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Mystery Is Dissolved

Marines Decide 'Objects' Are New Airliner Lights

Authorities at the Quantico Marine Base last night took a long, searching look at those strange flying objects with flashing lights seen near the base for the past five nights—and decided they were commercial airliners.

Quick as a flash, airlines operating out of Washington confirmed the Marine Corps' guess. An American Airlines spokesman said flashing red lights, visible for 10 to 15 miles, have been installed recently atop the vertical stabilizer, or tail, of its planes. Other airlines also have put in such lights, he said.

A group of Marine officers last night made a field trip to the "Guadacanal" area of the base, west of U. S. 1. They reported: "This flashing red light, when seen for the first time by the unaided eye, creates an unusual impression and an illusion of nearness."

That closed the matter as far as the Marine Corps is concerned, a spokesman said. Until last night, however, the lights were reported to have done about everything. Nineteen Marines reported sighting a mysterious reddish "blinking or revolving" light over the base the nights of December 30 and January 1, 2 and 3. Rumors that platoons of infantry had been sent to the "landing site" of the objects and a report that a helicopter flew to intercept the lights were discounted by the Marine Corps earlier yesterday.

The base provost marshal, Maj. D. D. Pomerleau, who saw the lights twice, guessed that they came from an airliner, but added that he couldn't be sure.

But last night the Marine Corps had this final word: "Officials here are convinced that the unusual phenomenon was a new navigational light of greater intensity used on airliners flying near the reservation."

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