

Civil Aviation report Saw strange light in sky

SIX groups of people saw an object emitting a bright light, streaking horizontally across southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales skies on Wednesday night.

One group comprised two airline pilots.

The reports came from as far apart as Kempsey and Nambour. Each said the object was seen for between three and five seconds between 7 and 7.10 p.m.

Queensland Airlines pilot Captain J. Herman, said last night that he and his co-pilot, First Officer D. Quinn, saw the object at 7.10 p.m., two minutes after flying over Nambour.

"NOT A STAR"

"It was a greenish-bluish light," he said. "I had never seen anything like it before.

"We were about eight miles from the coast, flying south at 6000 feet. I first saw the object off our port wing tip.

"It travelled a horizontal course in contrast to the curved descent of a star.

"I called out to Quinn. A shooting star would have disappeared before his eyes became focussed."

Captain Herman has reported the incident to the Civil Aviation Department.

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"FLYING SAUCER"

Messrs. A. Pennington and L. Carter, two Glen Innes men, fishing four miles from Glen Innes, claimed it was a "flying saucer."

Mrs. Roy Patterson, of Gladstone, 12 miles from Kempsey, said she, her husband, two children, and two neighbours saw "what looked like a brilliant electric light pass straight along the sky."

Mr. J. S. Triggs, of Alderley, said he and his wife saw a "flattened ball of light" in the eastern sky from Grange Heights at 7.5 p.m.

Mr. L. T. Richards and his wife, of Blunder Road, Oxley, said they saw an "oval-shaped object with a conical sheet of flame behind it."

Yesterday The Courier-published a similar report from Mr. and Mrs. Noel Holmes, of North Tumbulgam, in northern N.S.W.