

Navy sees "flying saucers" on radar screen

A Navy pilot has reported seeing two "flying saucers" flash past him while he was flying over Goulburn, N.S.W.

Radar officers at Nowra Fleet Air Arm station picked up the objects on their screen.

The pilot said he had seen the "saucers" go past his Sea Fury plane at supersonic speed.

"Fantastic" speed

Navy authorities last night would not comment on the report, which they said was "top secret."

But they said the incident occurred three months ago.

Pressmen heard of the report while visiting the Nowra Fleet Air Arm station yesterday with the

tion yesterday with the Minister for the Navy (Mr. Francis).

The pilot's report said he was flying over Goulburn at 15,000 feet when he saw two lighted objects flash past.

He said they easily passed his Sea Fury fighter, which was capable of flying 450 to 500 miles per hour.

Check

The pilot reported the incident to Nowra radar officers about 9.30 p.m.

Their screen showed three objects at his position—his Sea Fury and two other flying objects.

Radar officers were unable to identify the two other objects.

A later check showed no other planes were in the vicinity.

The pilot said he saw the objects for only a few seconds before they disappeared.

He told interviewing

He told interviewing senior officers that the objects, which were brightly lit, appeared to be spinning at "fantastic" speed.

Security

Pilots last night would not discuss the report or reveal just what the pilot had seen.

Unofficial sources said the pilot's report had gone to security sections in the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

This was because of a standing order to all forces to be "on the alert" for unidentified flying objects.

Authorities instituted the order after similar reports by other service and civil pilots in the past six months.

Several pilots have reported having seen unidentified objects flying at remarkable speed past or above their own planes.

Most of the objects have been sighted on the East Coast—between Brisbane

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and Melbourne.**

Navy pilots at Nowra and senior Navy men say they are puzzled by the report.

The pilots, many of them Korea veterans, discount the possibility that the two objects could have been unauthorised aircraft.

In talk among themselves they refer to the "flying saucer incident."

But, because of its "top secret" classification, news of the incident has been kept from the public.

Late last night the Minister for the Navy (Mr. Francis) would not comment on the report.

The Secretary of the Navy Department (Mr. T. Hawkins) said he had never heard of this report or any other "flying

saucer" report involving the Navy.

Mr. Hawkins added: "If there were any importance in this report I would certainly have heard about it."

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"This is news to me.
"I will make inquiries
tomorrow."