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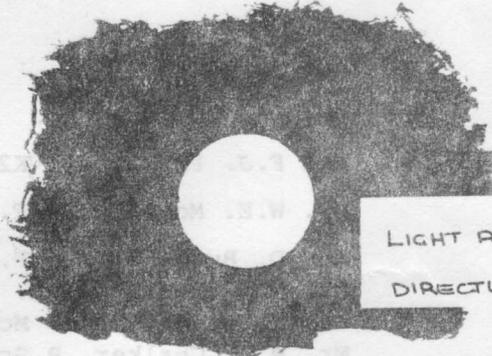
We have also been informed that Tully, Queensland, has been visited again by UFOs in January to February 1975, with more circles being found. We hope to have more details of this activity and possible landing marks for the next newsletter.

A FURTHER SIGHTING NEAR MAITLAND, N.S.W.

At approximately 0120 hours on 17th October 1974, Mr. C.K. (see Newsletter No. 42) was awakened by his six dogs barking furiously at something outside his house. One of the dogs, which was indoors, ran in and out of the bedroom, growling and barking.

Alarmed by this unusual behaviour, Mr. K. decided to investigate. The time was then 0140 hours.

When he got outside, all the dogs stopped barking and Mr. K. observed a circular, yellowish-white light almost directly overhead. The light was stationary at an altitude of about 500' with an apparent diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ the full moon.



LIGHT AS FIRST OBSERVED ALMOST
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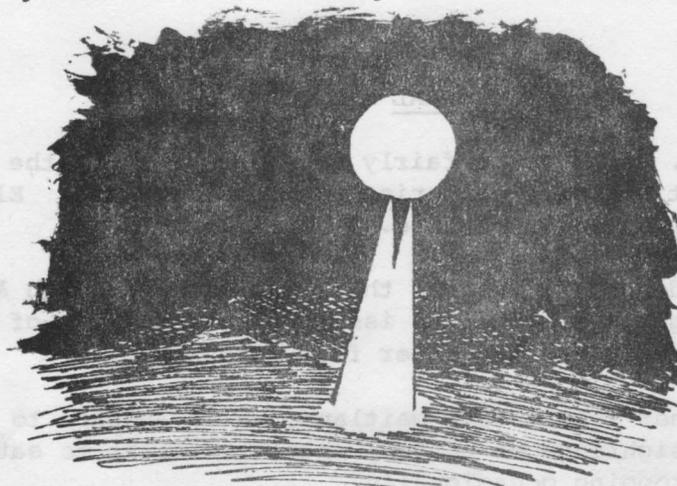
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When the object became stationary, Mr. K. went indoors to phone a friend to try and get someone else to see the object. The friend, however, did not want to get out of bed at that early hour, so Mr. K. returned outside.

When he again looked at the light, it had risen above its last position and was now partly obscured by the thick cloud cover that prevailed that night. The circular light and the two beams were still visible and after a few minutes of observation, during which nothing happened, Mr. K. returned to bed. The time was then approximately 0150 hours.

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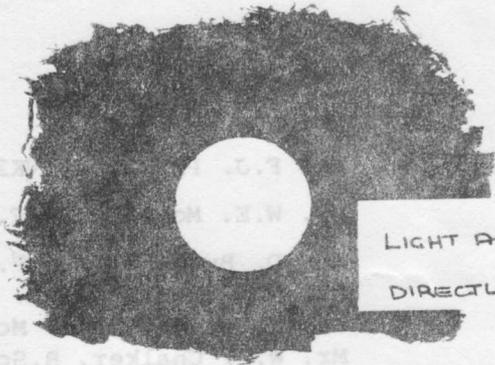


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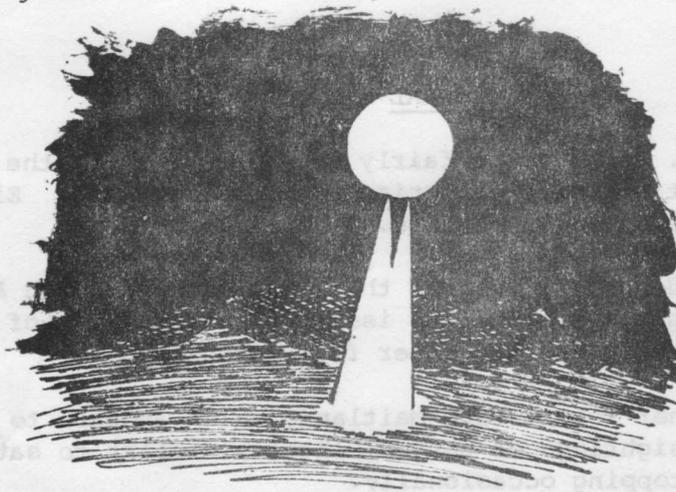
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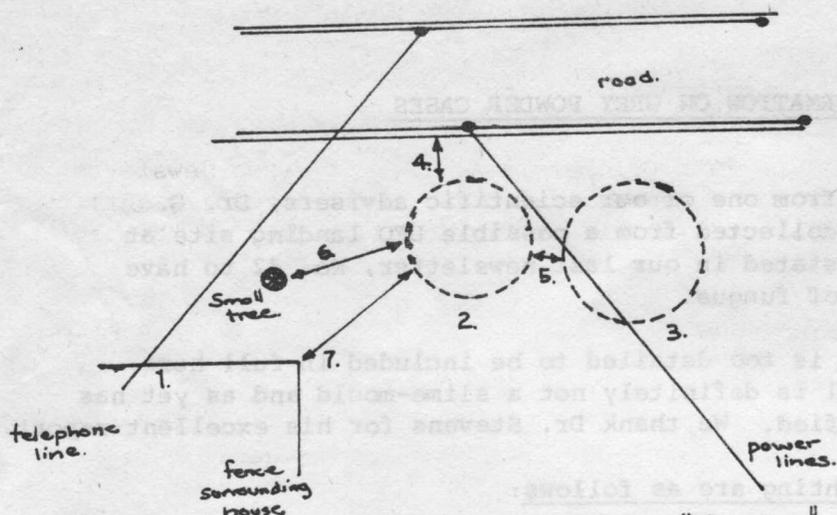
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The absence of any sound would eliminate aircraft as a possible explanation for this report.

Some time after this sighting, after a period of heavy rain, Mr. K. noticed two circular marks on his property - below where the light was first seen. On examination, these circles appear to be the result of a fungal growth (see diagram over page)



- NOTES
- 1 Observer
 - 2 Circle No 1
D1 = 8.7m
D2 = 9.6m
D3 = 9.8m
 3. Circle No 2.
D1 = 8.8m
D2 = 9.0m
D3 = 9.5m.
 4. Distance Fence to Circle = 12.9m
 5. Distance Circle to Circle = 1.6m
 6. Distance Circle to tree = 15.9m
 7. Distance circle to fence = 19.4m

MEASUREMENTS OF "Circles"
FOUND AT MAITLAND - CAUSE: FUNGUS

OTHER RECENT REPORTS

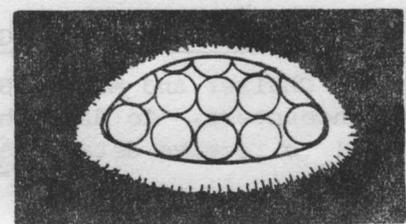
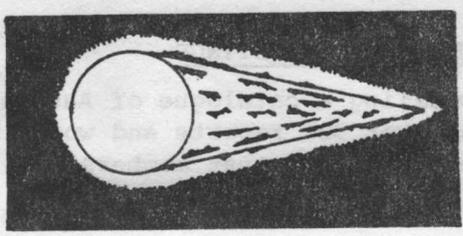
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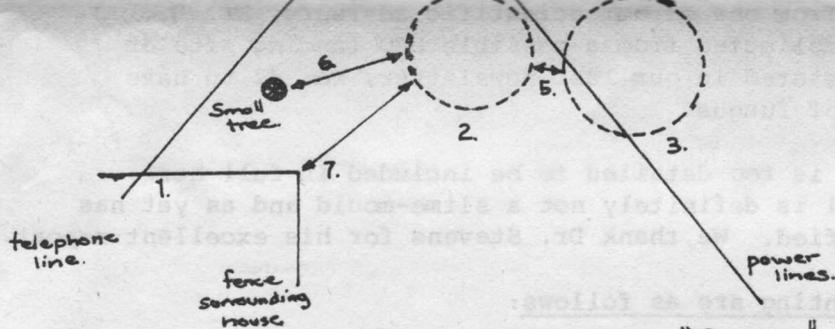
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The objects were oval in shape, pale yellow in colour, with a tinge of green along the bottom. The light appeared to pulsate and appeared to be divided into sections, though the colour was uniform throughout.





3. Circle No 2.
D1 = 8.8m
D2 = 9.0m
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MEASUREMENTS OF "Girdles"

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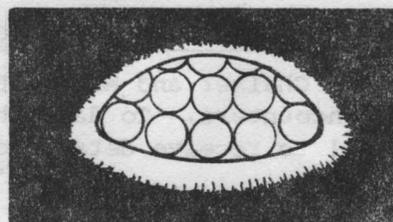
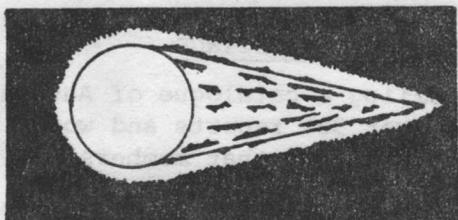
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Object seen by 707 crew near Perth, W.A.

One of six objects seen by ship's Captain and crew at Gladstone, Qld.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON GREY POWDER CASES

We have received a report from one of our scientific advisers, Dr. G. Stevens, on some material collected from a possible UFO landing site at Camden, N.S.W., which was stated in our last newsletter, No. 42 to have been identified as a type of fungus.

Dr. Steven's report, which is too detailed to be included in full here, concludes that the material is definitely not a slime-mould and as yet has not been positively identified. We thank Dr. Stevens for his excellent report.

Further details of the sighting are as follows:

Late in 1972 (a Tuesday, but date not certain) a 3 year old child living on the outskirts of Camden, N.S.W. saw a lighted 'boat' above her house at about 3.00 a.m. in the morning. Next morning the father noticed a dark patch of grass on the lawn in front of their house. The dark patch was described as 'in a circular area of about 6-8 feet in diameter; It was dark grey to black in colour and was in smooth circles covering the area and mainly around the perimeter of the area'.

The child's report was "a big boat had been on the roof. It had a big light and went fast". The father adds that 'her bedroom window is on the south side of our home and she could have seen something passing over the roof from her room and travel in a southerly direction. A point of interest is that the dark patch on the front lawn is on the opposite side of the house to our daughter's bedroom and is in a line from the patch towards the south crossing over her room'.

The father is a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and it is his professional opinion (taking in many more details than those outlined above) that the child did not dream the event).

Analysis of the Material Found:

The samples were checked for the presence of Beta, Gamma, Alpha radiation without result. Microscopic examination revealed that the material was deposited on the leaf in isolated lumps or spots. It has a complex internal structure with a flaky outer shell. It appears to have a crystalline structure and is insoluble in water, ethyl alcohol, acetone, chlorinated hydrocarbons and simple ester solvents. The flakes partially dissolve in hydrochloric acid yielding an insoluble mass of fine fibres, that look like tangled fishing line under the microscope.

The report concludes that the unknown fibrous material of very fine nature (1-2 microns), is not fungal or biological at all, and whilst the possibility that the acid soluble crystalline material is some fertiliser material (phosphate and sulphate) still remains, it appears to derive its particular fine 'flake' or 'roseate' form from being superimposed upon a reinforcing mat of unknown fibrous material, of a very fine nature. In view of the frequent association of an unknown fine fibrous material (often called 'angel hair') with many UFO phenomena, especially the type IIB events, further investigation of this substance is warranted.

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Next meeting will be held at the Small Hall, Science House, Gloucester Street, Sydney on June 20th. The meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. Programme is yet to be arranged.