

ERNIE'S 'SAUCER'

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.
—A "flying saucer" almost stopped the 6 am Geelong - Ararat goods train today.

Train-driver Ernie Smith and his fireman Colin Beacon were steaming the goods between Duv-erney and Berrybank when Ernie shouted to his mate and pointed toward the eastern sky.

"What on ear'h is that?" Ernie yelled.

About four miles away, in the grey morning sky a dark-purple object was diving and banking.

"It was round," Ernie said. "It seemed to stay stationary for about 90 seconds, then it would dive at enormous speed.

"We made no mistake about this saucer."