

Flier spots sky high puzzle

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A CHIEF flying instructor who knows a balloon when he sees one is quite sure the unidentified flying object he saw is not THAT.

Mr. David Ogilvy, of the London Flying School, published a letter in *Flight International* yesterday in which he described his observation of the object.

This, says 35-year-old Mr. Ogilvy, is what he saw over Elstree airfield on August 1.

The object was obviously very large at a considerable height. It could have been at 80,000ft. and had a span of 400ft. or so.

Open mind

I had no means of measuring size, but from experience would compare ~~that of a Vulcan~~ which I have observed with the naked eye and through binoculars on a few occasions.

For the benefit of any person who may be wary of this report, I may add that I was a "Disbeliever," and now have an open mind on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr. Ogilvy, who has logged more than 1,000 hours in high-flying Mosquitoes, says he talked to the Air Ministry.

But a "very disinterested official" said it was a balloon—probably for weather observation from France.

Sabre searches

Later he rang Elstree airfield and spoke to the duty air traffic controller.

He, too, had seen the object and he reported that the American Air Force had sent up a Super Sabre from Bentwaters to seek out the object.

But it could not climb high enough.

Mr. Ogilvy goes on: "I do not suffer from an excessively imaginative mind and I have some idea of what to expect and see in the sky—and certainly know a 'Met' balloon when I meet one."