

1954: w. of Geelong, Australia .CE1.

Monstrous dark object cloaked  
in haze.

April 28th.

"Huge monster driven by an amateur."

Easily the most incredible story of all to come out of Australia during the year was one dated April 28, 1954.

The story was reported to the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research by a locomotive engineer, A.E. Smith; and his fireman, Colin Beacon. The two railroadmen were members of a train crew manning a freight train that was rolling along uneventually until it reached a point about 45 miles west of Geelong at 7:20 a.m. At that time and place a "terrifying experience occurred."

Engineer Smith leaned out of the cab window and saw a gigantic round, dark blue or black, mass. The thing was diving out of a beautifully clear sky and was heading directly at the train. Terrified, Smith called to Beacon. Fear subsided when the UFO started to slow down, arresting its plunge at an increasing rate until the thing became motionless a short distance away. Now that it was close, both Smith and Beacon studied the vast bulk.

"What was it?"

The railroadmen could see no openings in the "huge monster" and it was so big the trees in the vicinity looked like matchsticks in comparison. After hovering for awhile, the "monster," which Smith guessed may have been as big as 1,300 feet in diameter, suddenly began jerk about in the sky in such a manner Smith suggested that an "amateur must have been at the controls." At one point the "monster" approached the train as close as 300 feet but gradually its maneuvers carried it higher and higher until it moved out of sight. Astonished, Smith was convinced he had seen something from another planet. 178.

A quote by Smith in the Melbourne Argus read:

"Its size was just colossal. For the four minutes in which we saw it over our engine, it partly obscured the sun, but all the time the light was clear. I feel definitely that the weird thing was piloted! It was not a clearly lined or defined object, for it was somewhat covered in a haze--perhaps caused by its speed or design. It was not like any aircraft I've seen or read about...more like something out of a dream." 179.

Word from the Royal Australian Air Force Intelligence section was that it was interested in investigating the report, according to the Argus. 180.

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(Their drawing of shape  
of object on back ↓)

28 April. Smith and Beacon "huge monster" case. (See my monograph *UFOs: A History 1954 January-May*, p.85.) A supposed accurate copy of the witnesses' original sketch of the big UFO can be found in an Australian UFO publication. (See drawing below) (xx.)

(xx.) Fischer, Ray and Les Bristol. *The Victorian UFO Report*. The Victorian UFO Researcher Society. P.O. Box 43, Modrabby, Victoria. September, 1978. p.19.



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