

VETERAN PILOTS' STORIES ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS

Melbourne: Two experienced civil air-line pilots have told their "flying saucer" stories for the first time. Both have more than 8000 hours to their credit.

The first is Captain Bob Jackson, of A.N.A., who says that he "met" a saucer near Sydney 18 months ago.

The second is Captain Ivan Wooley, also of A.N.A.

Captain Jackson said that he had not reported his "brush" with a "saucer," because he, like many other senior pilots, feared ridicule.

He said: "I was flying toward Mascot, near Worinora Dam, about 11 p.m. when suddenly I saw a flash of light. "I watched the thing with an orange-colored light at the tail, flash past toward the coast, near Wollongong.

"Naturally, the first thing I did was to call Mascot control to ask whether any other planes were in the vicinity. "They replied that

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Complete Circle

"About two minutes later the thing appeared again. It made a complete circle round us and vanished again toward the coast at a terrific speed.

"I can't explain it. All I know is that it was nerve-racking.

"I mentioned to control

that if their radar failed to pick up the object — and it was a definite object — then it must be a "flying saucer."

"They laughed, so I have kept quiet about it."

Captain Woolley had a different experience.

He said that he was mowing his lawn recently, when he noticed sheets of metal-like substance floating down near his home at West Footscray.

He said: "I saw them float downwards, like scraps of paper, until they were about 200 feet high, and then they suddenly shot up at a terrific speed.

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