

Aborigine "saw a flying saucer"

DARWIN, Thursday: *An Alice Springs aboriginal who had never previously heard of a flying saucer has told his employer he recently was almost skittled by a strange object.*

He said it happened while he was riding horseback.

A written message from Mr. Arthur Pope, owner of Todd River Downs Station, 100 miles south of the Alice, reached a friend here today.

Mr. Pope said that on St. Patrick's Day an aborigine named Sonny was riding a horse over a low ridge when he saw a strange object 35 to 40 ft. long.

He described it as being like a round ball with a tail and very low in the sky.

"It was coming from the opposite direction as I rode along the ridge and it almost skittled me," said Sonny

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Caused a wind

Sonny told Mr. Pope the thing lifted sharply as it passed him, causing a heavy wind.

Sonny said he was terrified and immediately galloped towards Santa Theresa Mission, 50 miles south of the Alice.

When he told his friends at the mission they confirmed they had also seen

a strange object at a great distance.

Sonny said it made a rumbling noise like a heavily loaded truck.

Aborigines had heard a similar noise a fortnight earlier and had waited for a truck but had not seen one.

Sonny said there were four columns of smoke coming from each side of the object and that it had a tail which appeared to be closed when it was low to the ground but which opened into two fins when it ascended.

Mr. Pope said the aborigines must have seen something they had never seen before.

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stand planes, including
jets.
