremely cold in relation to the rest of the hanger. Marco and I both heard lots of clicking and moving noises coming from a desk area in the corner of the hanger.

23.13 – We were joined by Forbes Inglis and whilst standing near that corner we heard a loud bang, almost like something being put down hard on a desk, from the area where the school desks were. On immediate investigation, we discovered there was nothing there which could possibly have caused the bang.

At 23:19 hrs, Marco walked towards the exit and was passing the plane near the exit he became aware of someone behind him. As he started to turn round he could see what looked like a man walking closely behind him. As Marco fully turned round nobody was there.

Stephanie noted hearing tapping sounds coming from the glass case and with this she thought of the name Leslie Dunlop.

VIGIL SEVEN

LOCATION: MONTROSE AIR STATION MUSEUM – THE CORRIDOR AT MAIN MUSEUM ROOM

TIME: 23:40 HRS

INVESTIGATORS: ALL

Lisa noted a sharp pain in her head. At 23:45 hrs, Tracy noted a pain in her neck. Derek then asked a series of question trying for a physical reaction. A circle was then conducted with Derek, Lynn, Barry and Marco. There was no info coming forward during the circle and it was closed down.

END OF INVESTIGATION

SUMMING UP

Firstly on behalf of the Ghost Club Council, our investigation team and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Mr Forbes Inglis and the staff of Montrose Air Station Museum, for all their help and kindness in making this investigation possible for members of the Ghost Club.

Having now carried out our third and final investigation of the former RAF Montrose base it would appear that the

buildings and all the grounds may contain some kind of residual energy and there does appear to be a fairly large amount of witness testimonies over a long period of time which initially seems to indicate that the base has been prone to a cluster of alleged ghostly sightings. The sightings seem to be very intermittent but when witnessed there does seem to have been quite an amount of detail and in some cases, was quite dramatic. In a large number of these reported incidents there is a marked similarity between the witness accounts which in conclusion, leaves you with the feeling that although our visit was quiet on the night, you cannot discount the large number of genuine testimonies made by ordinary people.

Once again, many thanks to Mr Forbes Inglis and all the staff at Montrose Air Station Museum for all their help in making this a successful investigation for the Ghost Club as the former base celebrates 100 years of Aviation History this year.

Derek Green
Investigations Officer
Sunday 3 November 2013.



The granite memorial unveiled by HRH the Earl of Wessex at the Heritage Centre

ADDENDUM

An e mail from Mr Geoffrey Payne of the Royal Air Forces Association Cumbernauld Branch 1355 has an interesting piece of information.

Hi Derek,

Thanks for the info ,very interesting.

As a matter of interest, there is a mention of a person named Pinkerton.

A F/Lt Pinkerton was the first pilot to down a Junkers 88 over the Forth in WW2 and was a member of 602 City of Glasgow squadron flying out of RAF Drem in 1940.

Regards,

Geoff

Hi Derek,

Further to my previous E Mail, there was also a mention of Archie.

F/Lt Archie McKeller was also involved in the shooting down of that JU88 in the Forth.

Both he and F/Lt Pinkerton were from Paisley and were both auxilliary airmen which means they were possibly part time pre war and could have done their elementary flying training at Montrose EFTS.

Pinkerton was a speedway rider pre war and had a pig and rhubarb farm.

I do have a newspaper cutting with photograph of him.

Though that this info would be of interest to you.

Regards

Geoff.