

# STRANGE LIGHTS OFF COAST.

## Submarine Rumour.

### PLANES' SEARCH FRUITLESS

BRISBANE, Thursday.

For more than a week three Avro-Anson bombers have been searching coastal waters near Townsville because of reports that strange craft resembling submarines have been seen there.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Street, said in Melbourne to-night that investigations appeared to have proved these reports groundless.

The crew of a Townsville fishing boat claim that they saw a submarine showing lights near Cape Upstart, about 70 miles south of Townsville, on August 9.

An officer of the Palm Island aboriginal settlement says that in the same week he saw an object which he is certain was the periscope of a submarine, pass through a channel between Great Palm and Fantome Islands.

Shortly afterwards an officer on Fantome Island saw a similar object following the deep sea shipping route. Late the same night two natives on Fantome Island reported that a large blue light had risen on the water, remained there for some time, and later had disappeared. Others also claim to have seen this light.