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# CONSTABLES CHASE

## 'FLYING OBJECT'

### Shaped like a cross

**TWO** police constables had an 80 m.p.h. chase after what they described as an unidentified flying object over a Devon road early today.

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said:

"The constables said it was very large, bright and in the shape of a cross."

Later the constables reported seeing the object again and this time it was joined by a second similar object.

P.C.s Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott were in a patrol car at about 4 a.m. when they first saw the object on the Holsworthy to Hatherleigh road.

#### FAMILY MEN

P.C. Willey is based at Okehampton, and P.C. Waycott at Winkley nearby. Both are family men and in their thirties.

The nearest they got to the object, they said, was about 40 yards. It was about tree-top height.

The spokesman said: "It followed a course virtually over the road on which they were travelling, and they were doing 80 m.p.h. at one time. Then it left them."

It appeared to stop in a field, and they stopped and got out—but it disappeared."

#### WATCHING

It was at 4.16 a.m. that the constables reported that they had been watching the object for about 15 minutes.

At 4.23 a.m. they reported that it had reappeared. This time a second object made its appearance.

The constables were joined by a motorist, Mr. Christopher Garner of Hatherleigh.

The police spokesman said: "He told the constables that he thought he was having a nightmare."

#### DISAPPEARED

They finally reported disappearance of the objects at 4.58 a.m.—nearly an hour after the

first sighting.

In the course of keeping them "under surveillance," the constables had travelled 10-12 miles.

Exeter police headquarters checked with Chivenor Royal Air Force Station and the city airport.

At Oakhampton a senior officer was waiting to interview the constables after they had had their sleep.

The night over central Devon was cloudy.