

'Glowing' report of Lae UFO

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A "bright golden glow" was sighted in the skies above Lae early yesterday.

Two sisters at Angau Memorial Hospital say they watched the unidentified flying object perform a series of manoeuvres.

But by the time police arrived on the scene the object had disappeared.

The two nurses are Sister Elaine Brennan and Sister Helen Glynn, who were on night duty early yesterday.

"Sister Brennan called me out to show me a bright golden glow in the sky shortly after 2.15am," Sister Glynn said.

"It looked like a star when I saw it, except it was yellow.

"At first we thought it was a satellite but it stopped, and then continued, and at one point did a complete 'U' turn.

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"It turned at right angles and went back towards the mountains, where it had originally come from."

Aircraft

height

Sister Glynn said her friend had first spotted the UFO when it was at "about the height of an aircraft."

However, when Sister Glynn first saw it the object had ascended

extremely fast, reaching "about the height of a satellite".

She said it did not generate any noise that they could hear, and they were not frightened — only curious.

Attempts to telephone the weather office to find an explanation had failed, as they could not find a telephone number.

They rang the police instead, and police said

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But the object had disappeared.

Sister Glynn said they had watched the UFO for up to half an hour.

One possible explanation was that the object had been a weather balloon.

But a Meteorological Office spokesman said a weather balloon could not appear as "a bright golden glow".

He said a balloon was a white pinpoint of light, visible from the ground for only about three to four minutes.

A balloon was released at 2am yesterday, but prevailing weather conditions could not have allowed it to be visible

for more than three to four minutes.

Meanwhile, Sister Glynn said that about a month ago when she

month ago when she was on night duty another sister had called her out to see "a bright yellow glow".

But the object had disappeared before she had had a chance to see it.