

# Flying Saucer Report From N.W. Farmers

A REPORT by two farmers of an object which flashed high over Riana on Tuesday afternoon corresponds accurately with an object seen and heard in Northern Tasmania last Saturday.

The farmers were Messrs. S. W. Ratcliffe and A. Maynard, who were working about two miles apart early on Tuesday afternoon when the object passed overhead.

Mr. Ratcliffe said last night that at about 1.15 p.m.

he heard a high-pitched "hollow" noise which seemed to come from within high cloud.

It seemed to be travelling at tremendous speed from the direction of Wynyard and within a few seconds

had faded from hearing in the direction of Launceston.

Describing the speed at which the object seemed to be travelling, Mr. Ratcliffe said "It was not miles a minute, it was miles a second."

The object seemed to be following the normal course of planes from Wynyard to Launceston.

Working in a field two

Working in a field two miles away, Mr. Maynard heard the sound at the same time and his description conformed with Mr. Ratcliffe's.

Because of the cloud, neither man could see the object.

Mr. Ratcliffe said that he heard a similar noise about three weeks ago but that time the object did not seem to be travelling with the speed of Tuesday's object. He had attributed it to a jet plane.

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