

The Flying Discs

POSSIBLY WEATHER BALLOONS

New York, July 9—At Roswell, New Mexico, the Army Air Force announced yesterday that a flying disc had been found on a ranch near by. It was sent to Brigadier-General Roger Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force at Fort Worth, Texas, and a later message said that an army airfield weather office there had identified it as a weather balloon.

In a statement announcing the discovery, Colonel William Blanchard, commander of the Roswell army air base, specifically referred to the object as a flying disc.

Brigadier-General Ramey, broadcasting to deflate stories which the discovery had caused, confirmed that it was a weather observation device. "As for flying discs, I have never seen one," he said.

The weather officer at Fort Worth described the object as a ray wind target, used to determine the direction and velocity of high winds. He said there were about 80 weather stations in the United States using this type of balloon and it could have come from any

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Army weather experts in Washington discount any idea that weather balloons of this type could be the basis for the scores of reports from all over the country of "flying saucers." They said that only a few balloons were used daily.

Another report said that a second object had been found and handed to the Army Air Force training command at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. The Louisiana police said it was obviously the work of a prankster.
