

"Flying saucer" snaps no hoax, youth says

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— Whether a clever photographic hoax has been carried out by a young Nelson photographer or whether he did in fact photograph objects which he claims to be flying saucers has not been established.

But photographer K. M. Gibbons maintains he has not tried to hoax anyone.

Gibbons, about 20, said he was home on holidays when, early on September 9, he went to the kitchen for a drink of water.

Looking out the window

across mudflats, he saw three objects in the sky. For two minutes he watched them, astonished at their odd shape and color.

Suddenly he thought, "flying saucers," rushed to his bedroom, fitted a telephoto lens to his 35 millimetre camera, and photographed them twice before two of them "turned on their edges and disappeared at great speed vertically."

He said they were wobbling when he first saw them.

He took three shots of the remaining "saucer" before it "turned flat and also began to wobble."

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As it started to move off, it changed color from blue to a white with a dark centre.

The objects at first were not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away at 300 to 400 feet.

He went to bed without calling his mother or father and did not tell them at breakfast next morning.

Publication of one of his photographs in a local newspaper has caused a sensation in Nelson, where last March a retired farmer reported having seen a "flying saucer" in daylight.