

Investigation Report



Investigation Site	Rougham Airfield
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Background

Rougham Airfield itself has over the years become much smaller though it is not hard to spot obvious reuses of buildings nearby that once belonged to the airfield that are now used for industrial and farming uses.

Rougham Airfield was built during 1941 with three intersecting runways one of which was 2000 yards long and aligned from the west to the east. The airfield included living sites dispersed in the local woodland to house 3000 personnel (see photographs). The site was utilised by the American Air forces and in particular the 94th bomber group during world war 2. Mostly flying bombers such as B-17, s B-52,s and B-26's with more than 2,500 personnel were stationed at Rougham during this period. A total of 329 missions flown. A total of 157 aircraft were lost with an average crew of 9 to 10 meaning 1,835 servicemen were either killed, injured or captured. On May 29th, 1943 a B-26 crashed onto the airfield killing the crew and damaging a hanger.

In December 1945 at the conclusion of the conflict the Americans left the base at Rougham for the last time and in 1948 the land was returned to use for agricultural purposes. The main tower briefly became a family home, and the concrete areas of the base were broken up. The T2 hangers are still used for storage.

Weather conditions:

The weather was relatively mild with showers clearing away during the evening, so damp with a light breeze.

Ambient sounds:

Concrete floors throughout except for the wooden floor in the Control Room on the upper floor of the Tower. No notable building noises (unusually quiet, in fact). Investigators' clothing and shoes make rustling noises and equipment beeps and clicks occasionally. These sounds are recognisable. occasional distant traffic on the nearby industrial estate. Some intermittent bird calls. Generally, noticeably quiet.

Pre-investigation

After the team members met up at Rougham Tower Museum between 17.30 and 18.00, they took a wander around the locations to be investigated, i.e. the Clubhouse, Huts 1 and 2, The Tower, and the grounds. In the tower block, Dee walked only around the ground floor where the only strong energy seemed to emanate in the area of the corridor from the entrance/bottom of the stairs to the small storage room next to the toilet. Dee picked up the strong impressions of a "tractor" and a "hand injury".

Outside, Dee was strongly drawn to the group of trees near a white bench behind the Tower, which looked out over the airfield. Dee felt a strong sense of 'nostalgia' or 'remembering' something 'out there'. Extraordinarily strong pull to this place.

The team went and got food from a local fish & chip shop and then sat in the Clubhouse to share a meal before the investigation proper. They felt that the camaraderie was a good way to build positive energy - the location was, after all, a social space in times gone by.

19:40 Vigil 1: Ground Floor Sofa Room in The Tower - Meditation Session

Dee sits on a chair nearest the door, Andy and Maria sit on the sofa with Ben on a chair on the opposite side of the room to the door.

19:41 Dee hears a faint, high sigh/breathy moan near the door with possible light footsteps out in the corridor.

19:54 Dee hears a clear, loud scraping noise on the ceiling (presumably from the floor of the room above) like the sound of furniture being moved. The sound is brief but clear. Andy hears a voice at the same time from outside the room.

19:54 Ben also heard a chair moving across the floor which seemed to be emanating from the room directly above which was later referred to by members as the Signal Room. It was to appear team member DEE had also heard the noise and she too had described it as a chair moving across the floor directly above us. At this point Ben would like to point out that all four members were downstairs and NO one else was in the building but ourselves!!

19:57 hours the meditation session was concluded, and members made their way to the second floor of the tower to investigate the noise further to debunk the noise that they had heard.

Dee stays in the downstairs room and after trying several things upstairs, the exact sound is heard it is the wicker chair behind the desk in the Signal Room display being moved.

After much moving of chairs and tables it was decided that the noise, we had heard was highly likely to have been a chair that was situated in the Signals room and that had been directly above us during the first vigil of the night. The team can find no logical explanation for how the chair would move when every team member was together in the Sofa Room at the time.

20:05 In the Main Tower Room (with display cases), the whole team is chatting near the end of the central display cases, when both Dee and Maria hear what sounds exactly like a brief burst of female voice radio babble coming from the far corner of the room to the right of the doorway. No explanation is found. Dee also picks up strongly on a "tractor" again.

20:08 Andy hears footsteps coming through the tower entrance and making a loud sound on the concrete floor. No one is seen.

20.15 - 20.54 Vigil 2: Main Tower Room - Lone Silent Vigil (Dee)

Dee is seated in the corner of the room where the female voice 'radio babble' was heard a short while earlier.

20:19 No specific presences felt but there is a strong sensation of tingling on the top of Dee's scalp - like static.

20:20 Dee hears a male talking out in the hallway/nearby room (team member?).

20:26 Dee hears a single knock outside the room - maybe downstairs?

20:27 Dee takes a flash photo. No anomalies.

20:28 Dee takes another flash photo. No anomalies.

20:33 Dee gets the strong impression of a tractor and hand injury again...along with the words/names: "Green" or "Brown".

[Time not noted] Dee hears what sounds like an aircraft hum coming from outside somewhere fairly nearby, but notes that it could be a car.

20:43 Dee takes more photos with flash. No anomalies.
20:44 Dee notes that the building is unusually quiet - no creaking of the wooden floors or metal structure, no extraneous noises. Very strange for an old building.
20:47 Dee hears two distinct knocks in another room (Ben?) - also a distant crow outside.
20:48 Dee hears a metallic sounding knock - sounds like it comes from Dee's right (she is in the corner facing the door) either downstairs/below or outside.
20:50 Dee 'hears' the name "David" or "Davis" strongly in her mind.
20:51 Dee hears the other team members talking.
Dee conducted a couple of EVP sessions during this vigil but no EVPs were captured.

Tower Signals Room - Lone Silent Vigil (Ben)

For the second vigil of the night Ben decided that he would spend some time in isolation in the Signals room with his Voice recorder activated.

20:21 hours Ben heard the faint sound of what he perceived to be Bomber aircraft flying overhead the building. upon checking his Voice recorder there does indeed appear to be the faint sound of propeller type aircraft picked up however at 20:26 hours the voice recorder appears to turn itself off and nothing else was picked up.

20:47 hours Ben heard a tap on the glass display cabinet that was situated directly behind where he was sat.

20:49 once again the sounds of what appeared to be bomber aircraft flying directly overhead could be heard.

Main Stairs - Lone Silent Vigil (Andy using a parabolic hearing gun).

20:48 Andy hears a man's voice through the parabolic device saying "help" coming from downstairs where there is no one present.

Unknown Room – Lone Silent Vigil (Marie)

The room was an office and had about Five manikins and various flight head helmets and paperwork. With the door closed and light out and mentally calling to anyone to show or make a noise my lone vigil started. Marie felt a cold breeze down her left side, hearing a white noise sound and screaming.

20.54 End of Lone Vigils

Note: At 20.58, on leaving the Tower building following this vigil, Dee spots a car driving around out in the airfield. She wonders if this could have been the 'aircraft noise' heard earlier during the vigil. Dee is very drawn to the bench and trees.

21.10-21.40 Break: Clubhouse

Dee plays Glen Miller and Vera Lynn music on her phone while the team has refreshments. The Ovilus is switched on during the music. It spouts out a lot of words in frequent succession, though Dee is not convinced the words mean anything at all - she is generally sceptical of the Ovilus' vocabulary but find the timing of the device interesting. Some of the words noted down are:

PAUL - VERONICA - GREEN - REWIND - DOUBLE - CAROL - JIM - BIKE - F - SPOT - VIDEO - CLEANSING - CLIMB - UNCLE - AFFAIR - TREE - SHOOT - PROGRAM - EAST - D - TIN

When the music is switched off at 21.28 the Ovilus goes quiet apart from one word: DONE.

21.45 – 22.05 Vigil 3: Hut 2

This hut is filled with crashed aircraft parts and guns. Ben conducts Ovilus session while Andy uses the SLS Camera. Dee films the screen over his shoulder, because two figures appear against a piece of engine in the far-right corner of the hut. The figures seem oblivious to our presence and appear to be working on the engine. Dee conjectures that the lack of 'presence' on the site leads her to believe that the energy is residual.

21:48 hours with Andy operating the SLS Camera with some extremely interesting results.

Words to come from the Ovilus were in the following order:- Folage, Marker , Loving , Demon , Sent , Kiss , Rabbit , Compound , Solo , Disaster , Wash , Initial , Hide, Down , Although, Run , Observe, Soldiers, Haste, Metal , Verb, Bury , Eat, Chair, Oar, Pat, Beat, Pluto , Glance, Outside, Murphy, Time, Quite , Think, Change, Worm, Highway, Hug, Size, Fifteen, Laugh, Story, Rewind, Wave, Country, Squeeze, Award, Possible.

22:08 – 22:24 Vigil 4: Hut 1

Dee is holding the video camera to film the SLS Camera screen over Andy's shoulder. Another figure is seen standing/sitting at the end of the central table near the upright bomb casing. Once again, the figures do not seem to be aware of the team's presence but seem to be engaged in some kind of task. The item closest to the main figure is a navigational device.

22:08 hours the second round of experiments were started with again Dee leading on the OVILUS 3 and Andy operating the SLS Stick man camera equipment with similar results to the first although on this occasion a stick man could be clearly seen beside the workbench near to the large bomb for a considerable amount of time and was recorded on Bens mobile phone.

Words from the Ovilus were in the following order: -

Pendant, Fiddle , Saw , Entire , Factors , Fact , Lick , Kind , Chills , Pine , Apple , Human , Africa , Light , Green , Carrier , Placebo, Fly , Appear, Wide, Placate, Nick, Under , Coarse, Carol, Business, Reason , Best. At 22:24 hours the experiments concluded in Hut 1 and all members returned to the canteen for discussions and a quick break.

Not an official vigil on 1st floor of The Tower - Dee and Andy with the SLS camera

22.29 Andy and Dee take the SLS Camera to the Signal Room and pick up two stick figures on two of the uniforms (a male and a female). Dee wonders if this could be because the uniforms are human shaped, which the SLS is translating into 'humanoid shape'. No figures detected in any of the other first floor rooms.

23.00 - 23.50 Final Vigil: Individual Investigations

All members decided on areas that they wanted to spend the last hour of the evening investigating on their own to try and cover as much of the base at the same time as possible,

Ben alone in Hut 1

Ben decided that he would like to spend time in Hut 1 which he would later go on to refer to as the tool shed and the area that the stick man had been seen next to the bench and the bomb. For this particular vigil and experiment Ben decided to turn off all the lights and play music from his mobile phone that was from the World War 2 era. ' The Songs and Music of World War 2' available on Youtube whilst using the Ovilus 3 with no questions asked of it from himself.

It yielded the following results: -

Assault, March, Son, Main , Entire , Hug , Haste , Outside , Foe , Sunrise , Ask , Aunt , Uncle, Solo , Green. The Vigil was concluded at 23:43 hours and Ben made his way to Hut 2 to speak to Andy but he was nowhere to be found having been drawn outside during his vigil.

Dee alone in on the ground floor of The Tower

Dee can hear Maria, who is conducting an investigation on the 1st floor above - Maria is vocal and is moving around from room to room.

Dee starts the vigil sitting on the sofa in the room where the meditation took place earlier.

23:05 Dee conducts very brief EVP session - no EVPs captured.

23:07 Dee moves quietly to the foot of the stairs. She can hear Maria above.

23:13 Dee stands in the doorway of the toilet area and takes a couple of flash photos. No anomalies.

23:20 Dee moves to the storage cupboard next to the toilet area and takes flash photos. No anomalies.

23:23 Dee moves to the picture room with the tree carvings.

23:25 Dee moves to the Swastika room.

23:30 Maria interrupts vigil to come downstairs and leaves the building to seek help with camera problem. Returns soon afterwards and Dee helps her reset the memory card.

23:39 Vigil restarted.

Andy alone in Hut 1 in the dark using a SP7 and thermal imaging camera.

Andy is engaging in a spiritual conversation using a SP7 and gets the following.

“Bomber”

Andy tells spirits “Do you know Hitler is coming?” “And gets an immediate response as a voice tells him “pass me a bomb”

Thermal imaging camera stops working as battery is completely drained despite being fully charged before the investigation started. Sitting in the dark the area around Andy goes ice cold as if someone is standing just behind Andy’s right hand shoulder. A spirit calling himself Jack comes through the SP7 and starts to engage in conversation about being with his two friends out on the airfield.

At this point Andy feels as if he no longer has full control of his body and like he is in a trance. Andy then gets up and leaves the hut and walks directly to the edge of the airfield and just stands there staring out. He cannot account for why he did this it was as if he was taken to this spot. In his mind he can see three young men in full combat uniform out in the field. The sun is shining (it is almost midnight in reality) and he can observe them standing around looking lost. Then the vision is gone, and Andy finds himself sat on a nearby chair. Unknown to Andy the other team members have been looking for him and calling his name out, but Andy heard nothing of this just that he needed to be at this location.

Marie alone on the top floor of The Tower

Marie played glen millers music and walk around and sat just watching for any response, but Marie did not receive anything even when she asked anyone to go near the recorder she had placed on the table. If anything, the area felt peaceful.

23:50 End of Investigation.

23.55 – 12.40 Team debrief discussion as follows.

Dee's conclusion:

An excellent investigation where a lot of residual energy was felt (and possibly filmed with the SLS) but no 'intelligent' presences. The scraping of the wicker chair was extremely compelling evidence of something potentially paranormal.

Ben conclusion

All in all, Ben found the Rougham Airfield to be a fantastic location to visit and investigate and he looks forward to further visits in the future.

Marie conclusion

This investigation was an enjoyable and received good responses. It was a pleasure to be there and have an insight of what it was like in the day. We gave thanks to those who responded to us and gave respect. We all decided that we will go back next year.

Andy conclusion.

I have investigated at this location with LPS for several years and each time can be quite different to the last. I cannot account for why I just got up from the hut and walked to the edge of the field. One minute I was talking to someone called Jack on the SB7 then it went ice cold and the next I am at the edge of the field as if I were walking through a dream. I cannot explain it.