

# **FLYING OBJECT REPORT AT ROMA TO BE CHECKED BY RAAF**

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

**MEANWHILE, the Brisbane R.A.A.F. headquarters and newspaper offices, have been flooded with additional reports of "strange flying objects" in Southern Queensland in the last 24 hours.**

**A Melbourne message said that reports on the Roma object would be compared with known aircraft movements. R.A.A.F. officers have also been told to question people who say they saw the object.**

**Findings they will make will be checked with meteorologists, Government astronomers and Civil Aviation officials.**

**Latest "flying saucer" reports are:**

● **Mr Montgomery Wight, of**

● **Mr Montgomery** of **Kelvin Grove**, reported sighting a "large cylindrical object a few hundred feet long" at **Kingscliff**, four miles south of **Tweed Heads** at 10.40 a.m. today.

● A mysterious "flying tube" was sighted today by **Mr King-Brown**, postmaster at **Kingscliff**, about 10.30 a.m.

● **Mr H. J. Williams**, of **Deagon**, said today 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. today I saw a long silver object. It was travelling at a terrific speed, heading West."

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

#### **MELBOURNE REPORTS**

**MELBOURNE**, May 18.—"A weird flying object trailing flames," similar to the one over **Roma** (**Queensland**) flashed over **Melbourne** at 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, according to several witnesses.

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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 pin-pointed 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 fireballs because of the flames trailing them," he said.

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