

ANA pilots report flying saucers

FEAR OF RIDICULE, SO KEPT QUIET

MELBOURNE, Tuesday: Two experienced civil airline pilots have now told their flying saucer stories for the first time.

Both are veteran fliers, with more than 8,000 hours to their credit.

The first, Capt. Bob Jackson, of ANA, said he "met" a saucer near Sydney 18 months ago.

The second is Capt. Ivan Woolley, also of ANA.

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

He said: "I was flying towards Mascot, near Worinora Dam, about 11 p.m. when suddenly I saw a flash of light.

"Flashed past"

"I watched the thing, with an orange colored light at the tail, flash past towards the coast, near Wollongong.

"The first thing I did

was to call Mascot control to ask if any other planes were in the vicinity. They replied that their radar proved negative."

Capt. Jackson said that about two minutes later the thing appeared again.

It made a complete circle round us and vanished again towards 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've kept quiet about it."

Capt. Woolley had a different experience. He said he was mowing his lawn recently when he noticed sheets of metal-like substance floating down near his home at West Foot-

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

"The sheets were dark brown. They could not possibly have been weather balloons."
