

## **Navy To Check Report Of 'Saucers' Over Goulburn**

"Flying saucers," reported by a Nowra Fleet Air Arm pilot are being investigated by Naval Headquarters in Melbourne.

The pilot, Lieutenant O'Farrell, saw two objects which he took to be "flying saucers" when flying at night over Goulburn on a return trip to Nowra.

He told authorities at Nowra, naval air station and base for the Fleet Air Arm, that he saw what appeared to be the lights of two aircraft when flying about 285 miles an hour.

He said a "saucer" flew on each side of him, circled his plane and then drew rapidly away.

At his request the Nowra radar crew fixed his position and reported back that the screen showed an echo of another object moving along his Sea Fury.

This is the first known case in which unidentified objects in the sky have been confirmed by radar.

Authorities ascertained there were no other military aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

Dr. S. C. B. Gascoigne, of the Commonwealth Observatory, Mt. Stromlo, said last night it was highly unlikely and almost impossible that the objects could have been meteorites.

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Unless they were much higher than reported, or were due to a "meteorological refraction," which also was unlikely, their identification had him baffled.

The report of the pilot "just about ruled out meteorites or hallucinations," he said.

However, Dr. Gascoigne said that the Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide, Professor L. G. H. Huxley, was obtaining radar pulses from meteor trails.

He was using radar to obtain information on the speed and other factors about meteor trails.