

'Flying Saucer' Mystifies Wagga People

Flying saucers yesterday assumed local identity when Wagga people reported having seen "burning objects" flying through the air at "great speed."

One man told the police: "I would never have believed it unless I had seen it."

A taxi-driver said the object was like a ball of fire, trailing smoke.

The description was perfect, because the "phenomenon" was quickly explained. High School cadets from a position near the school had fired a parachute flare from a mortar. After the flare had burnt itself out, the parachute drifted out of sight over Willan's Hill.

The man said he at first thought a plane was on fire. He thought the object which fell to the ground was a section of the plane's wing.

"It was heading towards Forest Hill at about 1000 feet," he said.