

The Army knock that saucer

IT was not a flying saucer. That's official, as far as the Army are concerned.

They gave their verdict yesterday as bomb disposal men dug on around the crater that has caused all the bother at Charlton, Wilts.

Until then a Dr. Randall, describing himself as an expert, had acted as unofficial spokesman for the crater.

And he had declared that the dent was definitely caused by a ship from outer space. From Uranus, probably.

Yesterday Southern Command were equally definite.

They said: "Dr. Randall, who has no official status, was not called in by the Army.

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"He reported that he had found marks similar to the crater in adjoining fields and volunteered to go to Charlton to lead the bomb disposal sergeant to the spot.

"These marks produced negative reaction and do not appear to be related to the hole under investigation."

Then, the spokesman shyly added a saver—"Of course, we shall look pretty silly if after all a squad of little green men do pop up!"

The mystery of the "metallic object giving strong reaction on detectors" (the Army description) remains.

Dr. Randall was silent. "A security close-down" he explained.

Today the probe reaches Parliament. Mr. Roy Mason (Lab., Barnsley) will ask the Air Minister to have an examination made at Charlton "to assess the possibility of its having been made by an unidentified flying object."