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18.

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Regional Director

I propose to forward a copy of Encl 17A & the photographs as Encl 9A to Head office with the suggestion that the matter be considered Closed.

19/11

Agree Dir 23/11

20.

To H.O. with copy of letter and photos from OIC, Broken Hill.

25/11/54

ENCL. 20A.

21.

HO Letter of 23/11 asking for photos (action already taken at 20A)

25/11

Encl 21A

MINUTE SHEET

12

Memo from a/c Wagga re report from Adelaide of sighting object Ed 22/1.

30.

NOTE OF ACTION

I have discussed this matter with Mrs. Wilson and informed her that although the discs may have descended from an aircraft they were not associated with its equipment at that time.

2. The matter is now closed.

(A.W.Doubleday)
R.D.

4/2/59

ENCL. 31A

RMG.MED
11.3.60

57/619

11 MAR 1960

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th February, 1960 and regret that we are unable to offer any explanation of the phenomenon observed by you.

There is no record of any helicopter movements in the area on that day and none of the known aircraft movements fit the observed time and position.

Yours faithfully,

(R. M. Green)
for REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

K. Beames Esq.
K. Beames Engineering Co.
Linden Observatory
LINDEN N.S.W.

Phone Springwood 237

K. BEAMES ENGINEERING CO.

(K. BEAMES, Proprietor)

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RCD. 29 FEB 1960
FILE 57/619

24.2.60
Wednesday

The Director

Civil Aviation

Dear Sir

We are interested in an aerial phenomena seen here today.

Time 6.20 to 6.40 PM
Direction about 20 degrees south of west
Elevation 15 degrees
Estimated distance 12 miles.

The sun was setting behind a heavy cloud when an object many times as bright as planet Venus appeared showing a scintillating violet light. The light at this time if reflected sunlight should have been towards the other end of the spectrum. Scintillating at several times per secong.

To clear up this would you let us know if any helicopter was in the general direction of Katoomba travelling south of west and then due west, at speed about 60 MPH.

Twice last year we picked up discs between us and the moon distance and speed unknown.

For your information we have here a first class 24" reflecting telescope and a great deal of appliances. But unfortunately we were some distance from our instruments at the time.

B/FRD

Trusting you can give us this information without a great deal of trouble

Thanking you

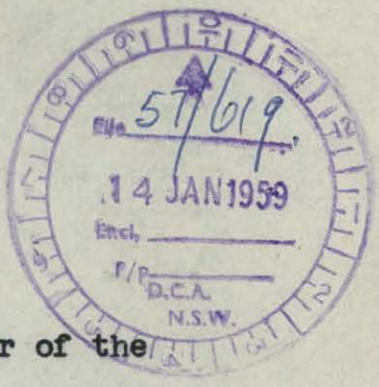
K. Beaumont

Aerial Photographs 21.1

Encl 29A.

16 Henley Street,
DRUMMOYNE.

13th January, 1959.



Department of Civil Aviation,
Balls Head Road,
WAVERTON.

Dear Sirs,

Approximately 10 days ago a number of the enclosed discs came through the air and landed on our house.

Could you please advise me if these were released from an aircraft and exactly what they are.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss M. Wilson)

RD
SFO

20.137. Aerial Phenomena 21-1, 21-2

Encl 28A

MI 1778

TELEGRAPH: NEMESIS. SYDNEY.
TELEPHONE: B 4030.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.
BOX 45, G.P.O.
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES
19th December, 1958.

WHEN REPLYING, PLEASE QUOTE NO. L. 68473/42.

The Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
Balls Head Road,
WAVERTON.

File 57/619
24 DEC 1958
Encl.
P/P D.C.A. N.S.W.

SUBJECT: Strange object seen in sky by Kenneth H. Hudson of Glenrock, via Kempsey, on the 5th December, 1958.

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The accompanying copies of a report by Constable 1st Class Algie of Frederickton, statement by Mr. Kenneth H. Hudson and sketch, are forwarded for your information and any further action considered necessary. Particulars of the incident referred to herein have not been brought to the notice of the R.A.A.F. Authorities by this Department.

Secretary.

B/F R/D

KD

COPY.

28B

Police Station, Frederickton. 2C.
8th December, 1958.

The Inspector of Police,
WEST KEMPSEY. 2 C

SUBJECT: Strange object seen by Kenneth H. Hudson of Glenrock via Kempsey on 5/12/58, thought to land near Kempsey.

REFERENCE: Attached statement and rough plan.

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When questioned about what he saw, he informed me that it would have come from a North-west direction and was coming down at about 45 degree angle towards the MacLeay River, and is believed by him to have landed in the river on the East side. When asked if he saw any splash of water he replied that he did not, but saw a great number of birds of different types fly from the river as though they had been startled by something, and that they flew from where he thought the object would land.

Mr. Hudson said that there was an embankment blocking their view of the river between their home and the river, but he felt sure that it would land in the river on the angle it was travelling.

To further questions, he stated that they were painting their car at the rear of the house when they heard the noise and his wife said to him, "Look at that thing going". He then looked up and saw a strange object about 3 feet long and 2 feet 6 inches wide travelling at high speed, it was making a noise like a Jet aeroplane and had disc objects on the end of the cross member which appeared at a glance like an axle. The discs were a dark colour and the inner part of the object was a lighter colour, he said that this colour could have been caused by the angle of the sun on it, but he felt sure that it was a metal and man-made object.

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Perhaps under the circumstances this report and the attached Statement and rough plan could be forwarded to the Department of Aviation for their information and any action thought necessary by them.

(Sgd) A. Algie

A. Algie.
Constable 1st Class No. 6421.

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Police Station, Frederickton. 2 C
7th December, 1958.

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The reason why I reported the matter is that it may be of some importance to the authorities, and the fact that an object like that coming down in a populated area as it would only be about one mile from the township of Kempsey where it appears to come down. I could not say any more about the shape and colour as I did not have time to work it out.

WITNESSED (sgd) A. Algie
A. Algie. Const. 1/C. No. 6421
11.30 am. 7/12/58.

SIGNED...K.H.HUDSON.....

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MACLEAY RIVER

100 YARDS.

KENNETH HUDSON STANDING HERE → X

RESIDENCE.

OBJECT THOUGHT TO

LAND IN THIS AREA

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT as SEEN

EMBANKMENT OBSECURED VIEW

FIRST SEEN

LAST SEEN.

KEMPSEY 5 MILE

PACIFIC HIGHWAY.

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FIRST SEEN

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PACIFIC HIGHWAY

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AHA.JM
23/1/1958

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23 JAN 1958

Dear Sir,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 17th January, 1958, in which you refer to an object which you saw pass over your property on that morning.

At first, it was thought that your explanation of a small cloud might have been the correct one but, on referring the matter to the Weather people at Mascot, it was ascertained that the upper winds on that day, up to 10,000 feet, in your area, were forecast as being easterly. In this case the object seen by you would not have moving into the east unless it was higher than, say, 10,000 feet, where the winds were anticipated as having been from approximately W.S.W.

The Weather officers could not agree, from your description, that the object would have been a small, vertical cloud.

On looking at the map, it was noted that there are mines and a quarry shown about 10 miles to the west of Kadungle. It was therefore thought that, if these are still in operation, the object could have been the smoke and dust from a shot drifting across your property. However if the winds were from an easterly direction as anticipated, this possibility is also cancelled.

This Department would have no knowledge of any R.A.A.F. aircraft which might have been flying in the vicinity, and, in fact, would have no information on civil aircraft because the area in that part of the State is uncontrolled so far as aircraft movements are concerned.

It is therefore regretted that we cannot satisfy your curiosity in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(A.H. Affleck)
for REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

Mr. A. Crowley,
"Kilmarnock",
KADUNGLE...N.S.W.

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"Kilmarnock,"
Kadungle.
17th Jan. 1958.



The Officer in Charge,
Dept. of Civil Aviation,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

My curiosity has been aroused by an object which flew, or at least passed, over my property this morning at somewhere about 11 a.m. travelling in an easterly direction, and it occurred to me that your Department may possibly be interested, or alternatively that you may be good enough to satisfy my curiosity by explaining what the object was.

The details are somewhat as follows. My wife, while working indoors, heard what she thought to be a jet plane flying at a great height, only perhaps a little lower than one would expect. On going outside to investigate she was startled to see what she described as a long thin silvery object, standing almost vertically, and moving slowly eastward. The height, from her description, would in my opinion be round about 3000 ft. or less.

Ιδιωτικό Γυμνάσιο
Θ. Σ.

Being alone at the time, and wishing to draw attention to the object my wife phoned the Swindle telephone exchange and gave the direction in which it was moving, then walked about 1/3 of a mile to where I was working. By this time, when I first saw the object, it had travelled a considerable distance and although I could still see it quite easily it was somewhat indistinct. My impression from the distance (as a guess I would say about three miles) would support my wife's description, though if it had not been moving I could have mistaken it for a small white strip of cloud standing vertically.

From the above it is obvious that the rate of travel was too slow for most aircraft, and the likelihood of a rocket coming along as this object appeared to do, particularly in this locality, seems most unlikely to me.

Unfortunately my wife could not recall whether there was a jet of gas from the object, though she was sure of the noise coming from it, and was also sure there was no sign of a vapor trail, and I could vouch for this, as the visibility was quite good at the time.

As an object such as this usually leads to a lot of conjecture and argument I would be very obliged if you could enlighten me on the

matter, if within the scope of your Department.

Some of the possibilities that occurred to me were that a high flying aircraft may have been towing a target, or that an experimental rocket could have gone astray, but the slow speed would, I think, eliminate the former, apart from the fact that we should have heard or seen the aircraft, while a rocket would require a good fuel supply, as well as a remarkable control system to maintain such a flight.

However, I trust that my inquiry will not be a nuisance, and await your reply with interest.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

A. Crowley.

JW/NM. 25/6/57

Enc 25'A

57/619.

26 JUN 1957

Dear Madam,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 17/6/1957, regarding the unusual light you observed in the sky on 12th June at 9.30 p.m.

We regret that we are unable to offer an explanation for the phenomenon you sighted or to assist you in any way. It has been established that there were no civil aircraft movements in the area at the time in question.

Yours faithfully,

(A. H. AFFLECK)
for Regional Director.

Mrs. R.R. Pratten,
"Wongalara",
COBAR. N.S.W.

24th,



MRS. R.R. PRATTEN,
"WONGALARA,"
COBAR. N.S.W.
June 17th, 1957.

Dept. of Civil Aviation
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

I would be pleased if you could assist me in identifying a glow which I observed on the night of Wednesday June 12th at approximately 9.30 p.m.

At the time I was on a Western Verandah, with my back to the West & a bluish glow appeared, as if a flash of lightning had struck. The light was not in fact a flash but seemed to slowly spread & then was gone. There was no sound, the night was still, light high cloud, on further inspection no unusual features were noticed. Since the occurence further evidence has come forward from a grazier 36 miles South of here & he saw what seemed to be a white flash at

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about the same time, he says between 9.30 & 10 p.m. Also 2 men working a tank sinking plant on that property say they heard two bangs in the night at that time & this was also heard by a Rabbiter in that vicinity. Our homestead is situated 5-7 miles from Wilcannia and 2 miles Eth. of the Barrier Highway.

I understand that a jet aircraft could be the explanation but as the light was apparently fairly low surely same sound would be heard?

Trusting you may assist in this matter,

Yours faithfully

J Pratten.

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File
8 APR 1957
Encl.
P/P D.C.A. N.S.W.

25 Edmondson Avenue
Griffith
N.S.W.
3, 4, 57

The Department
Of Civil Aviation

Dear Sirs

On the 1st/3/57 about 3 P.m. Friday, I saw something passing over Griffith from 8th West to North, which greatly intrigued & puzzled me.
I wrote the Meteorological Bureau.
Their letter which I will enclose has not convinced me.
It was a <u>particularly</u> hot day when most folk would be indoors away from the scorching heat. & but for that fact & that I was outside shifting the hose, it would have passed <u>my</u> notice, as just another plane flying over, I was trying to save my garden.
It was the terrific roar which first attracted my attention, like about 4 jets.
I searched the sky for about 3 to 5 minutes & was just giving up when <u>very</u> high in the ~~sky~~ it came out well away above the clouds.

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It appeared as a twelve foot column: (snow white), no dark object whatsoever was visible. & it left no trace of smoke or vapour: (nothing) Just the tall white column in the clear blue (sky) very high in the sky above the clouds.
The nearest I can describe the terrific roar was like a huge flame coming out a chimney or a large oil pipe on fire, about as much noise as 4 Jets would make.
I felt the need of witnesses & ran across the St, but the 2 neighbours were both out, I then ran back & called my next door neighbour Mrs Molloy, whom I knew to be resting as she was ill. but I just had to have someone see such a phenomenon.
W e both stood & watched it disappear rather slowly, taking about ½ of hr from the time I first heard it, to pass out of sight, in the distance.
It was apparantly propelled from underneath up through some kind of flat object.
I feel sure it was a flying Saucer.
Has anyone else reported it?

Yours Faithfully
Mrs E L Anderson.

P.S:
I would have written you before but was just preparing for a trip & left on the 3rd March. only returning on the 30 March. (& received enclosed letter) I feel sure I've been priveledged to see a Flying Saucer.
I neither drink, smoke, or are given to Hallucinations, but am very interested & desirious to know if it has already been reported & by whom & where.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

TELEPHONE: 3397

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AND QUOTE

No. 711

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION.

GOVERNMENT AERODROME.

P.O. Box S144
South Wagga..N.S.W.
20th December 1954.

RECEIVED 22 DEC 1954 DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION N.S.W. REGION

DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION
N.S.W. REGION
File No.
Enclosure No.
Previous Papers With

Memorandum for:

Regional Director,
N.S.W. Region.
SYDNEY..N.S.W.

Subject:- **Aeradio Diary - Extract.**

Below is an extract from Wagga Aeradio Station Diary for 17/10/54.

Quote. "Mr.W.J.Allis, Phone WG 3460 rang and queried whether any balloons in sky. Was advised that no balloons by Met. nor any aircraft in vicinity. Reason for query was that a strange light sighted in sky. From location residence Fitzmaurice St. looking towards railway station. Object observed for approx. 20 minutes then rose into sky and dissappeared. Whr at time. Wind 090° 3 Kts Vis 30 fine 3/8 3000 QNH 1009 Mbs. Above observation passed SYC who desired a report.~~on T/T~~ Proposed OIC check with local sources. eg. RAAF, cfm & forward initial report on T/T to SY. Mr.Allis would like hear any results of his report if possible. Report in good faith and witnessed."

This report was brought to my attention the following day but I regret that I overlooked forwarding the report.

Mr.Allis has reminded me of the report by asking for any results. I have explained the situation to him and now forward the report.

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D.Hand
Officer in Charge.

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In reply Quote.....

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Telephone:
MB 033

Telegraphic Address:
"Aviat, Melbourne"

Postal Address:
Box 1839Q, P.O.,
Elizabeth Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

RECEIVED
24 NOV 1954
CIVIL AVIATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
"Henty House,"
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

23rd November, 1954.

DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION
N.S.W. REGION
File No. 026-9-42
Enclosure No.
Previous Papers With SMO 24/11/54

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Regional Director,
New South Wales Region,
SYDNEY

SUBJECT: PHOTOGRAPHS OF AERIAL PHENOMENON

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Enc.

Attached is a copy of a letter from Secretary, Department of Air. It would be appreciated if you could advise whether the prints and/or negatives of these photographs of the alleged "flying saucer" are available.

If the photographs are genuine, they will be of considerable interest and a request has been received from American "Service" sources for copies.

Douglas N. Gillison.

(D. N. GILLISON)
Public Relations Officer.
For Director-General of Civil Aviation.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Department of Air,
MELBOURNE.

33047

114/1/197 (95A)

17th November, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of the 8th November, 1954, to which you attached a copy of a teletype message received from the New South Wales Region of this Department relating to a reported sighting of an aerial phenomenon in the Wilcannia district.

It would be appreciated if copies of the negatives and three prints mentioned in the teleprinter message could be obtained for this Department.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. W. Hicks
Secretary.

Mr. D. N. Gillison,
Public Relations Officer,
Department of Civil Aviation,
"Henty House",
499 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne. C.1.

FWS/JR
25/11/54

ENCL. 20A.

026/9/42

26 NOV 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director General of Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

Lighting of Aerial phenomenon

Further to my signal NWC 720 and referring to a memorandum signed by the Public Relations Officer, please find herewith a copy of a memorandum received from the Officer in Charge, Broken Hill. Two photographs are also attached.

2. It would now seem that the matter may be considered closed.

(F.W. Stevens)
for Regional Director.

Encls.

Sch. C 6589
8/1951

This Telegram has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations. The time received at this office is shown at the end of the message.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

TELEGRAM

The date stamp indicates the date of reception and lodgment also, unless an earlier date is shown after the time of lodgment.

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No. 11/1

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

GOVERNMENT AERODROME

Box 147, Broken Hill. NSW.

10/11/54



Regional Director,
Department Civil Aviation,
NSW. REGION.

FLYING OBJECT OVER MENA MURTEE STATION.

Reference your telegram NPS984 dated 8/11/54, and previous correspondence subject as above.

I have telephoned Mena Murtee Station, but was unable to speak to Mr. Keith Weston and Mrs. Weston, mother of Keith Weston spoke.

Mrs. Weston stated, "ask your Department to drop the matter, as it is a faked snapshot which was taken to have a joke with someone in Wilcannia and the matter has gone too far. Asked about the negatives Mrs. Weston again asked that the matter be dropped.

I telephoned Mr. Porter, Wilcannia, and Mr. Porter stated that he had heard that Keith Weston had admitted that the object was only a wheel cap suspended by cotton.

In view of the above I have taken no further action in the matter.

A. R. Hanrahan. O. I. C.

P.S. Also Refer NWT 734 11/11/54.

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Reference NWT 734 Item 11 ⊙

Only Aircraft RAAF Lucknow

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NWT 734 NOV11 REFERENCE YOUR 11/1 DATED 5/11/54 . HAVE YOU ANY KNOWLEDGE ANY AIRCRAFT BEING IN VICINITY MENA MURTEE ON DATE AND TIME IN QUESTION

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Col 'A'

In Reply Quote .....

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Telephone:
MB 033
Telegraphic Address:
"AVIAT, MELBOURNE."
Postal Address:
BOX 1839 Q. P.O.,
ELIZABETH STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION,
"HENTY HOUSE,"
499 LITTLE COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE, C.1

DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION
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File No. 096-9-42
Enclosure No.
Previous Papers With S.P.L. 9/11

MEMORANDUM for:

Regional Director,
New South Wales Region,
SYDNEY.

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF AERIAL PHENOMENON.

Attached is a copy of a teletype message received on November 4. A copy has also been sent to R.A.A.F. headquarters.

2. It would be appreciated if you would advise R.A.A.F. headquarters whether or not there were any aircraft movements in the vicinity of Wilcannia about the time of this reported sighting.

Douglas N Gillison

(D. N. Gillison)
Public Relations Officer,
for Director-General of Civil Aviation.

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Department of Civil Aviation.

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(Not for transmission) SIGNATURE.....DATE...8th Nov, 1954.
for Regional Director.

To be entered by Teletype Operator.

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5/11/54

Regional Director
Department Civil Aviation,
NSW. REGION.

TELEPHONED REPORT OF FLYING OBJECT OVER MENA MURTEE STATION- PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Reference your telegram NWT 721 dated 4/11/54, subject as above and requesting copies of photographs taken at Mena Murtee Stn.

Herewith by registered post find the three prints referred to .

Reference the above mentioned report. I have this day spoken to the management of the Barrier Miner newspaper and I have been advised by him that his newspaper contacted Mrs. Weston at Mena Murtee Stn and that Mrs. Weston stated that there was nothing in the report. She is alleged to have stated "the boy is older enough to have more sense and we are not going to be worried with it".

The newspaper intends to print this information this afternoon in the Barrier Miner .

I will post a cutting of the newspaper to your office as soon as it is to hand.

Also enclosed with this letter is the letter which I received with the photographs.

A. R. Hanrahan. O. I. C.

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J. G. Porter

Phone: Wilcannia 33

Reid Street,
Wilcannia

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O. I. C.
Civil Assistant

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find prints of "object".
The owner of these prints, Mr H. Weston, does not want them ~~for~~ publicly displayed if they are ~~the~~ proved genuine.
He has an idea some body is offering £1000 for a genuine snap.
If genuine he is willing to surrender negatives.

J. Porter.

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE

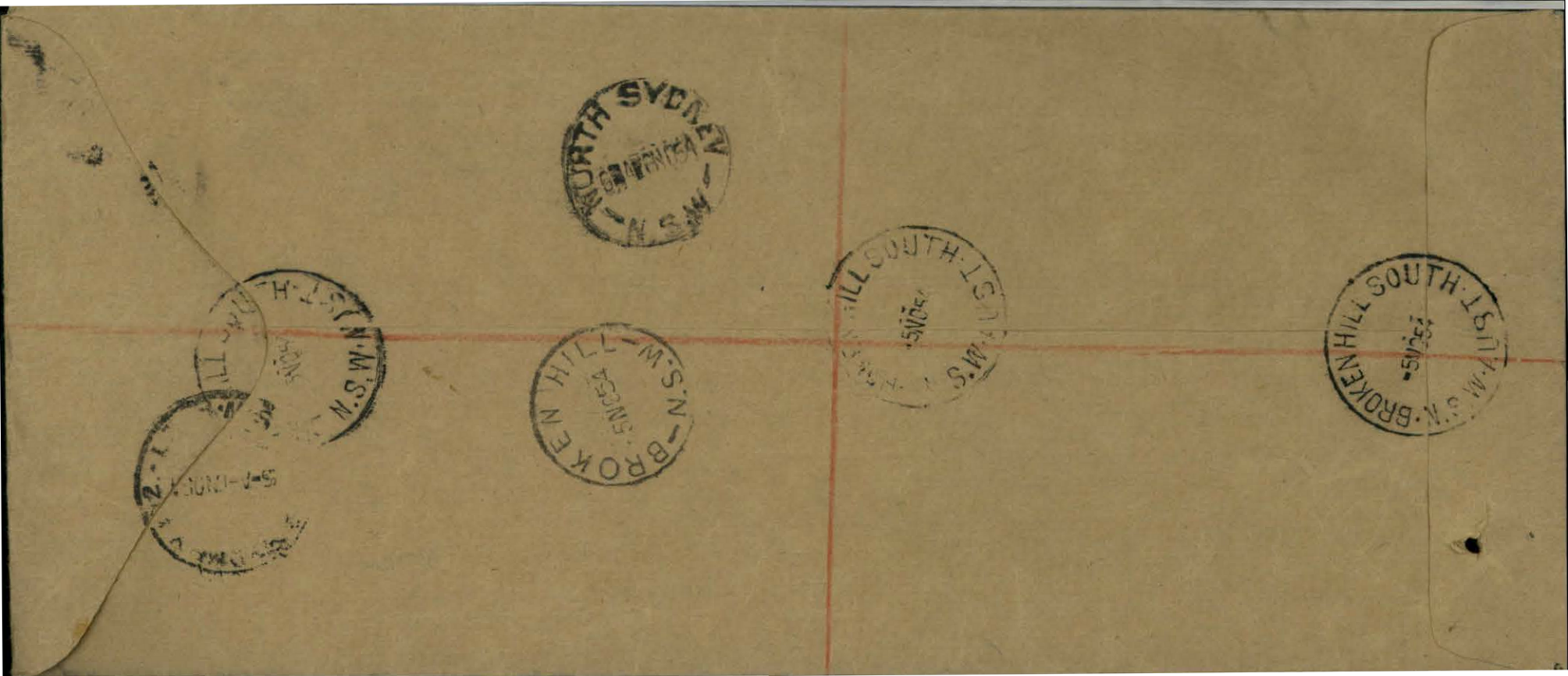
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Kempsey

9-9-54

Regional Director
NSW Region
Dept Civil Aviation

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The enclosed letters were
received by me.
They may be of some value
to the proper Authority.
I know Mrs E. Farrell and
feel sure that the reports
are not "Fairy Tales"

W. J. O'Neill
Senior Groundsman
Kempsey Airport

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Moparrabah.

30·8·54.

Dear Sir,

This afternoon about 10·4 P.M. I saw ~~a saw~~ a silver object it came from north and was traveling about tree top level. To my eye it was very uneven and measured about 6'x4'. Then the object got lower and vanished. About ten minutes later another object appeared exactly the same as the other. This object traveled the same direction after watching it for ten minutes vanished too.

Yours faithfully
Lynette Farrell
Age 12½ years.

gC

Shoaparahah
20th. Aug 1956.

Dear Sir,

This afternoon at 10.4 p.m. Shoy Hunt called come quickly girls, running out the backyard I glanced at the sky. I saw a shining object with an uneven outline.

To my eyes it looked about 6 feet by 4 feet. It was gliding at tree top level. Watching it for about ten minutes, It lowered vanished.

Then another came from the same direction. It was the same shape the first one.

They had come from the north and was traveling south then vanished.

Yours faithfully.
Shoargaret b Batty.
age 15 years.

Moparrabah
30th Aug. 1954

Dear Sir,

This afternoon at 10·4 P.M. Nana called us we ran quickly out and to our amazment up in the sky was a queer thing it didnt look an even make and it glided up and down we watched it for a full ten minutes then dispeared then after that another one appeared. It was exactly the same as the other one travelling the same pace and direction from the north to the south then dispeared too.

Yours faithfully
Diane Farrell
aged 10 years.

8E

Moparrabah
1st Sep 1954

To Mr O'neil

Dear Sir

On Monday afternoon from my back yard at Moparrabah about twenty miles from Kempsey, at 3.50 P.M. I noticed a shining object in the sky.

I called to the girls & we watched it gliding on a down grade. Before it had disappeared another similar object came into view, following the exact same sky line. & they both disappeared behind the trees.

They were travelling from North to South. They looked uneven in shape, & would measure from the distance. 6 + 4 feet.

Yours Faithfully
(MRS) E. Farrell.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
GOVERNMENT AERODROME
Coffs Harbour
August 16th 1954.

Memorandum for:

Regional Director,
Department of Civil Aviation,
Sydney. N.S.W.

Attached is a report submitted by Mr R.W.Thompson, Headmaster of the Public school at Boambee, who advised me by telephone on the following morning.

I thought the light may have been the cloud base searchlight and questioned him fairly closely on directions, and later the meteorologist regarding times the light may have been on.

The cloud base searchlight was on for a very short time about 9 pm.

encl - 3.

J.W.Faulkner.
Officer in Charge.

OIC
R. Fth. CH.

Dear Sir,
As requested by you, one of your officials - a description of the light I saw on 28/7/54

RM4 Via Coff's Harbour

Boambee

2C. 3/7/54

To Whom it May Concern

This is to certify that at approx. 10.20 pm on 28/7/54. I saw in the eastern sky, 10° Sth of E what could best be described as a meteor-like rocket object travelling vertically at a fantastic speed which would be impossible to estimate but which you may calculate when I supply all the known data.

The actual "object" (I think projectile would be a better word) was not seen any more than a rocket is seen when fired into the air at night. What I saw was a yellowish incandescent light which must have been generated by the colossal speed of the unknown object.

My attention was attracted to the eastern sky by a glow around me. (I was returning from a Parents and Citizens' meeting at the school). Looking

up I saw the brilliant light hanging in the air like a gigantic ribbon which became longer and narrower as it approached the upper atmosphere

At approx. 65° above the horizon the light gradually changed direction and formed a parabolical curve as a point of light and slowly vanished into infinity

Meanwhile the glow left behind diminished and gradually faded away leaving behind a whispy trail of vapour the entire length of the circuit

The object disappeared or rather the final infinitesimal point of light disappeared into outer space in about 7 seconds, but the whispy veil of vapour remained, gradually disintegrated and disappeared in about 6 minutes.

It was interesting to note that a passenger plane had just passed over Coffs Harbour aerodrome travelling N. Its speed and size appeared infinitesimal to the speed & size of the mysterious light.

Had the object been travelling in any other direction than upward I would have dismissed the phenomenon as an enormous meteor. I have seen hundreds of meteors falling (being a keen night fisherman for over 25 years) but I have never yet seen a meteor travel upwards

The width of the light would be about 1½ times the diameter of the full moon as it appears in the sky Length could only be estimated in degrees and of course the actual length would be governed by the distance it was remote from Boambee

The light, clear cut as in the drawing commenced, as shown approx 25° above horizon continued for 15° where there was a break of about 5° after the break the light gradually narrowed continued for a further 20° when it changed direction as mentioned earlier in this statement.

The pin point of light disappeared about 10° from the zenith.

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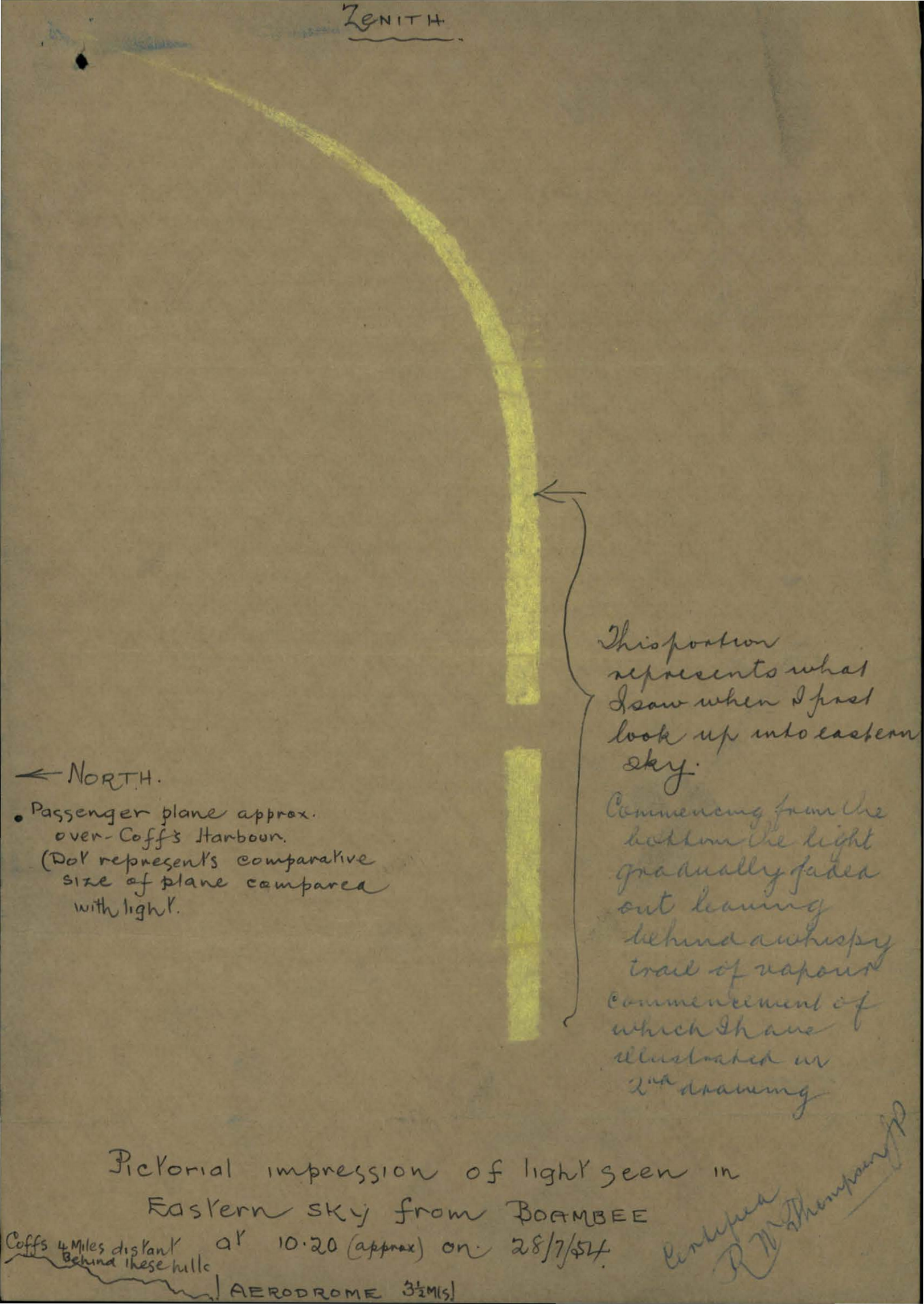
No sound was heard.
The night was clear & calm.
and the sky was cloudless.

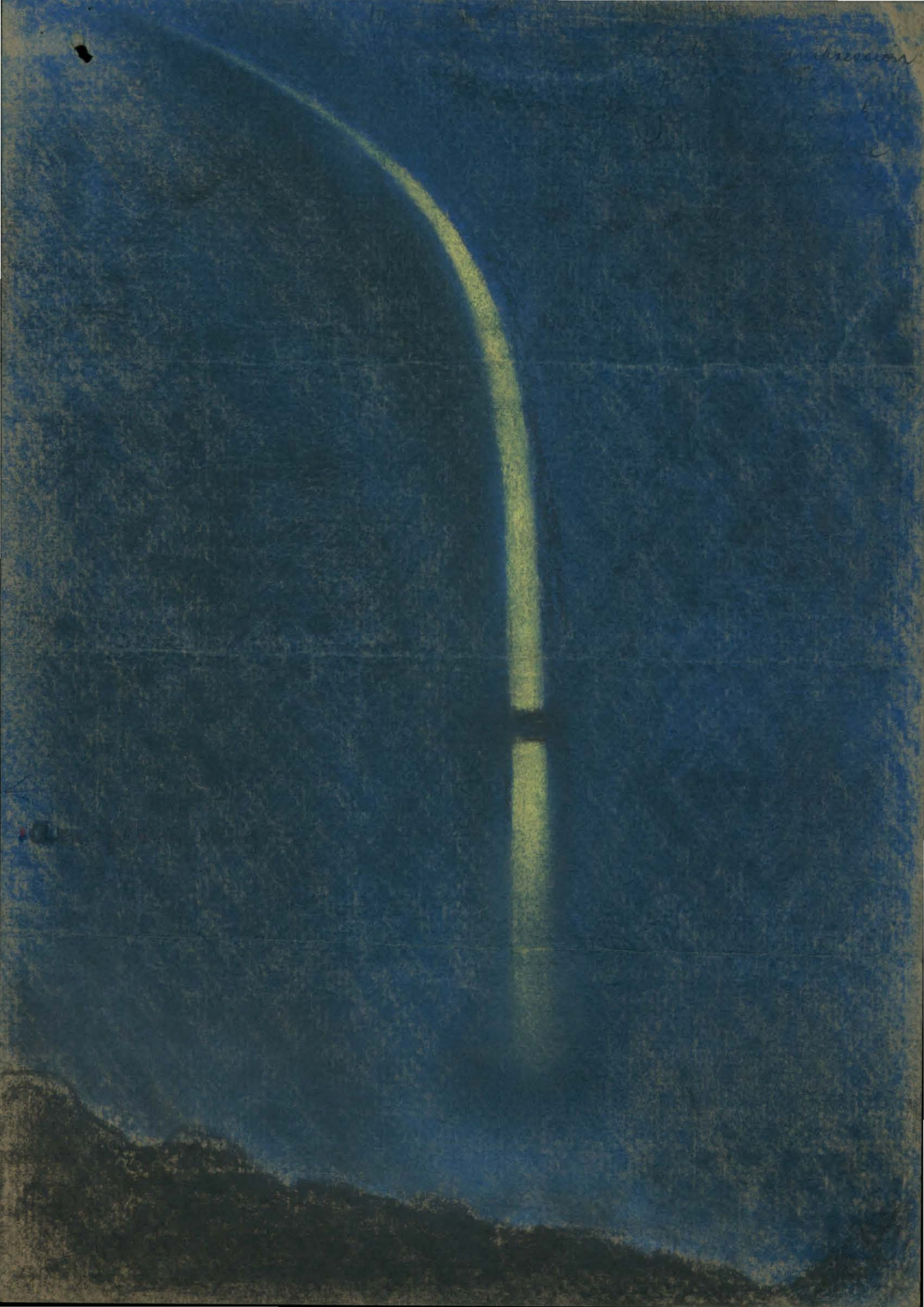
Two other men saw the light: ~~Oberg~~
Mr E. Rudder of Baambee. 2 C (N.S.W).
and Mr R. Butler of Grafton

Mr Rudder thought the break
in the light could have been
caused by a cloud, but I do not
agree - the break was too definite
and regular.

In conclusion I desire to state
that the foregoing statement
is an honest attempt to describe
exactly what I saw.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. Thompson J.P.


ZENITH.
This portion represents what I saw when I first look up into eastern sky.
Commencing from the bottom the light gradually faded out leaving behind a hazy trail of vapour commencement of which I have illustrated in 2nd drawing
← NORTH.
• Passenger plane approx. over-Coffs Harbour. (Dot represents comparative size of plane compared with light.
Pictorial impression of light seen in Eastern sky from BOAMBEE at 10.20 (approx) on 28/7/54.
Coffs 4 Miles distant Behind these hills
AERODROME 3½ M(S)



Light seen at Beaudesert
by 3 people at 10.20
on
28/7/54
R.M. Thompson
Beaudesert
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Oak Flats
S. Coast.
21st June 54.

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Papers With SAN 16/6

Dept of Civil Aviation.
Sydney.

Dear Sir.

Further to my letter to you of the 18th June. Friday. Sat. & Sunday nights from home here we have seen the same light in the West this time & at Sundown. You can't mistake it as it is the first "star" in the whole sky. It is not very bright at first but easy to see & as the sun goes down it looks like the "evening Star (as) said in my letter) but as it gets lower it gets a lot brighter & drops on an angle (slight) & disappears in the same place each time & earlier too.

If the R.A.A.F can't see it ( )'m sure they could) from their Station down south) will be only too pleased to show the local Police &/or them to verify what) see. as) realize there are a lot of "false alarms" with the Public when they are called upon in different matters. but this has been consistent this damned light! Now) am "sky" minded) saw last night in the easterly direction another light with 2 smaller "stars" on either side at different distances apart & the 3 were slowly wending their way towards the West. They were not half as bright as this original one & seemed a long long way off.

Hoping this may help you.

Yours Sincerely
(Mrs.) M. O'Byrne.

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13 Liverpool Road
Croydon
16th June 1954

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File No. 026-9-42
Enclosure No. 57.
Previous Papers With SAN 16

Department of Civil Aviation,
Sydney.

Dear Sirs,

Upon reading in the "Daily Telegraph" of your request for data on the "light" over Sydney I am writing to tell you of my observation of this light.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on June 15th, my Mother and I saw a bright light in the sky in a northerly direction.

Our first impression was that the sun was shining on something metallic. This impression was strengthened by the fact that the slightest cloud obscured it completely, it didn't shine through dimly as one would expect a light to do.

Lighting it against a mark on the window we discovered that it did not move at all in the time we watched it.

It "twinkled" and shimmered as a star, but it was larger and brighter than any star I have seen.

After about ten minutes observation a large mass of cloud hid it from view and we have not seen it since that time.

I trust this will be of some help in your investigation.

Yours faithfully

(Mrs.) Mayna Hyde.

The Boulevarde
Oak Flats.
S. Coast.
18th June '54.

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Dept of Civil Aviation
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Re reports on seeing lights.

My Husband & self were fishing last week at nightime, about 9 o'clock about 8 miles south of Wollongong. We observed a bright star (as we thought) in the sky just above a mountain top. Naturally we thought it was the Evening Star as it seemed so bright, but after a short time we noticed it was going down slowly behind this mountain. (We were facing North) A few nights later we were out driving about ½ past 8 to 9 o'clock & jokingly) said) wondered if the light was there & lo & behold it was again & sinking. My boys saw it also. Last night fishing again we saw it. The time was near enough to 9.30 P.M.

It must be a long way off. as we took it for a bright star from here. We thought maybe it was a plane in a searchlight but reblized it was too far off for a plane to be that bright. Only a mountain being in front of us, sitting idly probably it would never be observed out in open places as we had the mountain in front to gauge it sinking miles away. So here's hoping further up North you may get a closer view. From here it is fair enough to be practically sinking in the same place.

Hoping this is of some interest.

Yours Sincerely.
(Mrs) Mo. O'Byrne.

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Wednesday

16-6-54.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my mother & myself in relation to the notice of your department which appeared in this morning's Daily Telegraph of 16-6-54. Our story is this:

We reside at 187 Excelsior St. Guilford & I had just arrived home by bus on Monday 14-6-54 when I met my mother who had just come out on to the little porch which we have. I said to her you must have heard me coming & came out to meet me. She said no then she said can you see any bright lights in the sky. I turned round & had a good look and all I could see was stars. I said there's nothing there but a bright star. She then said that she had just happened to look out of her bed-room window & had seen some bright lights which she thought at first was an aeroplane but as the lights had remained stationary she had gone outside to have a better look & it was then that I had arrived home. I thought no more of the matter even after reading accounts of lights being seen over Sydney in the morning's paper of 15-6-54. That night when I came home the mother mentioned how she had heard that day over the wire-less of lights being seen over

Sydney, then I began to wonder, for I remembered that one of the times stated in the paper in relation to the lights had been 6-50 p.m. and it was just about that time that I had arrived home on the evening of Monday 14-6-54.

The coincidence of the times has been the main factor of my writing this story as even though I my-self saw nothing that monday evening I must now accept the fact that my mother did see something, what-ever it was.

I remain.

Yours Sincerely

Mr. E. Johnson

THIS IMAGE IS REPRODUCED FROM A DAMAGED PAGE
WITH A PORTION OF THE INFORMATION MISSING.

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13, Donnelly Road,
Naremburn,
Sydney.
16-6-54.

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16 JUN 1954
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N.S.W.
REGION

Dear Sir,

I have just read an article in the Daily Telegraph, which states that you wish reports on mysterious lights etc. over Sydney, so I am writing to you as to what I saw on Monday night the 14TH June 1954 at approx. 7.45 and 8.00 P.M.

Between those times I was in Ennis Road, Milsons Point, North Sydney, standing on the kerb of the footpath on the Western side, facing the Kirribilli Hotel, which would put me facing, I think, practically E.N.EAST., I looked up and saw a circular patch of light, which would never have made me take a second look, but for the fact that it was a peculiar shade of red that then changed to white and then faded.

During the eight to ten seconds I saw this, there was nothing mysterious, to my way of thinking, as the circle of light was not quite above me, but

near ~~I~~ ought to it, also slightly to my left, and through the circle of light I saw the moon, which was shining through a small aperture in a cloud bank pretty high up, and the moon light was shining on a thin cloud layer very low down, which was moving pretty fast towards to sea.

Well, that's what I saw and forgot about, until the next day the Papers published some reports on mysterious lights above Sydney, which now makes me wonder if the moon was really in the position I saw it, so I will leave that to you.

You may have some information approx. winter last year, about "flying saucers" seen by men in North Sydney on a Sunday. The Daily Telegraph next day reported that two men, one in Northbridge and the other in St Leonards saw one, well my son, then five years old, drew my attention to it, as we were lying flat on our backs on the grass under a cloudless sky, when the youngster said "Look Daddy, a jet" and sure enough there was one

which looked about a quarter of an inch across the wing span, being so high up, when it banked to the West, - it was flying in a Southerly direction - anyway it swung off course and it shone like a diamond for a few seconds, looking like a "flying saucer" then it disappeared.

Hoping you find this useful

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15 June 53

Regional Director,
Civil Aviation,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

STRANGE LIGHTS

The R.A.A.F. Public Relations Officer has advised me to report to you a strange light that I, my wife and two sons saw last night.

I am chief reporter for the "Sun-Herald" newspaper and live at 24 Wilson St., Maroubra, which is on the northern slope of the headland that juts out from Lurline Bay.

At about 1825 hrs (6.25 pm) on 14 June '53 I was returning home with my family in my car - my wife sitting with me in the front and two boys (one 7 and one 5) in the back.

I was driving slowly down Wilson St. preparatory to turning into my gate, when ahead of us over the sea I saw a pair of lights moving slowly in a half circle parallel with the sea.

My wife saw the lights at the same time and drew the attention of the two boys.

I could not say whether the lights were coming towards us or moving away from us, but they they performed this horizontal arc and then disappeared.

I immediately took it to be the twin landing lights on a plane, which disappeared from view as the plane turned seawards.

My wife said they "might be flares" and one of the boys immediately said "Are you going to ring the police?" (He remembered that once before I had rung the police about a boat apparently signalling at sea).

I told them they were not flares because I had seen flares and knew they would light the sky with a glow and fall slowly downwards.

I told them it was a plane with its landing lights on, but my wife said "It would hardly have its landing lights on over there."

We have all seen planes coming in to Mascot with landing lights on.

Two things left me a bit puzzled last night:

1. There was no sign of the red and green flashing lights that we usually see on planes at night;

2. There was no sign of any beam leading out from the lights at any time.

We saw the lights for only about half a minute, but they were quite distinct.

From where we were, the lights appeared to be over the sea about half a mile out from South Head and at a height of between 500ft. and 1000ft.

There was nothing mysterious or eerie about them.

They appeared to be normal reddish-white lights, and ~~fairly~~ bright.

The lights appeared to be about as far apart as would be the meters on the wing of a plane at that distance from me.

They gradually converged towards each other as they were disappearing - just as though the machine that carried them was turning in the arc- and disappeared as though no longer visible because the machine had changed course.

The lights could have been much farther away than they seemed to be, but I doubt this.

I have seen meteors, falling stars, the Aurora Australis and similar phenonema and can definitely say it was none of these.

The thing seemed to be so naturally the lights of a plane, though there was no suggestion of the outline of a plane.

I was quite satisfied that it was a plane- though puzzled by the lack of the blinking green light- that I thought no more of it.

I would not have reported this because of its natural likeness to the possibility of a normal plane, only the R.A.A.F. Public Relations Officer has assured me that no plane can fly at night without being "tabbed" by the authorities.

This morning before speaking to him, I was quite satisfied that it was a plane showing unusual lights or playing a joke.

It moved through the air at what seemed the same speed as a plane on that altitude.

I should add that it could not possibly have been the headlights of a car. At the time we saw it we were only 100 yards from the sea cliff; the lights were definitely over the sea and higher than would be the lights of Ben Buckler or South Head from there.

After driving the car in I again looked at the sky, but saw no sign of any lights or objects.

At Mascot at night I have seen many planes coming in, and have seen many over Maroubra at night.

On giving this further thought, I realise that I have never seen any lights in the sky just like this twin pair of lights last night.

Yours sincerely,

Reg Mahoney

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