



The Ghost of Coroboree Rock

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: 1959

Location: Coroboree Rock, near Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia

Photographer: Reverend R.S. Blance

Type Camera: Unknown

Other Information: Location is known as an Aborigine ceremonial site.

This is one of the more famous ghost photos taken over the years and one that is considered by many to be authentic purely because of the character of the man who shot the photo. The photo was snapped by a Reverend R.S. Blance at Corroboree Rock near Alice Springs, Australia in 1959, and appears to clearly show the figure of a man in some sort of ceremonial robe.

The Reverend was alone when he took the photo and didn't see the translucent figure until he had the film developed. Who the figure is is unknown, of course, but he appears to be wearing some sort of flowing robe holding his hands in such a way that he is either looking through something (like a cam-

era) or performing some sort of ritual. According to local legend, the site was known for being a spot where the Aborigine tribesmen carried out terrible ceremonies in the past, though I'm not sure why that would be significant as the apparition does not appear to be Aborigine. Could it be the spirit of one of the Aborigine's white victims? No way to know.

One could almost imagine this being a double exposure if it were not for the inconsistency of the figure's transparency, which varies greatly from opaque to transparent. Further, the photo has been frequently and thoroughly examined over the years but remains unexplained to this day.

Certainly one of the more curious spirit photos out there, and still considered by many to be among the best.