

Flying "Saucer" Soon Broken

If you saw "an orange sort of a colour" streaking through the sky and making a loud noise early last night and you thought it was a flying saucer, you were wrong — but you were not alone.

You would have had the same thought as many other people who telephoned "The Newcastle Morning Herald" and asked whether reporters had seen what they had seen.

Mr. Kevin Hughes, of Chinchon-street, Islington, telephoned to ask whether we had seen an orange sort of colour streaking through the sky about 7.20, and, if we had, could we tell him what it was.

Soon six other people had asked about unusual lights in the sky. One man, who did not give his name, said he was sure the glow was from a flying saucer.

Another inquirer said the glow was like a trailing flame from a lighted stick drawn quickly through the air.

Mr. K. Jones, of Mitchell-street, Merewether, said he heard a terrific roar and saw "orangy lights, like flares" in the sky moving out to sea at a terrific speed. He described the noise as a "buzzing roar."

"Terrific Buzz"

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a buzzing noise about five times louder than a jet plane. In the sky he saw what looked like an orange star, "something like a fireball."

Mr. J. Williams, also of Beaumont-street, said the noise was "terrific." It did not sound like a jet plane because there was no whistle.

● The explanation.— Jet planes engaged in night exer-

cises from Williamtown Aerodrome.

A spokesman at the aerodrome said jets were in the air between 6 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. Some flew over the city at varying altitudes. They were carrying navigation lights, but these might be missed by people on the ground. The orange glow could have been from the exhaust pipes on the jets.