

## • ANA PILOT TO 'DROME:—

# “Flying saucer” buzzing my plane

A puzzled, startled ANA pilot last Sunday night reported to Civil Aviation's control tower at Mackay that . . . .

*. . . he had sighted a strange object “like a glass dome, lighted” travelling fast round his plane.*

The pilot is Captain B. L. (Buck) Jones, of Beanga Street, Greenslopes, Brisbane, who is flying a DC3.

At 6.8 pm he reported seeing the object manoeuvre round the plane, cross his path, and disappear west, travelling fast.

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An aircraft-to-control-tower check by Captain Jones revealed there were no other aircraft in the vicinity.

Mr. W. Overell, who was in charge of the Mackay control tower, then saw the light himself, climbing at terrific speed until it vanished.

### “Terrific climb”

Overell said he saw the light “appearing to climb” from 4000 or 5000 feet at terrific rate, and fading from sight.”

Captain Jones still had the light in sight. He reported that it crossed his path south of Mackay, and again near Freshwater Point.

He said the object “appeared to have a glass dome, lighted.” He last saw it disappearing at high speed westward.

### Out at sea

It was not seen again by Mr. Overell, but in the early hours of the following morning a radio operator, Frank Hines, saw it.

About 3 am he observed a light seaward. There were no planes about, and he was puzzled.

**He turned off the lights in the radio room to observe it better.**

It then shot straight upwards at high speed and vanished.