

Strange Flying Object Sighted

BRISBANE, May 18.—Air Force intelligence officers have been ordered to check reports of a mysterious object seen flying over Roma last Saturday night.

While Brisbane R.A.A.F. officers and newspapermen have been flooded with reports of "strange objects" in Southern Queensland in the last 24

hours, a message said the Roma object was compared with "saucer" statements. Officers have also questioned people who saw the object. They will make contact with meteor-government astron-

omers and civil aviation officials.

Latest "flying saucer" reports are:

Mr. Montgomery Wight, of Kelvin Grove, reported sighting a "large cylindrical object a few hundred feet long" at Kingscliffe, four miles south of Tweed Heads, at 10.40 a.m. to-day.

A mysterious "flying tube" was sighted to-day by King Brown, postmaster at Kingscliffe, about 10.30 a.m.

Mr. H. J. Williams, of Deagon, said to-day that a "glowing ball of light" without noise flashed overhead when he and his two brothers were fishing in Moreton Bay last Saturday night.

Mr. J. L. Fountain, storekeeper, of Pimpama, South

Coast, said: "Just before 11 a.m. to-day I saw a long silver object. It was travelling at terrific speed heading west."

Probable Causes

In Brisbane to-day R.A.A.F. officers and meteorologists said probable causes could be meteor fragments, night flying Dakota and Lincoln aircraft, planes with the fuselage lights on.

"A weird flying object trailing flames," similar to the one over Roma, flashed over Melbourne at 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, according to several witnesses.

Four people have given near identical descriptions of a mysterious missile that travelled at great speed over the southern part of Melbourne, leaving a wake of flame trails. In each report the missile was pinpointed within three minutes of 10.30 p.m.

Mr. John Miller, of Newport, Melbourne, saw two of the missiles. "They travelled at tremendous speed and at first could have been taken for fire balls because of the flames trailing them," he said.

"But the second was more like a silent, high-powered aircraft trailing yellowish-red exhaust flames."

Looked Like Tube

Reports of a mysterious "flying tube" over the Tweed district this morning came from two sources to-night.

Mr. King-Brown, postmaster at Kingscliffe, a seaside resort 13 miles from Murwillumbah, said that about a dozen local men and visitors were fishing from the rocks at Kingscliffe at about 10.30 a.m. when they saw the object appear over the horizon to seawards, cross the sky at "great speed" and disappear behind the hills to the north-west.

They said its shape did not correspond with the "usual fly-

ing saucer"—it looked like a tube, 2ft. 6in. or 3ft. long and 6in. in diameter.

The other report about the "flying tube" came from Cudgera, about seven miles from Kingscliffe. Mrs. I. Lansley, of Cudgera, said that she was one of a group of about a dozen people who saw the mystery object pass over the Tweed district.

Mrs. Lansley said the "flying tube" looked very much like a Neon light. As it progressed it brightened and faded from time to time."