

## INVESTIGATION REPORT – Team 2



Investigation Site	Hunsdon Airfield
Investigation Date	5 <sup>th</sup> August 2011
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Team Members	Stephanie, Marion

### Pre-Investigation

Marion was looking forward to investigating this former WWII airfield. Her dad had been in the RAF and she is very proud of him. She tracked down his war medals a couple of years back and they are very dear to her.

### Pre-Vigil Walkaround

**Marion's Notes:** It was a lovely evening, very warm and we are all happy that we're not frozen stiff for a change. The pre-investigation walk round gave a good insight into the way the base was laid out. There were planes taking off from the nearby airport and Marion has noted their flight paths.

As we reached the first pillbox (to the west) Marion picked up the name *Bill*.

As we walked through the wood on our way to the pillbox and parachute store Marion heard a man's voice say "Jenkins, where's my parachute Jenkins".

As we reached the pillbox in the woods Marion got the name *Malcolm/Malc* and feels this man was an Aussie.

Sitting on the bench outside the wood Marion gets the name *Wally*.

### Steph's Notes:

21:01 The team are walking through Black Hut Wood and stop by a ditch. Steph is facing the ditch and stops and looks around. As she looks into the woods on her right she sees what looks like the corner of a building between the trees which appears to be covered in some sort of deep sky blue plastic sheet/cover. Steph looks to the team and back around the wood again and realises what she has just seen has now disappeared.

### Vigil 1: Parachute Store – 21:45 to 22:30

Marion and Steph are sitting with their backs to the wire fence, so they can see the back and side entrance to the store. The farm barns are away on their right. For the positions of the team members see the plan on the next page.

21:48 Marion gets the name *Bill Spratley*.

21:50 Marion gets the name *Henry*.

21:51 Marion gets the words *Everybody-sincere people, Gunner, the no.54* and the surname *Melling, Blew up ...something blew up...injured his hand*.

21:55 Marion hears the song "Wheels on fire rolling down the road...best notify my next of kin this wheel shall explode". Marion gets the feeling that someone crash landed with the undercarriage on fire. She gets the name *Billy Boy...desperate to get out...he made it*.

21:56 Steph feels the area around the parachute store was calm and quiet when it was in use. She feels that not many people were in the building at the same time. She also feels that someone who worked in the store enjoyed their job there (in that particular building).

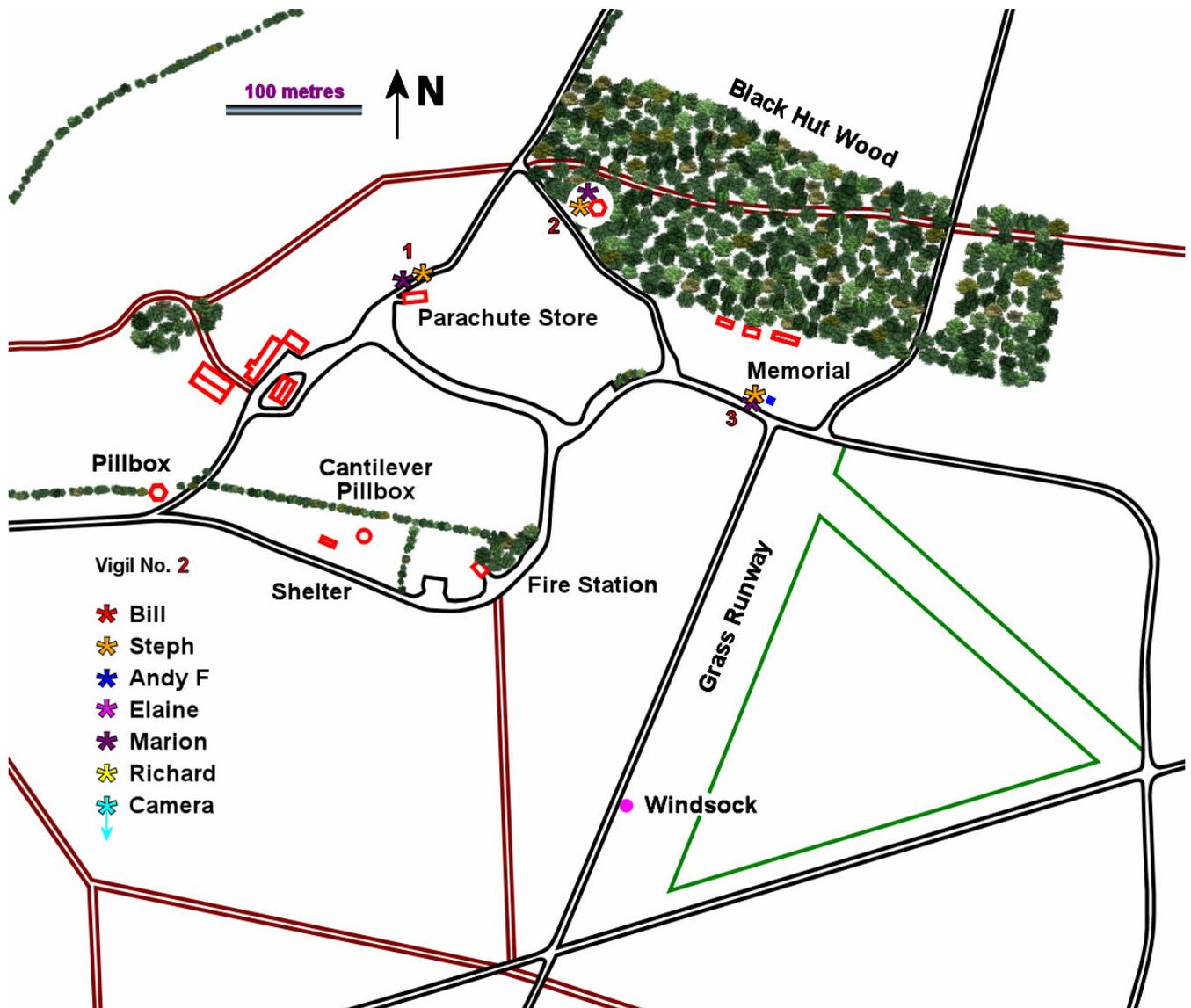
21:57 Marion gets *Desertion, locked up*.

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22:00 Marion gets *Bombers* at 9.

22:00 Marion gets *Are you alright darling?* Out of the corner of her eye she sees a plane landing lights coming in very low from the right, as she turned to look at it, it disappears and she gets the name *Mad Jack*. This plane was not on the local airports flight path, it was lined up with one of the main wartime runways. The landing light didn't appear to be quite the same colour as today's planes. Not such a strong beam.

22:00 Marion hears a man's voice say "Stuff the lot of 'em" She gets the impression of airmen drinking pints in a pub bar and having a jolly good time.

22:03 Steph keeps getting a name and it's either *Brian* or *Ryan*.

22:05 Marion and Steph turn round at the same time as both have heard something in the field behind them. Marion felt someone was trying to creep up on them, picking their way through the crop as she is hearing stones and twigs being crunched underfoot and the sound is getting nearer. There was nothing on her EVP.

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- 22:06 Steph hears a loud noise behind her. She turns to look and notices that Marion is also looking behind her to the same area. Steph then hears a second noise which sounded further back than the first. The noises sounded like a 'slap'. The area behind Steph and Marion is beyond a wire fence and looks like concrete/dirt and Steph thinks the noises sounded like someone stamping their foot on the concrete. She could not see anyone or anything that could have made the noises.
- 22:08 Marion looks up from writing to see the dark shadow of a tall slim man striding out towards us from the right and gets the name *Jim*.
- 22:09 Marion gets *Muskrat*. She knows this is a Canadian plane (seaplane) used for exploration and landing on the lakes but it didn't come into service until 1947. She wonders if there was a Canadian airman here whose nickname was Muskrat or he called his plane Muskrat.
- 22:10 Marion gets *Diligence is needed if we are to succeed*.
- 22:12 Marion gets *Got stuck in his chute, tangled in the strings, didn't stand a chance*.
- 22:14 Marion gets *Harvey Blackstock*.
- 22:15 Marion hears a man saying good humouredly "Couldn't find the damn place, everyone laughed". She feels this is a pilot who got lost on his way to the airfield. She sees a flash of light on the track to her right by the barns.
- 22:18 Marion sees a tall thin white shadow moving from right to left on the track coming from the barns, it passes about 3 metres in front of her.
- 22:21 Marion sees another white shadow moving in the same direction this time it is a metre inside the wheat field.
- 22:22 Marion sees a huge beam of light shine vertically right up into the sky. It is north-northeast from her over the other side of the wheat field. It has to be a searchlight.
- 22:23 As Steph looks to her left, she sees a pale green light about 1.5 metres off the ground, move in an 'S' shape before disappearing.
- 22:25 Marion hears a man's loud urgent shout "Christ he's coming down, look out, run for it".

### **Vigil 2: Pillbox (Black Hut Wood) – 22:45 to 23:15**

Marion is sitting facing the pillbox, there is a bit of light coming through the trees to her right but the pillbox and wood are pitch black. For the positions of the team members see the plan on page 2.

- 22:45 As Steph is setting up her vigil area she sees a light in the field to her right through the trees. Steph thought this may be a car at first coming up the track but the light faded away. She then thinks this may have been Team 3 on their way to their vigil site.
- 22:46 Steph measures the temperature as +17°C.
- 22:49 Marion hears an Aussie voice say "Get the beers in mate".
- 22:55 Marion hears a Cockney voice say "Cor blimey mate you're like a bleedin' elephant comin' in ere".
- 23:02 Marion gets *Shut up Smiffy*.

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23:04 Marion sees a yellow flash of light on the pillbox and hears what sounds like machine gun fire from across the field. She hears a man say “Parcel it up boys and send the buggie back where it came from” then the reply “OK George”. The sky through the trees seems to have gone red as if something is on fire.

Marion notes that someone on a motorbike is tearing up and down the road making a lot of noise and disturbing the peace and quiet of the area.

23:06 Marion hears a man shout “Jesus he’s on fire”.

23:08 Steph has her head down in concentration, as she looks up she sees a dark figure (which has a fuzzy appearance to it) to the left of the pillbox. The figure seemed to sway slightly then vanish.

23:11 Marion hears “He’s bought it” and the awful words “Burned to a crisp”. She finds this upsetting. She shuts her eyes and sees a large no. 4. She hears someone walking to the right side of the pillbox. She may be dreaming but she can see two faces of men in the branches of the trees. One man has a long thin face, short black hair which comes down over his forehead a bit on his left side. He is grinning and has a cigarette hanging out of the right side of his mouth. He has big dark eyes or maybe sunglasses. Marion decides it must be sunglasses that explain the shape. She feels he’s American.

The other man quite frankly looks like Billy Bunter. He has a chubby face and cheeks, glasses and is smiling. They are side by side. She is starting to wonder if she has lost the plot but they look so clear to her.

23:12 Steph sees a small red light on a tree to her right.

### **Vigil 3: Airfield Memorial – 23:27 to 00:00**

Steph and Marion sit on the bench to the left of the airfield memorial. For the positions of the team members see the plan on page 2.

23:28 Marion hears someone walking up the track towards them, as they go past she realises its Bill and Elaine.

Steph measures the temperature as +11°C and places her EMF meter on the floor between herself and Marion.

23:33 Marion feels as if someone is behind her and then hears footsteps coming through the grass towards her back. She hears a man’s quiet whisper “Arfur”, he sounds like a Londoner.

Marion asks out for any spirits to come to us. As she is speaking, Steph hears someone walking on the grass behind them. It stops then she hears it again. Steph looks round but cannot see anything. Steph notes the flag does make noise in the wind but the flag was still at the time.

23:35 Marion hears someone shuffling about to her right.

23:37 Marion has been asking if her guide Michael can bring someone to talk to her. She gets the name *Geordy Wilson...gunner...operations....no 76843297*. She asks him if he survived the war. He says “No got shot down over Berlin”. Marion thanks him.

23:43 Marion gets *Telemark* (Norway) and wonders if anyone from this base was involved with the operations over there. She knows the Americans tried bombing the heavy water plant. She also knows that the men flown in by glider to sabotage the plant didn’t leave from this base. She can’t think of any other reason she should pick this up.

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Steph feels very comfortable in this location and she feels connected to the place or somewhere like this but she's not sure why.

23:45 Marion gets *Fair Dinkum*.

23:45 Marion gets *Joan my sweetheart, tell her I love her*.

23:49 Steph hears movement to her left, over towards where the buildings are. She checks the flagpole again and it is not moving at the time.

23:53 Marion sees a huge orange ball of light at the bottom of the grass runway. It is on the tree line and a few feet off the ground. It's like a fireball, she watches it for a few seconds then it suddenly disappears. She wonders if this was a beacon used to guide the planes in at night.

23:58 Steph does an EMF sweep around the bench/airfield memorial but there are no readings.

23:59 Marion sees a black dog sized shadow run past the right side of the bench.

### Post-Investigation

Marion researched Telemark and came up with the following:

**Operation Grouse:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 1942 – A four man Special Operations Executive (SOE) team trained by Norwegian commandos parachuted into Norway.

**Operation Freshman:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 1942 - This ill-fated operation took off from RAF Skitten near Wick in Scotland. Two Halifax bombers towing two gliders tried to reach the heavy water plant near Vemork in Norway.

**Operation Gunnerside:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 1943 - Six Norwegian commandos were dropped by a Halifax bomber of 138 Squadron based at Tempsford on the Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire border. This became the most secret base for the operations of the SOE.

There were no Halifax bombers at Hunsdon, but Marion wonders if someone trained here and went on to fly ops into Norway.

Marion picked up the numbers 54 and 4. Both are RAF squadrons and were formed as part of the Royal Flying Corps and were still in operation in one form or another until recently. No. 4 Squadron until April 2009 and No. 54 Squadron until March 2005. They are now reserve squadrons. No. 4 Squadron flew Mosquitos, Typhoons, Spitfires, Tomahawks and Mustangs during WWII. No. 54 Squadron flew Spitfires and was re-located to Australia in 1943. Marion wonders if any airmen trained at this base went on to join these squadrons. There must be a reason why she was given these numbers.

### Equipment Lists

Marion      Digital Camera: Samsung L313  
                 Digital Voice Recorder: Olympus VN-2100PC  
                 Notepad & pen, torch and watch

Steph        Digital Camera: Samsung PL81  
                 Gauss Meter  
                 Digital Infrared Thermometer: Tecpel DIT-512  
                 Notepad & pen, torch and watch