

SCOUTMASTER SAYS HE WAS SHOT AT BY MEN IN A FLYING SAUCER

WEST PALM BEACH (Florida) Sun (AAP): Scoutmaster J. D. Desvergers has reported to the Air Force that he was singed by a "flying saucer."

Mr. Desvergers (30), an ex-Marine, said the hair on his arm was singed off and three holes about an eighth of an inch in diameter were burnt in his cap.

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

He dashed through the brush with a machete and flashlight, leaving the scouts in the car to call for help "if I'm not back in 10 minutes."

He said he found a mushroom-shaped

object large enough for six or eight men to stand up in.

"It was about 10ft. high in the centre, about 30ft. in diameter and shaped like a half rubber ball, tapering down to about 3ft. thickness on the side. There was a phosphorous effect around the side," he said.

"I heard the hinges open and they shot at me.

"I believe I was under and near it for about three minutes for what seemed like 10 years. It was only 10ft. from the ground and made a hissing sound like a

ground and made a hissing sound like a tyre going down."

He said those in the saucer shot a flare at him that seemed to "float slowly at my

face" and he soon lost consciousness.

Today Mr. Desvergers had a publicity agent to "protect" him from inquisitive reporters and the Air Force.

He said he had made a "gentlemen's agreement" with the agent, Mr. Art Weil, that any further details on his experience would be reserved for "certain magazines."

Presumably, the announcement meant that Mr. Desvergers would not permit further questioning by the Air Force.

The Air Force in Washington said it had only an "unofficial report" on Mr. Desvergers' experience and did not have enough information to "draw a conclusion." But it thought the incident was "explainable."