

# No Lady, It Wasn't A "Saucer"

## "FLYING SAUCER" EXCITEMENT, BUT IT WAS ONLY VAPOUR

A "flying saucer" scare in Brisbane this afternoon was caused by an R.A.A.F. aircraft making vapour trails high in the sky.

Thousands of people in the city and suburbs stopped in their stride to watch feathery white patterns being formed 35,000 feet above them.

Thousands more rushed to telephones to ring newspaper offices and inquire what was happening.

The "Brisbane Telegraph" switchboard was jammed for nearly an hour.

The 'saucer' was a Mustang aircraft from No. 23 City of Brisbane squadron at Archerfield.

It was on an air test, operating between 30,000 and 35,000 feet.

In the cold atmosphere the Mustang gave off a visible vapour trail resembling smoke.

The apparent phenomenon this afternoon fol-

non this afternoon followed many "sightings" of strange objects in the sky over south-east Queensland in the past few days.

**Many people became**

**quite frenzied, because at the height it was travelling the aircraft was not discernible to them.**

To many observers the pattern appeared as a thin white line, increasing in length for no apparent reason.

Later, when the sun glinted on the aircraft, it was seen at the spearhead of the trail.

As time passed the vapour trail, breaking up, increased in width, and drifted as a cloud.

The aircraft described a perfect bow, then sped off on a straight course before making a perfect circle miles in diameter.

"It was a normal air test" said the adjutant of No 23 Squadron (Flt.-Lt. K. J. Oates).

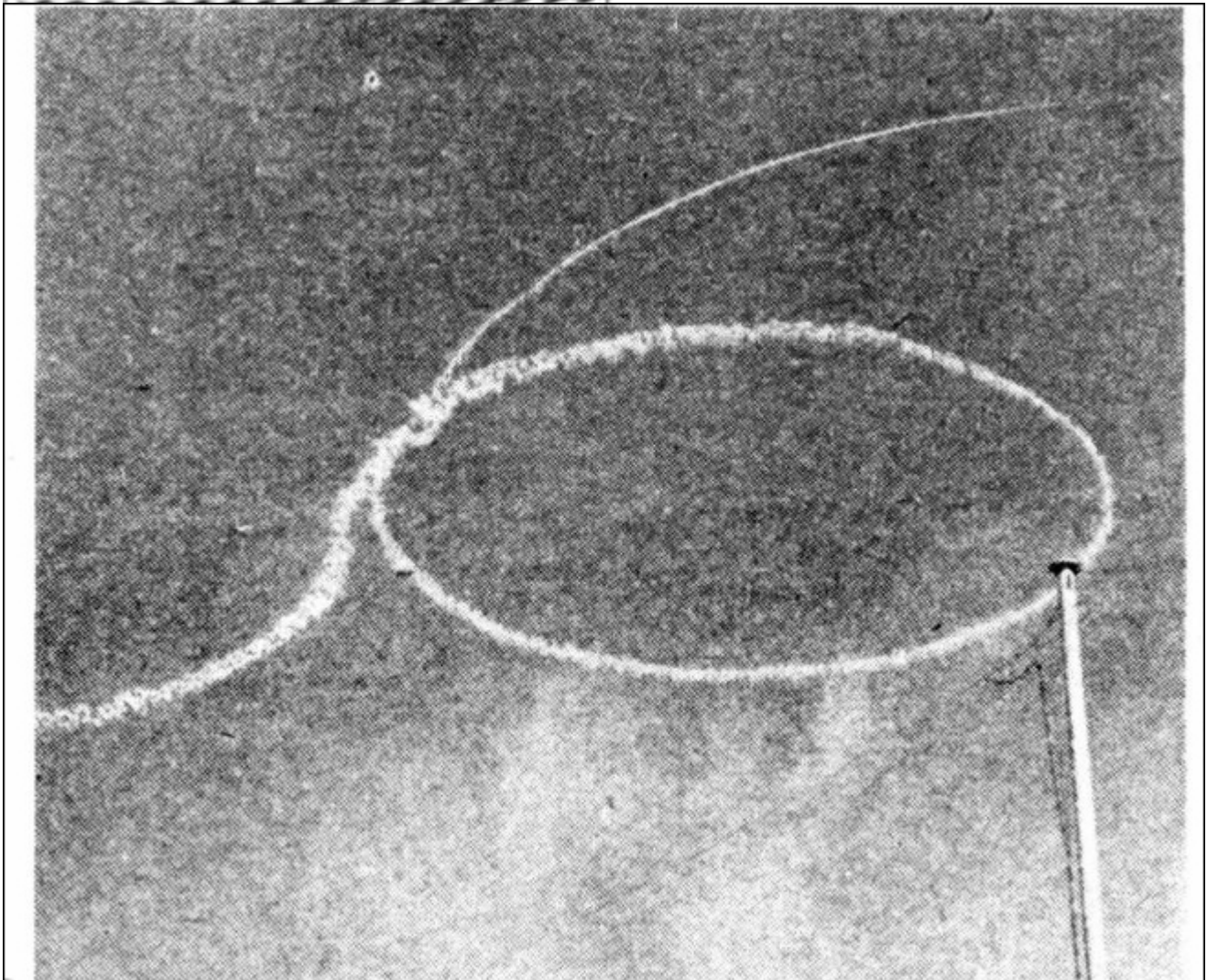
"Sgt C Ackland went up for an hour, just as

up for an hour. Just as  
other pilots have flown  
Mustangs in tests in re-  
cent weeks

"Today was so cold up  
there that the vapour

trail was visible. In Vic-  
toria and in England, it  
is seen every day and no-  
body takes any notice"

The Mustang is not a  
jet aircraft, but was a  
last-war fighter now used  
largely for training



People all over Brisbane thought this afternoon they had seen a "flying saucer." and the "Brisbane Telegraph" switchboard was jammed with calls. but it was a vapour trail from a Mustang training flight.