

# Is "flying saucer" a new plane?

**ADELAIDE, Friday:** A special plane, believed to be the cause of many "flying saucer" reports, is being used in South Australia for experimental night flights connected with work at the Woomera rocket range.

The plane is an Armstrong-Whitworth NF-11 Meteor, and is stationed at Mallala R.A.A.F. station.

It is the plane around which the night-operating squadrons of the Royal Air Force have been built.

The plane, which is all-white, has caused considerable discussion with its high speed and great flying heights.

The plane, which has a wingspan of 43ft. and a fuselage 48½ft. long, is on loan to the Australian Department of Supply and is being flown by R.A.A.F. crews.

Produced by the Hawker-Siddeley group, the plane's two Rolls Royce Derwent jet engines give it the greatest speed of any night fighter in operational service.

It is one of the top performance weapons in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's defence system in Western Europe.

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