

Mystery Of "Saucer" In Big Exercise

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A "flying saucer" on Friday entered Operation Mainbrace — the naval and air exercise in the North Sea.

The RAF station at Topcliffe, Yorkshire, reported to the exercise headquarters that a silver object, circular in shape, appeared five miles behind a Meteor jet fighter flying at 15,000 feet.

The object maintained a slow forward speed before descending with a swinging pendulum motion. When the Meteor turned back towards the base, the object appeared to follow suit.

The object then began a rotary motion on its own axis and suddenly accelerated at incredible speed in a westerly direction. Later, it turned to a south-easterly course.

At least 10 officers and men who saw it said its movements were not identifiable with anything they had seen in the air. Its acceleration was greater than that of a shooting star.

Some observers of the incident, which lasted between 15 and 20 seconds, believe that the object might have

that the object might have been a parachute or cowl from a Meteor aircraft, but none was reported to have landed in the vicinity.

● An Air Ministry spokesman said later: — "We have no comment on this report of the sighting of a flying saucer."
