

The twinkle in the Pc's eye was Venus

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Unidentified Flying Objects were reported again today over southern England.

Reports came from police in Sussex and Oxfordshire, and from a wing-commander and his wife in Hampshire.

Some reports said the UFOs were similar to the "Flying Cross" which police in Devon said they saw yesterday.

Mr. George Terry, the Chief Constable of East Sussex, talked to officers who reported seeing UFOs — and then said that in his opinion it was a bright star, or the planet Venus.

'NOT ALARMING'

"I don't want people to think that something horrible was happening," he said.

"I am perfectly satisfied there is nothing very alarming at all, and it does not match up in any way with what we are told was seen in Devon and Cornwall."

Today's first report came from a former RAF pilot, Wing Cmdr. E. A. Cox, of Penton Paddock, Hyde, Hampshire.

He said: "I was driving from Fordingbridge to Cadnam last night when my wife spotted seven brilliant lights in the sky about three miles away.

'THEY MERGED'

"As I looked up I saw three of the lights dissolve into the distance, leaving four lights which seemed to merge into a brilliant cross.

"I thought at first they were helicopters with landing lights on. But the lights were far too brilliant, and I was told by police later that no helicopters had been flying in the area.

"I have done quite a bit of night flying and studied different types of lights and flares, but I have never seen lights like this before."

At 4 a.m. today PC Bryan Cawthorne, aged 29, on motor cycle patrol between Ringmer and Halland, saw a bright light in the north-east.