

Pilot Reports Flying Saucer Near City

Captain Douglas Barker, an A.N.A. pilot who reported to the Civil Aviation authorities yesterday that he saw a flying saucer near Templestowe at 10.15 a.m., said the experience was a little frightening at first.

Captain Barker said he saw the object from his home at East Doncaster.

"I sighted it first over the Templestowe brickworks between 2½ and 5 miles away on the approach path to Essendon," he said. "It was 4 or 5 times larger than a large passenger aircraft. The object was transparent and a smoky, celluloid color, with a bit of a tail and a mushroom-shaped head."

"It oscillated in and out of cloud, and in about 6 miles changed its course to a north-easterly direction. It was travelling faster than any jet plane I have ever seen."