

“Flying Saucer” Believed Plane

MELBOURNE, Saturday.—Civil Aviation officials believe that a “flying saucer” seen by a Melbourne pilot yesterday was the reflection of a Convair airliner in flight.

They formed this opinion to-day after the pilot, Captain D. Barker, of A.N.A., sketched the object.

He reported seeing the object flying towards Templestowe, an outer suburb.

A Convair was flying over another suburb, Eltham, for landing gear tests, about the time Captain Barker reported seeing the “flying saucer.”

Captain J. P. Boyd, who flew the Convair on its testing flight yesterday, and radar screen operators at

Essendon saw nothing unusual.

Civil Aviation Department officials said to-day that no other aircraft was near the area at the time.

Experienced

Captain Barker said however: “I couldn’t possibly confuse the object with any

confuse the object with any plane.”

The Regional Director of the Civil Aviation Department, Mr. A. R. McComb, admitted that Captain Barker was a “very experienced pilot, who is not likely to imagine things.”