

Navy Pilots Claim They Tracked 'Flying Saucer' On Radar Scope

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 12. (U.P.)—The Navy studied a report today from two pilots and an electronics instructor who claimed to have tracked a flying saucer or "some strange craft" on a radar screen for eight miles.

Both fliers reported seeing a shiny round object whizzing past their training planes, about 10 miles northeast of Osceola, Ark., last night.

Electronics Technician G. D. Wehner, who was flying with enlisted Pilot R. E. Moore, said he "caught it on the radar scope. It was helmet-shaped. The outline of the edges were all right, but glare from the center of it prevented getting a better look."

"At first we thought it was a jet plane distorted by glare of the aluminum body," said Lt. (jg) J. W. Martin, the second pilot.

"When I first spotted the saucer it was about two miles off and

appeared to be a round ball. It was in sight for about three minutes and at one time we were within one mile of it."

Moore said, "it was on our left and travelled across in front of us and disappeared in the distance to our right. I think it would be about 25 to 45 feet across and about seven feet high.

"The thing looked like a World War I helmet seen from the side, or a shiny shallow bowl turned upside down. We wanted to follow it, but our training ships couldn't keep up with the saucer, or whatever it was."

The pilots, based at the Millington Naval Air Station near here, estimated the object was flying at an altitude of 8,000-feet at a speed of 200 miles per hour.

The Navy declined comment. Similar flying saucer stories have been debunked by the armed forces.