

# SCOUTMASTER'S HAIR SINGED BY FLYING SAUCER

## Knocked Out By Ball of Fire

Washington, Aug. 24.—The United States Air Force has received a report from the only man in the world to claim that he has had his hair singed by a "flying saucer."

The story told by Mr. S. J. D. Desvergers, a scoutmaster, was receiving "further study from a scientific viewpoint," an air force intelligence officer said.

Mr. Desvergers, an ex-Marine, said that 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, leaving the scouts in the car and telling them to call the police if he was not back in 10 minutes.

He said that he saw an object "large enough for six or eight men to stand in."

It was 'about 10 ft. high in the centre, about 30 ft. in diameter and shaped like a half rubber ball. There was a phosphorous effect around the side."

"I believe I was under and near it for about three minutes," he said. "It was only 10 ft. from the ground. It made a hissing sound like a tyre going down."

Mr. Desvergers said that "they" (apparently meaning those in the object) shot a ball of fire at him that seemed to "float slowly at my face."

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### **Looked Like Wild Man**

The hair on his arm was singed and three holes about an eighth of an inch in diameter were burnt in his cap.

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

By the time he came to, Deputy Sheriff Mott Partin, summoned by the three scouts, had arrived. Mr. Partin said that Mr. Desvergers "looked like a wild man" when he came out of the brush.

When the deputy sheriff went into the woods the grass "seemed to be scorched or blistered" in the small clearing. No trace of the object has been found.

### **Knows What it Was**

Mr. Desvergers claimed that the people in the object "were as afraid of me as I was of them."

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

"I know what it is and it's of vital importance," he told a reporter "but it's better for me not to go any further for the public good because it

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might cause panic."