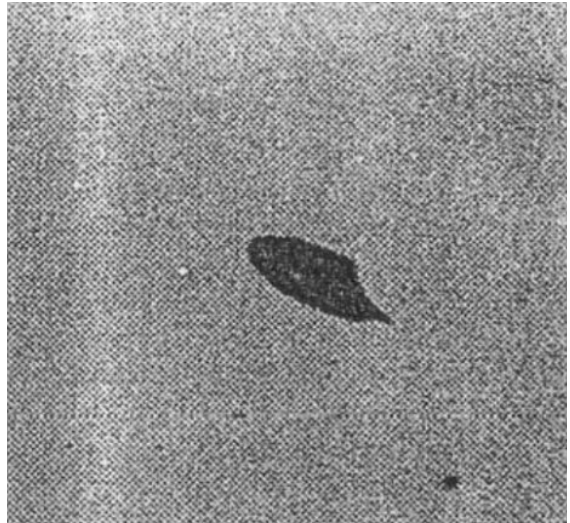


# The Real Roswell

When the phrase "Roswell" is mentioned, people get shivers down their spine. The government had retrieved alien bodies from an extraterrestrial craft that crashed in the desert. This is often how the Roswell case is described but in reality it's much more difficult to explain what really happened. The witnesses give conflicting testimonies, a lack of physical evidence and a public paranoia makes it all harder to give an explanation about what really happened at Roswell.



**A UFO photographed over Phoenix, Arizona on July 7, 1947. Due to its proximity to the Roswell incident, it is often called "The Roswell UFO".**

*Photo courtesy of William Rhodes*

## A STRING OF STRANGE EVENTS

In July of 1947, the world had a UFO fever. Just over a week earlier, the first modern was made by Kenneth Arnold as he was flying in the area around Mt. Adams on June 24. Arnold was looking after recently crashed plane when he suddenly saw nine silver discs that were flashing in the sunlight. He reports his sighting to the press and soon everybody saw UFO's; over 890 UFO report were reported by the end of July. But one of those sightings

would have a big impact on the history of UFO's.

The story of the Roswell incident begins on July 1, when the nearby military installations White Sands, Alamogordo and Roswell, New Mexico track several high-speed objects on radar. When all three objects passes over secure airspace, the bases on put on full alert. During the night of July 4 a series of furious thunderstorms rips through the area around Roswell. Military radar is tracking an object on radar about 30 miles south of the small town of Corona, New Mexico. Suddenly the object enlarges and then disappears from the radar screen and local citizen's report hearing an unusual explosion from the desert.

On the early morning of July 5, a local rancher named William "Mac" Brazel is on a horseback to investigate if any of his property had been damaged by the preceding night's thunderstorms. Along with Mac was the seven year old boy William D. Proctor. After sometime, they are stumbled when they found large amounts of debris scattered over large area. Mac described the debris as small and shiny pieces of metallic, resembling tin-foil. Curious about the debris, he picks some up and brings back home. He shows the debris to his children and then Mac put the metallic foil in a box and drove it to Sherriff George Wilcox office in Roswell.



**The rancher William "Mac" Brazel was the first to discover the metallic debris.**

Wilcox listened to Brazels story, but didn't find it interesting. That was until Mac showed him some of the debris. George didn't know what he would say about the debris' origin to Mac, so he calls the local Roswell Army Air Base and get to speak to Major Jesse Marcel, who was the base's intelligence officer.

Jesse Marcel relayed the information to his commander Col. William Blanchard. Blanchard gives the order to Marcel to follow Brazel back to the ranch to investigate it further. They arrive to the ranch after night and spend the night in a small cottage. Meanwhile back at the base, Commander Blanchard receives an order from the Strategic Air Command to as soon as possible to retrieve the debris given to Sheriff Wilcox and immediately send

to Col. Tomas DuBose at the Forth Worth Army Air Field. The debris are collected and flown to Texas.

In the early morning hours of July 7, Mac Brazel takes Jesse Marcel to the alleged debris field. The wreckage was scattered was a large area of about a square mile. Mac was only short with at the debris field before he left Marcel alone with Capt. Sheridan Cavitt who joined Marcel to do his daily chorus. But Marcel's interference in the Roswell Incident wasn't over yet. Back at the KGFL radio station, reporter Frank Joyce informed his boss Walt Whitmore about the recent strange events that had happened in the area. And Whitmore got interested. Whitmore drove personally out to pick Mac up to bring him to his home in Roswell. While back at home Walt interviewed Mac and all was recorded on a tape recorder. But the transmission wouldn't be made public because of later threats by the military.

While back at the ranch, Marcel and Cavitt were left alone. They began to pick as much debris as possible and drove back to the base. Marcel was so impressed by the debris, so he took a side trip, arriving there at 02:00 am on July 8. Full excitement he woke up his wife and the 11-year Jesse Jr. and showed them the debris. He meets up with Cavitt and they deliver their separate loads of the debris to base at about 06:00 am. They brief Col. Blanchard who then gives the order to seal of the debris area with armed guards, preventing anyone from collecting any debris.

Approximately at the same time, Sherriff Wilcox send out two deputies to further investigate the debris, but the military team is already there



**Major Jesse Marcel with some of the debris. This image was taken before the press conferance about the debris.**

and they are forced to turn away. However the deputies are able to observe a circular were something had impacted. At the scene, the military was still trying to collect as much debris as possible. Sometime during the morning hours, Col. Blanchard holds a meeting for his staff. He orders Lt. Walter Hunt at the Roswell Army Air Field to issuing a press release about that the military had found and recovered a flying saucer. They quickly put together the press release and hand it out to the local radio stations at about 11:00 am. Of course, the release sets of a rush of headlines and articles in the evening newspapers. The original press release goes like this:

*“The many rumors regarding the flying disk became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group of the Eight Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the co-operation of one of the local ranchers and the Sheriff’s Office of Chaves county. The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week. Not having phone facilities, the rancher stored the disc until such time as he was able to contact the Sheriff’s office, who in turn notified Major Jesse A. Marcel, of the 509th Bomb Group Intelligence office. Action was immediately taken and the disc was picked up at the rancher’s home. It was*

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## Claims Army Is Stacking Courts Martial

Indian Senator Lays Protest Before Patterson

Washington, July 8 (AP)—Senator Jesse H. Haverly yesterday said “the rash conduct in the European theater in stacking courts martial defendants in court martial.”

In a letter to Secretary of War Patterson demanding a full investigation of army military trial procedure, Haverly offered what the said was documentary proof that:

“Prisoners are not being permitted to employ either civilian or military counsel of their own choice in the preparation and presentation of their defense.”

# RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region

## House Passes Tax Slash by Large Margin

Defeat Amendment By Demos to Remove Many from Rolls

Washington, July 8 (AP)—The House today passed a bill to slash taxes on many items by a large margin.

## Security Council Paves Way to Talks On Arms Reductions

Lake Success, July 8 (AP)—The United Nations security council today approved an American proposal for arms reduction discussions despite a Russian warning that the plan would bring about a collapse of arms reduction efforts.

The vote was 9 to 0, with Russia abstaining.

## No Details of Flying Disk Are Revealed

Roswell Hardware Man and Wife Report Disk Seen

The intelligence office of the 509th Bomb Group today announced that it had received a report from a Roswell hardware store owner and his wife that they had seen a flying saucer on their property.

## Ex-King Carol Weds Mme. Lupescu



The famous front of the Roswell Daily Rzecond from July 8, 1947 stating that a flying saucer had been recovered.

*inspected at the Roswell Army Air Field and subsequently loaned by Major Marcel to higher headquarters.”*

Later that afternoon, the recovered debris arrives at Fort Worth. A young reporter named James Bond Johnson at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram was told to drive to Fort Worth after his editor had said that a “flying saucer had arrived from Roswell”. Arriving several hours before the scheduled press conference, he shoots four photographs inside Gen. Roger Ramey’s office of Ramey and Dubose with the debris. The news spreads like wildfire and other reporters and photographers soon arrive at the office. One of the photographers snaps a picture, what later would become a famous picture in ufology, showing Marcel holding pieces of the debris, seemingly looking a bit confused. At around 3:00 am the press conference takes place and Gen. Ramey tells the press that a flying saucer has been recovered and has been sent to Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio. Later that day at around 5:00 pm the Pentagon phones Roswell Army Air Base and orders Col. Blanchard to end press releases about the crashed saucer and so he does. Just a few hours after the initial press conference, there’s a second. During this press conference, the military now said that it was just a wheatear balloon that crashed. They also said that they was sorry for blunder and blamed it on themselves.

During this day, Mac Brazel had a trauma of his own. After the interview with Walt, the military came and pick Mac up and drove him to the base. For some strange reason, Mac’s had changed after his visit at the military. He was now saying that he had found the debris June 14 but didn’t pay any attention to it. He also that on July 4, his wife and two children had drove to the debris field and collected some debris. Soon, the military once again drove to KGFL. People that saw Brazel after he exit the radio station said his head was pointing down and didn’t spoke to anyone. Mac begun telling his story to Frank Joyce and he was stunned when he heard that Mac had changed his story. When asking him why he had changed it, Mac become upset and said “It’ll go hard on me”. After the interview, Mac was taken back to base and when he then was released, he didn’t want to talk about the incident. Mac tried to forget what had happened and a year later he moved to the town of Tularosa, New Mexico where he opened a small business. Mac

Brazel would pass away all forgotten in 1963.