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From two PRS to Sun New Pictorial Melbourne Information Army Melbourne for DPR 7152Q from Madden with 77th Squadron. First flying saucer ever reported over South Korea was watched for four minutes today by Sergeant Ken Smith of Chapman Street, New Mile End, Adelaide.

Fellow pilots who first suspected a leg pull accept his word as they would on any operational mission.

"It was fifty or sixty feet wide with a depth about 1/10 its diameter." Smith said, "I judged its size from its apparent height; about ten-thousand feet, behind and above a Sabre Jet flying over the airstrip. It was whirling and tumbling, and twinkling as the sun struck its smooth silvery surface. At the same time it was travelling laterally at about 350 knots. Suddenly it stopped in its course, stopped tumbling and flashed straight up in a few seconds to about thirty thousand feet. It hovered for a moment then shot away on a new course at right angles to the old one. It stopped again and then went at tremendous speed across the sun and I lost it."

Smith, an experienced pilot who flew his 100th mission later in the day, called Sergeant Ken Towner of Bankston, veteran of nearly 200 missions. Together they saw the saucer reappear, whirling and tumbling before it finally vanished. Australian pilots gave a mixed reception to earlier reports of flying saucers seen above Wonsan in North Korea. "I have always been sceptical myself," Smith said, "But this has convinced me." End it Madden. 07/0956Z.

a. Comment - This report was necessarily released to the Australian Press. No further information has been made available. The facts appear to have been somewhat distorted for publicity.

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