

EX-MARINE CLAIMS HE WAS SINGED BY "FLYING SAUCER"

WEST PALM BEACH (Florida), Sun.—The U.S. Air Force said last night it had received a report from the only man in the world to claim his hair had been singed by a "Flying Saucer".

The man is Mr. S. J. D. Desvergers, a Scoutmaster.

Air Force Intelligence officers were giving the report "further study from a scientific viewpoint."

Mr. Desvergers, an ex-marine, said he knew what the object which singed his hair was, but "it's better for me not to go any further for the public good because it might cause panic."

He said he was riding in a car on Tuesday night with three scouts on the edge of the Florida Everglades when he saw flashing lights.

He walked through the brush and saw an object "large enough for six or eight men to stand in."

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"It was about 10 feet high feet high in the centre, out in the centre, about 30 feet in diameter, and shaped like a half rubber ball, tapering down to a three foot thickness on the side. There was a phosphorus effect around the side," he said.

"It was only 10 feet from the ground and made a hissing sound like a tyre going down."

Mr. Desvergers said the object shot a ball of fire at him that seemed to "float slowly at my face."

He said the hair on his ear was singed and three holes were burned in his Scout hat.

The Scoutmaster said he then blacked out and when he awoke he had "no sense of feeling and even now I have a tingling as when your foot loses circulation and goes to sleep."

Mr. Desverger claimed the people in the object "were as afraid of me as I was of them. That," he said, "was why they fired a ball of fire directly for my head."

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He said he and high ranking officers from Washington, whom he refused to identify, were substantially in agreement on what the object was.

"It's of vital importance," he said.

The West Palm Beach Weather Bureau said there had been rain during the day and lightning was seen about two hours before the incident.