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Two RAF fighter jets are on a training flight over North East Scotland when one of them is plucked from the air and promptly disappears. UNIT are called in, and the Doctor and Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart are soon on the scene. They enlist the help of a local military officer — a young lieutenant by the name of Mike Yates.

The Doctor discovers a link to the recumbent stone circles that are plentiful in this part of Scotland. The stones are thousands of years old, and are soon revealed to hold a terrible secret. Then Mike Yates disappears, abducted by an alien race that has a grievance with humanity. Their intention is to harness the power of the stones in order to take their revenge. For the Doctor and the Brigadier, the race is now on to save their new friend Mike and the entire planet Earth.

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Kevin says

This story has some great highlights, but it falls a bit flat overall. The bookends of Mike Yates meeting the Doctor and Brigadier, at the start, then joining UNIT at the end are golden. The Third Doctor has a negative reaction to the Eleventh Doctor, much as Three had to Two. Unfortunately, the baddies aren't quite up to par since they never really felt like a threat and the Doctor always seemed to know where to find them. However, this audio provides a big full military UNIT story, unencumbered by a TV budget, so fans of UNIT should definitely check this one out.

Adam Graham says

The Third Chapter of the Destiny of the Doctor series is set between Season 7 and Season 8 of the Classic Series and tells how Mike Yates ended up joining UNIT as he faced an alien threat. The story is well-read by Richard Franklin, but is a bit dry, being heavy on technobabble, light on emotional engagement. The story isn't bad but there's nothing that makes this tale a stand-out.

Paulo "paper books always" Carvalho says

Hello friends.

It's me again. I am in a Doctor Who Phase so I am hearing some Doctor who adventures in audiobooks.

Well, for those who do not know, Doctor Who doesn't exist for the past 10 years with the beginning of season 1 in 2005. Well that was a continuation (not REBOOT) of a older series that started in 1963 and went for 26 years. There are 26 Seasons plus 11 from the XXI century.

In my home country Doctor Who never passed on TV and I didn't watch the first years of Doctor Who when it started in 2005. I am late watcher. Being a very strange person I like to have it all and watch it all even if it's impossible and Doctor Who is impossible. There are more than 700 episodes and more than 1000 audiobooks and not counting with the novelizations...

But I started from the First Doctor and went to the Second and stopped at the Third. I will try to restart and learn everything I can.

The third Doctor (my least favourite so far from the two previous ones) is a bit strange duck. He was stranded on Earth because of his actions on time-travel and messing things up. So he is trying to fix Tardis and at the same time helping UNIT with the Brigadier.

In this tale, the setting was very Doctor Who "version" Three - That I have to say. After the disappearance of a plane in Scotland The Doctor and the Brigadier travel to Scotland to investigate the matter. They are helped by Mike Yates which tells them what is happening. The Doctor immediately knows that the Recumbent stones they have found have something to do with it.

It's a fun story with the builders of the stone, which turn out to be alien beings, have been on stasis for four thousand years. It seems that the inhabitants of the British islands messed them up so they went to "sleep" to cure their injuries only to be awoken by humans because of roadwork machines.

They wanted to know if mankind is more "gentle" now or if they are a threat. After the initial confrontation the Doctor says that their world has been lost and they are all that remain from their kind. But it seems the Brigadier doesn't trust the Doctor and the army kill one of the aliens so they make a plot to kill mankind.

But as I said, the Doctor is everywhere and the threat is not that real. That ruined the story for me. I felt no danger whatsoever. Enfin. A fun one-hour story but unless you watch the series don't bother.

Jamie Revell says

The third story in the series is read by Richard Franklin, who played UNIT officer Captain Yates in the TV series.

The choice of Franklin, rather than Katy Manning, as the narrator does seem an odd one, although it makes sense in the context of the story which is, in part about how Yates first joined UNIT. That, of course, is a story that has been told before in other media, arguably with more success. This version has him serving at RAF Lossiemouth for no particularly clear reason (given that he's an army officer).

The story is a reasonably straightforward UNIT-era story, with the Doctor and Brigadier sent in to investigate the disappearance of a fighter jet and its pilot over Aberdeenshire. It is reminiscent of both *The Daemons* and *The Silurians* from the TV show, although it struggles to make the antagonists as sympathetic as the latter does. The story pushes the military nature of UNIT, and is weakened by the absence of any significant female characters, or any civilian protagonists other than the Doctor - Liz Shaw would logically have been working with the Doctor at the time, but isn't even mentioned.

There are some nice touches, such as the use of the flying UNIT base from *The Invasion*, but overall it's an unremarkable story with a few plot holes and little of real interest.

April says

This was a decent 3rd Doctor story featuring UNIT with the Brigadier, Benton and our apparent first meeting of Yates.

Two planes are affected by some strange glowing energy one night and it seems the stones of some local Scottish stone circles maybe be related. It's the usual running around and aliens and the Doctor begging patience from the Brigadier and being denied but it was a well-paced little romp and only an hour long short story; well read and decently sound-effects filled.

Enjoyable for fans of the 3rd Doctor as it captured his bluster and attitude nicely.

Jamie says

Richard Franklin was great as Mike Yates but he didn't work doing the voice of the Doctor or the brigadier.

Maj says

A very solid, kind of an origin story for Captain Mike Yates. Enjoyable enough, but doesn't stand out as a story in of itself - in either a good or a bad way. Consider this a strong 3.

Taksya says

Non amo particolarmente il Terzo Dottore, troppo 007 style per essere il mio tipo. La storia potrebbe essere tranquillamente un classico degli anni '70, sia come ambientazione che come intreccio e si rivela perfetta per lui e, gradimento personale o meno, è un buon episodio... con il bonus di assistere al primo incontro tra il futuro Capitano Yates e i suoi compagni di avventure. Il nostro Undici (dal futuro) torna a farsi sentire, ma ancora non si capisce per quale scopo.

Megan says

Skip this one. Not worth the time. It's VERY Mike Yates heavy. The man who played Mike Yates narrates this and does not do a good job. He really hams it up when he voices Yates. I had to turn the volume down several times due to his groaning and yelling. The plot wasn't great and didn't grab me at all.

Jenny says

Nice backstory how Captain Mike Yates ended up joining U.N.I.T.

Adam Duclos says

This was a quick, fun listen! There were a few moments that could have been odd, but they fit right in with the Third Doctor's era! Also, the 'rock science' was pretty fun.

Some oddities:

1: The reader was great overall, but he didn't have a really good Third Doctor or Brigadier voice. You could usually tell the Brigadier, but oddly, the guy they got for the voice of the main alien would have been a spot on Third Doctor!

2: It was weird seeing things from the point of view of Yates, since on the TV show we eventually discover he's part of a secret society bent on world destruction. You'd think his inner thoughts would be along the lines of "Would my secret society approve of signing on to Unit?" or "Whoa, my secret society would love this!"

3: I wonder if this is part of a series? A later incarnation of the Doctor called the Third Doctor on the phone and told him he had to take care of this situation in a certain way, but the reason why didn't come up in this episode.

It is part of a series! And the later doctor calling the current doctor is the recurring theme...

Emma Larsson says

Very suspenseful! Very interesting story and easy to follow. Excellent voice acting! I liked it! :)

Dale says

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Read by Richard Franklin and Trevor Littledale

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As a part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of Doctor Who, the BBC released a series of audiobooks called *Destiny of the Doctor*. Each of the Doctors has a 1 hour audiobook story.

In *Vengeance of the Stones* the Doctor and UNIT are called in to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a RAF fighter jet from the skies above Scotland. While the Doctor is poking around he encounters Lt. Mike Yates for the first time (who becomes Captain Mike Yates and a companion in the television series).

The Doctor soon discovers that the disappearance of the jet is the work of an alien species that has a ancient grudge against humanity and that they are the reason for the prevalence of so many recumbent stone circles in this area.

Also, he discovers that...

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Steven says

The third in the Destiny Of The Doctors 50th Anniversary series. Read by Richard Franklin (Captain Mike Yates from the Third Doctor's run of stories) in such a leisurely way that it's rather boring. Yates does deliver a decent Brigadier, but his Doctor is thoroughly laid back, and not written that well to boot (the mannerisms simply aren't there.)

David Monroe says

Another 50th Anniversary thingy. This is the third of 11 BigFinish Audio books made exclusively for AudioGo. I dl'd it from my local library's digital site.

This is a Third, Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart and Mike Yates UNIT adventure.

The Second Doctor was tried for violations of Time Lord non-interference policy. He received two punishments: An involuntary regeneration and exile to late 20th Century (1971-73) Earth. When they did this they also removed certain secrets of time travel from the Doctor's mind including the materialization codes needed to operate the TARDIS. During this time, the Doctor agreed to stay on as UNIT's unpaid scientific adviser in exchange for a place to park the TARDIS and its technical resources he needed to repair his ship. This adventure is extremely faithful to this era and the early Third Doctor. My problem with it is simply that the Exile years were among my least favorite. I just don't like UNIT adventures or the Exile years episodes. If you do, then I'm guessing you may like this one more than I did.
