

# "Saucer" that wasn't

**BRISBANE, Fri.—**  
Thousands of people today believed they saw a flying saucer.

In the city and suburbs people stood in groups on the footpath and watched the saucer-like object.

Telephone lines to newspaper offices were cluttered with calls for three-quarters of an hour.

More than 400 people phoned Archerfield aerodrome.

But the watchers were wrong.

**The object was not a flying saucer, but an R.A.A.F. plane flying at a high altitude.**

Nineteen-year-old Sergeant-Pilot Colin Ackland was flying the plane at between 30 and 35 thousand feet.

The plane, a Mustang, caused a vapor trail in the cold atmosphere.

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Sergeant Ackland said tonight: "Fancy me causing all that fuss.

"All I did was to take the plane for a normal high-altitude test.

**"I looped the loop a few times and did a figure of eight."**

Aviation officials said propeller-driven aircraft usually did not leave a noticeable vapor trail in a warm climate.

Such trails were frequently seen in Melbourne and Sydney.

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