

HAIR WAS SINGED BY FLYING SAUCER

Claimed By Scouter

WEST PALM BEACH (Florida), August 24: The United States Air Force said last night that it had received a report from the only man in the world to claim he 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," said an Air Force intelligence officer.

Mr. Desvergers, an ex-Marine, said he was riding in a car at 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. He said he saw an object "large enough for six or eight men to stand in."

10 Feet High

It was about 10 feet high 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 phosphorous effect around the side.

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

Mr. Desvergers said "They (apparently meaning those

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Hair Singed

He said the hair on his arm was singed, and three holes about one-eighth of

an inch in diameter were burned in his scout cap.

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."

By the time he came to, Deputy Sheriff Partin summoned by the three scouts, had arrived.

Like Wild Man

Mr. Partin said Mr. Desvergers "looked like a wild man" when he came out of the brush.

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Mr. Partin said that when he went into the woods, the grass "seemed to be scorched or blistered" in the small clearing.

No trace of the object has been found. Some investigators thought that it either had exploded or disappeared rapidly, said the American Associated Press.

The West Palm Beach Weather Bureau said that, at the time when the alleged encounter occurred, the night sky was almost clear. There had been rain during the day and lightning was seen about two hours earlier.