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Report of "saucer" verified

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LONDON, Thurs.—The British War Office has confirmed a report by two R.A.F. officers that they saw a "flying saucer" over Kent on November 3.

The War Office said that an army radar set picked up and tracked the flight of the "strange object" which the airmen reported seeing.

This is the first official acknowledgment in Britain of the existence of "flying sau-

cers."

Independent descriptions of the object by R.A.F. and Army men tallied perfectly.

The two R.A.F. men, Flying Officers T. S. Johnson and C. Smythe, sighted the object when they were flying a Vampire jet at 20,000 feet.

They reported that the object was flying well above them.

They said it hovered for a few seconds, then flew off at tremendous speed over the English Channel.

The object was circular and emitted or reflected a fierce light.

At the same time an Army Territorial unit in south-east London was testing a new radar set.

They picked up a strange sighting (says the official report), locked the set on the target, and then watched it through the set's telescope.

It first appeared motionless.

It seemed circular or spherical and white in

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After 10 minutes it moved off at high speed.

It was observed for 25 minutes.

The radar echo was so strong that it equalled that from a big bomber 100 to 200 feet in width.

Others sighted

First of the Army men to see the "saucer" was Radar Sergeant Harry Waller.

He brought in other Army men and technicians immediately to prove he wasn't having hallucinations.

Four men made observations from the set.

The War Office also disclosed today that three more radar trackings of "strange objects" were made in daylight between September 14 and 22.

The first object was tracked at 70,000 feet, the second at 50,000 feet, and the third at 60,000 feet.

The object seen on November 3 was first spotted at 60,000 feet, and later, as

at 60,000 feet, and later, as it went out of range, dropped to 40,000 feet.

Because of this drop in height the theory was held that it was a special aluminium - coated plastic balloon sent up for cosmic ray study.

But none of these balloons has been released in England for three months.

And the echo given by the object sighted in the Army's radar is said to have been far too strong for a balloon.

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