

GHOST LIGHTS

Nineteen Mile Plain is not the only place where mysterious lights are to be seen (T.P.M., "S.W.," 17/5/41). Between Daymar and Thallon in south-west Queensland, the railway runs in straight line for the seven miles and, although there is nothing but scrub on either side of the line, yet on certain nights a strange light can be seen from either Daymar or Thallon.

Like T.P.M. I was inclined to be sceptical when the local inhabitants mentioned this ghost light, but the laugh was to be on me later. It happened that four of us had occasion to go to Thallon one night on a fettler's hand pumper. Chancing to look back I was startled to see what appeared to be the headlight of a train bearing down on us. We whipped the pumper off the rails but there was neither light nor train to be seen. We continued our journey, the light appearing twice again and on our homeward trip it also appeared in front of us. Next moment it was gone only to reappear behind us.

Near where the light seems to be is a big tree where years ago a man is said to have hanged himself and this adds colour to the ghost light theory. Whether it is of supernatural origin or not I cannot say, but I have seen it on several occasions and can offer no explanation as to its source, writes "Pop F.," Cairns, Q., in "Smiths Weekly."