

# 15 sight 'flying saucer'

**At least 15 people claim they saw a flying saucer on Wednesday night.**

The 15 sightings were in New South Wales and Queensland.

Two of the sighters are airline pilots.

They are Captain J. Herman and his co-pilot, First Officer D. Quinn, who were flying a Queensland Airlines plane.

They say they saw the object at 7.10 p.m.—two minutes after flying over Nambour (near Brisbane).

**Captain Herman said in Brisbane last night: "It was**

**Brisbane last night: "It gave off a greenish-bluish light.**

"I had never seen anything like it before.

"We were about eight miles from the coast, flying south to Brisbane.

"I first saw the object off our port wing tip.

"I called out to Quinn, and he saw it too.

**"A shooting star would have disappeared before Quinn's eyes had time to focus on the object.**

## **"Went out suddenly"**

"The object travelled horizontally across the windscreen for from three to five seconds and then the brilliant light went out suddenly.

"What impressed us most was that it travelled a horizontal course in contrast to the curved descent of a star.

"I would say it was five to 10 miles away from us and that it travelled at about 600 miles an hour.

**"It appeared to have a short tail which could have been sparks from some sort of an exhaust.**

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"As a matter of fact, it looked very much as I should imagine a jet plane would appear at night.

"It was coming from the north-east and moving down to the south-west."

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

## **"Flattened ball"**

Others who saw the "saucer":

● Mr. Jack Triggs, of Alderley (Brisbane) said he and his wife saw a "flattened ball of greenish fluorescent light" in the eastern sky from Grange Height.

He said: "It was going at a high speed, and was visible for from two to three seconds."

● Mr. L. Richards, of Oxley (Brisbane) said he saw an oval object with a conical sheet of flame behind it travelling south on the air-line route.

● Two Glen Innes (N.S.W.) men said they saw an object with two large green lights in front travelling at a high speed towards the coast.

The men, A. Pennington and L. Carter, were fishing on the Beardy River, four miles from Glen Innes.

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Carter, who watched the object for about 10 seconds, said it was travelling at "a very high speed" in a straight line towards the coast.

Pennington, who saw the "saucer" only as it was disappearing, said it was travelling "many times faster than a jet fighter."

● At Gladstone (120 miles south-east of Glen Innes) Mrs. Roy Patterson, her husband, their two children, and two neighbors saw "what looked like a brilliant electric light" travelling south at "a terrific rate."

Mrs. Patterson said last night: "My thoughts immediately turned to flying saucers."

● Mr. and Mrs. Noel Holmes, of North Pumblegum, northern N.S.W., also said they saw the object.