

# Flying saucer 'kidnaps' soldier

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SANTIAGO, May 18. — A Chilean army corporal was kidnapped for 15 minutes by a flying saucer near the Bolivian frontier last month, it was reported here yesterday.

An army patrol, led by Corporal Armando Valdes, was on routine duty near Putre on April 25, North-east of Santiago on the Bolivian frontier when they saw an intensely bright light about 500 metres away.

The corporal went to investigate and disappeared a

few minutes before the UFO (unidentified flying object) vanished, said the Press reports.

Fifteen minutes later, the corporal suddenly appeared amid his men, gasped "muchachos" and collapsed unconscious. The reports said his chin was covered in several days growth of beard and his expression was that of utter surprise as if he had seen something incredible.

When he regained consciousness a few moments later he remembered nothing but it was noticed that while his watch had advanced only 15 minutes the date showed April 30 — five days later.

Military authorities have refused to confirm or deny the reports. The local Press said they had reconstructed the incident by questioning reliable sources on the