

Flying Saucer Not Figment Of Imagination

Five additional reports from various parts of the city, that an unidentified object was seen in the sky above Lithgow early on Wednesday night, followed a report of the phenomenon contained in yesterday's "Mercury."

All reports were vouched for by reliable witnesses, and a striking feature of the additional eye-witness accounts was the fact that the time and description of the object coincided with preliminary reports.

First reports that an unidentified object had been seen in the sky over Lithgow was given by two members of the "Mercury" cricket team who had been practising on the Glanmire sports ground and who were packing their kit shortly before 7 p.m.

No report suggested that the object was a "flying saucer," but so far the unfamiliar object has not been identified.

Residents of Littleton, Mort's Estate and the Vale of Clwydd who were out-of-doors at dusk on Wednesday verified reports that a greenish colored ball had shot over the city, heading towards Sydney at terrific speed. So fast was the object travelling that it appeared in the sky for only several seconds, but this was long enough for eye-witnesses in each

case to call the attention of others to the occurrence.

Typical of the additional reports received was the account given by Mrs. Bert Ryan, of the Great Western Highway, who was probably in the best position of all to watch the moving object.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, together with

MR. and MRS. Ryan, together with a neighbor, were standing outside their home talking when Mrs. Ryan's attention was attracted to an object moving across the sky.

"Look, look, look," said Mrs. Ryan, excitedly pointing to the sky above Lithgow. Her husband and neighbor turned to look but by that time the object was gone.

Asked to describe it, Mrs. Ryan said the object was green in color, and joined her fingers and thumbs in the form of a circle to demonstrate its size. The object moved from west to east and disappeared towards Sydney.

Both Mrs. Ryan's husband and neighbor said the object probably was due to the sun glinting on her glasses. However, she vigorously denied this and again described what she had seen.

Nothing more was said of the phenomenon until Mrs. Ryan received her copy of the "Mercury" yesterday afternoon. She then pointed to the account in the paper as proof of what she had seen.

Other reports were similar in principle. All agreed that the time was shortly before 7 p.m. and that the object travelled towards Sydney and was green in color.

Enquiries at the Marrangaroo R.A.A.F. station revealed that no Verey pistols nor signalling rockets had been fired on Wednesday, while no reports of meteors or falling stars were received.