

1961: Mr. Albury
Australia

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• no trace left.

10 March. Near Albury, Australia. (about 8:45 p.m.)

UFO LANDING ?

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"Albury Border Morning Mail" featured a provoking article on 16th March, 1961 entitled "SAW SPACE SHIP HERE?" which is reproduced below. An investigating team of the Australian FLYING SAUCER Review composed of Peter Norris (Victoria Co-Editor), Colin McCarthy, Peter Thomas, Geoff Rumpf and Ray Mountford examined the site of the alleged landing of mystery craft and questioned the witnesses.

Did a space ship land near Albury last Friday? This question, which would be scoffed at by the average citizen, was seriously posed by a well-known professional man yesterday.

The man who is non-committal about the possibility, is convinced he and his son saw an inexplicable phenomenon. He is Mr. F. Reynolds of Young Street, Albury. Mr. Reynolds said it was usual practice to take his 15-year old son Lloyd away for study every second weekend. Although they usually went to the Hume Weir camping reserve, they decided to go to Bowna.

After leaving Albury at 6.30 p.m. they arrived at their destination as dusk fell and camped 300 yards from the weir. "About 8.45 p.m. we decided to have supper", Mr. Reynolds said.

SAW STRANGE SIGHT

"I went outside and saw a strange sight on the edge of the water. At first I thought it was a camp but wondered how the people occupying it could have passed our caravan without hearing them."

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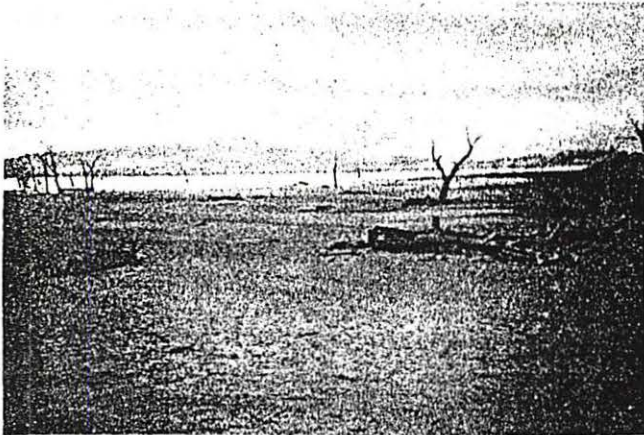
(Soft mud should have
left footprints)

"The camp appeared to be a large caravan with four windows with a red light nearby. A fire on the right of the caravan was visible. About four persons seemed to be moving very quickly between the fire and the 'caravan' on the left", Mr. Reynolds said.

"I had a look through my binoculars and was surprised to see the whole unit, that is caravan, red light and fire, appear to move sideways in a 'jerking manner'"

FLAME NOT CONSTANT

"The flame was not constant. It would flare up, showing someone standing near it and then die down again to-almost nothing before flaring up again," Mr. Reynolds related.



Actual position where UFO was seen standing

He looked again at 9.30 p.m. but was surprised to see the "caravan" and its "occupants" had disappeared.

"In the morning we visited the area and found a mud flat with no unusual markings and no trace of the fire," Mr. Reynolds said. He explained that the mud was very soft and would have left impressions. He later decided to advertise in the "Mail" to see if other readers had seen anything unusual on Friday night.

OTHERS SAW STRANGE THINGS

A Barnawartha resident Mrs. D. Anderson told him that before 10 p.m. she saw a yellow type of light which moved east toward Beechworth. She had never seen anything like it.

Other comments were:

- Mrs. Saw, Tallangatta: Some time after dark I saw a very bright light, which appeared to drop behind the mountains towards the east.
- Mrs. Woodcock, West Albury: About 9.25 p.m. I saw a peculiar light like fine rain coming down which changed from red to pink, and then faded away - it seemed to move along toward Beechworth.
- Mr. W. Burns, Wangaratta: About 10 p.m. I saw an unusual pink light in a narrow beam which seemed to extend out for some miles.
- Mr. E. Staff, a Wodonga S.E.C. worker rang the "Mail" last night to say he had seen an object in the sky which changed colors about 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Its appearance was like that of a small cloud but moved rapidly toward Beechworth emitting jet-like flames.

Fallen tree behind which UFO was sighted. Investigating team on spot. Outline of object superimposed.



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