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Mr. DesVergers said that when the fire ball hit his head, shoulders and arms, he lost consciousness.

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1. July 8, 1953 7:50 p.m. San Rafael Calif. 38° $122\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Round shiny silver object approximately the size of a large pan seen in northerly easterly direction. Reported by ground observer station. Source; San Diego Tribune. Comment; This appeared to be an ordinary report, made by qualified observers, making it more authentic than the usual run of reports.
2. July 11, 1953 12:05 midnight, Sudbury Ontario. $46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ 81° A streak of bluelight travelled very fast with a deep humming noise, leaving no smoke, vapor trail or sparks behind. Source; Sudbury Star. Comment; Humming noises are occasionally reported with saucers, however only at low heights. A meteor would have a rumbling noise, and few plane lights appear streaklike which would mean extreme speed.
3. July 12, 1953. Midnight. 350 miles east of Wake Island, Pacific Ocean. 19° 173° A green flare sighted in the area where a four engined aircraft plunged into the pacific. Source; World Telegram & sun. Comment, This was probably an airplane flare, but as no one was found, there is some possibility this may have been a rare green fireball report mentioned in previous reports.
4. July 14, 1953. 9:35 p.m. Robin Hood Dell Penn. Three orange light spaced equal distances apart, moved from south to north. Source; Penn. newspaper. Comment; Lack of detail makes this report hard to classify.
5. July 16, 1953. 2:00 p.m. Chicago Ill $41-4/5^{\circ}$ $87-3/4^{\circ}$ A saucer shaped object with three silvery division lines, nine golden bars in the middle and electric blue field with tiny flames around the edges, was travelling as a hoop rolls but without turning. A rhythmical noise was heard. Source Fate Magazine. Comment; This report is exceptionally detailed, and has no resemblance to any previous saucers. The romantic coloration and symbolic bars also tend to to class this report as one probably imagined by some one, rather than seen.
6. July 17th, 1953. 10: a.m. Near Brush Creek Calif. $39-3/4^{\circ}$ $121-4/5^{\circ}$ A round gleaming silver colored object moved in a straight line thru the sky. Source; Saucers magazine, Max Miller. Comment; This appears to be a typical saucer report, during a period of activity in Southern California.
7. July 17, 1953; 8:00-8:19 p.m. Cody Wyoming; $44\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ 109° .A round saucer shaped object giving off a steady pale, whitish or silvery glow, travelled from west to east. Source; Wyoming paper. Comment; The late hour seems to rule out the setting sun lighting up a balloon, while the direction it moved seems to rule out astronomical objects. The 19 minute duration is unusual, however.
8. July 19, 1953. 8:25 p.m. Shelby Ohio. 41° $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ A glowing disc brilliant red or reddish blue appeared to pulsate in color, size and movement, hovered, then swooped off leaving a momentary trail of light. Source Mansfield News. Comment; This report appears to be genuine, having been witnessed by many farmers and motorists. Its 17 minute flight is again a very unusual phenomena.
- July 22, 1953; Morning Mansfield Ohio; $40-3/4^{\circ}$ $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ A red disc shaped object made three passes over the town. Source; Cleveland Press. Comment; There is some confusion on this report, since other observers said that only a red light appeared swinging slightly in the sky and may have been a balloon.

Local Man Kayoed By "Flying Saucer" To Be Quizzed Again By Army Tonight

AUG. 23, 1952

The "only man in the world who has come within reaching distance of a 'flying saucer'" — J. D. "Sonny" DesVergers of West Palm Beach — said he is slated to be quizzed by more "high-ranking military brass from Washington" tonight.

He made this statement after being questioned for two hours last night by a "board of high-ranking officers from Washington behind closed doors at International Airport." The questioning centered on events that occurred at about 11:30 pm last Tuesday in woods off Military Tr. west of Lantana when he left his car and three Boy Scouts to investigate some lights.

DesVergers, who said the board "made it known that the Army has cleared his 'sanity'."

The young hardware store clerk, who said the board of inquiry here last night "opened its book to him," declared grimly: "We don't have it here—I was shown proof of it." He meant the "flying saucer" he encountered, but wouldn't clarify the remark "we don't have it" anymore than to add "it's not ours."

He said, "The Army has examined and re-examined me—both mentally and physically—since Wednesday, and last night (Thursday) they gave me a 'top bill of health' in both cases."

The 30-year-old scoutmaster, a former Marine and student in 1940 at the University of Florida, during an hour-and-a-half-long interview last night at his home after the board got through with him, gave a more complete account of the "saucer" incident.

He was calm and seemed sincere as he unraveled his story in much

greater detail than before, but had "no answer" to many pertinent questions. "I'd like to get it all off my chest and get it over with," DesVergers said, "but I've told them I'd wait until they clear me from my security pledge."

"It's not foolish to say that it will determine the future of all of us someday," Sonny said, and added, "the Army's theory and mine coincide."

"I know what it is and it's of vital importance, but it's better for me not to go any farther for the public good because it may cause another 'Orson Wells' panic."

"Things have been seen since the 18th Century," DesVergers said records shown him last night revealed.

"It was a sickening, nauseating stench worse than rotten eggs—more like burning flesh," DesVergers said in describing the flare that was aimed at him and seemed to "float slowly at his face late Tuesday night when he 'unknowingly walked under the saucer' off Military Trail near Lantana Rd."

"Then I blacked out. It didn't hurt, but was the same temperature as the close air right under the mushroom-shaped object which made only a hissing sound like a tire going down."

He continued: "It was large enough for six or eight men to stand up in it. It was about 10 feet high in the center as I kept my light on it and backed out from under it and saw it from a right angle. It was shaped like a 'half-rubber ball' tapering down to about a three-foot thickness on

the sides. There was a phosphorous effect around the sides.

"I believe I was under and near it for about three minutes, or what seemed like ten years, as I tried to scream and run, but at first I couldn't move an inch."

"I saw it in every detail as I finally was able to move and back slowly away from it as it hissed and hovered horizontally with the flat surface down, unsupported about 10 feet from the ground. It was about 30 feet in diameter," said DesVergers who related he went into the woods first thinking an airliner had crashed.

"There seemed to be windows in it like an airliner when I first saw it, and then it made a sharp angled descent toward the ground. My first thought was to go give assistance, but I didn't hear anything crash. 'I couldn't find anything as I pushed through the brush but the air got warmer as I went and I became suspicious that all was not right."

"Then I heard the hissing sound and as I moved it got louder. I flashed my lamp up and and I was right under it."

"I don't scare very easily but I did then."

"I believe they (he wouldn't clarify who "they" were) were as afraid of me as I was of them and the flash sent at me seems now as if it was to keep me from finding out something about it, or from keeping it on the ground."

"The ball of fire came directly for my head, I don't know if I would have followed me if I could have moved, but I couldn't. The fire came in a very misty manner. It was not solid, and was of the same temperature as that which I had felt under the thing."

"When I awakened out of the 'fog,' I had no sense of feeling and

even tonight (last night) I have a tingling like when your foot loses circulation and goes to sleep. I walked around but couldn't feel the ground. It was like walking on air."

"But the deputy sheriff, who arrived there later, couldn't find my footprints in the rain-fresh dirt between where I dropped my lamp when I fell unconscious and where I had come to. The distance was a matter of quite a number of yards, I don't know just how many."

"I was yelling at the top of my lungs as I wandered toward the lights of my car when I regained some strength, but no sound was coming out. When I met the deputy, I still clutched the machete I froze to."

"The machete," DesVergers said, "has been given to the officers to be fully examined for 'radio-activity.' I swung at the object and may have touched it. They said they wanted to have it checked."

His wife said last night "Sonny was as white as a ghost when he came home." The couple, married 17 months ago, has a 7-months-old son, J. D. "Skipper" DesVergers, 3d.

Sonny said he attended Riverside Military Academy in his senior year between 1938-39, and then went to the University of Florida where he majored in forestry and chemistry.

When World War II broke out he joined the Marine Corps, in 1941, serving mostly in the Pacific theater until 1944. He said he was in the infantry and later was attached to the Naval Intelligence Section.

He is a native of Lake City and has resided here the past five years. Scoutmaster for the past five months, DesVergers said he first became a Scout when he was 11 years old.

Harried 'Saucer' Viewer Rests Up After

AUG. 24, 1952

Herald Bureau

WEST PALM BEACH—Scoutmaster J. D. (Sonny) DesVergers slipped "away from it all" Saturday after several days of questioning by military authorities about his encounter with a "flying saucer."

But the other mystery that has been stirring the Palm Beaches was cleared up That was the one about the Nazi-marked maps of South America found floating in the ocean Friday.



DESVERGERS

Capt. Albert E. Jones of West Palm Beach, said the German-made maps were on the two-masted schooner Walfrid when he bought it last year. Apparently the maps were blown overboard, he explained.

Jones said he and a crew of five planned to sail in the Walfrid Saturday night on a voyage to the Orinoco region of South America where he will prospect for diamonds. In his crew are Tom Wright, 24, chief engineer; George Smith, first

mate; and Tiny Q. Macknam, second mate, all of West Palm Beach; H. L. Brownell of Waterloo, N.Y., cook; and Albert E. Jones, Jr., cabin boy.

DesVergers said his experience after the "flying saucer" incident "has been an awful headache." He said he and his wife would be gone over the weekend.

An intelligence officer at Palm Beach International airport indicated the Air Force probe of DesVergers' tangle with the saucer west of Lantana Tuesday night was complete.

"The Air Force has received all the information and is giving it further study from a scientific viewpoint at Wright Field, O.," said the officer, who wouldn't allow use of his name.

DesVergers was questioned for the last time Friday night, when "high-ranking military brass from Washington" told him he was the "only man in the world who has come within reaching distance of a flying saucer."

Speaking of his encounter with the saucer when he plunged into the dark woods after seeing what he first thought was a crashing airliner, DesVergers said:

"It's not foolish to say that it will determine the future of all of us some day. I know what it is and it's of vital importance. But it's better for me not to go any farther because it may cause another Orson Wells' panic."

The Marine and naval intelligence veteran of World War II told of stopping in the woods, a machete in one hand, when he suddenly realized a flying saucer was hovering a few feet over his head.

He said a "misty flare" blossomed from the 30-foot-wide saucer and floated slowly toward his face.

"It had a sickening, nauseating stench worse than rotten eggs—more like burning flesh." He said the ball of fire came directly toward him, then he "blacked out."

About three minutes later, he said, he recovered consciousness and tried to scream and run at the same time but couldn't do either.

"I saw the saucer in every detail as it hissed and hovered horizontally about 10 feet from the ground," he related. It was about three feet thick and rimmed with a "phosphorous effect."

DesVergers said the ma-

chete he carried into the woods had been turned over to military officials to be examined for "radio-activity."

He had swung it at the saucer and may have touched it, he said.

The hair on the scoutmaster's forearms was singed when he emerged from the woods. Three tiny holes had been burned into his cap.

Deputy Sheriff Mott N. Partin related that when he went into the woods the grass "seemed to be scorched or blistered" in the small clearing where the scoutmaster claimed he met the object.

No trace of the object has been found. Investigators theorized that it either exploded or disappeared rapidly.

DesVergers claimed the object housed beings "who were as afraid of me as I was of them." That, he said, was why they projected a "ball of fire directly at my head."

In Washington, an Air Force spokesman said an officer was sent to check on the incident.

MIAMI-HERALD
He said the officer flew from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton,

10. July 23, 1953; 4:30 p.m. San Diego Calif; 32-3/4° 117 1/2° Two brilliant greenish color round objects moved across the sky the speed of a jet plane, hovered and went straight up and disappeared. Source; San Diego Paper. Comment; This appears to be a convention saucer report, with hovering and vertical rise. Their greenish color in the daytime is unusual, since this is usually a color seen surrounding saucers at night or glowing about them, with silvery or white coloration in the daytime.
11. July 24, 1953. 11:a.m. (?) Powell Wyoming; 44-3/4° 108-3/4° An object reported in the northeastern sky by an air spotter. Source; Wyoming newspaper. Comment; No description of object or its performance, was given and no conclusions can be drawn.
12. July 24, 1953. 11:00 p.m. Robin Hook Dell Penn; An orange colored light seen. Source; Penn. Newspaper. Comment; Insufficient information for comment. see report for July 14, same area.
13. July 24, 1953 Evening; Sequoia Park Calif. 36 1/2° 118 1/2° Brilliant yellow fireballs sighted. Source; Santa Ana Register. Comment. This was the first of several days of unusual activity in this area. The appearance of a flash of light 10 seconds before the fireball may mean this was electrical phenomena instead of only saucers.
14. July 25, 1953 Evening Glendale L I New York; Two brilliant lights hovered. Source; Long Island Press. Comment; these were supposedly identified as astronomical objects, but no mention was made as to length of time they remained visible.
15. July 25, 1953. Evening. Sequoia Park Calif. 36 1/2° 118 1/2° A yellow fireball, 1000 feet in diameter, soundless sighted. But object must have been of huge size. Source; Santa Ana Register. Comment; The estimate of size is very doubtful, but object is of size. Meteors this size supposedly would make a rumbling noise.
16. July 28, 1953. Evening Near Cheyenne Wyoming. 41° 104-3/4° FLY ing Saucer reported by a Pilot. Source; Wyoming Newspaper. Comment. No details, but observation by a pilot would place this report as probably authentic.
17. July 28, 1953 Night Lake Vermillion Minn.; A luminous band moved thru the sky, reaching from the moon to the zenith, and resembling a searchlight beam. The band seemed to move southward and appeared to break up. The observer, Prof Picard believed it to be northern lights, seen in the summertime. Source; Minneapolis Tribune. Comment; The lack of a concrete object causing the light makes Saucer possibility doubtful, however the time of year is hard to explain for light streak to have been of Northern lights.
18. July 30, 1953. Daytime Passaic New Jersey 40/4/5° 74° A gray soundless disc with a large dome hovered 200 feet from the ground for several minutes while travelling southeast in a lie surely speed. Photos taken. Source; aterson Morning Gail. Comment; The report is very interesting, however the object appears to be so clearly in all photos, that it is very hard to understand why werent purchased by some large nationally distributed Magazine. A small model saucer thrown up and photographed at high speed could have easily explained this report, however no further information is available on this.
19. July 31, 1953. 11:00 P.M. Chester Pa. 39-3/4° 75-1/3° A round bluish white object changed color to greenish blue as it circ-

- led the city at the speed of 150 to 250 mph. After arriving from the West it left in the same direction. Source Chester Times. Comment; This is an unusually long & detailed report. The slow speed might be explainable as a small civilian planes light but the lack of motor noise backs the saucer theory.
20. July 31, 1953 San Clemente Calif; $33^{\circ} 118-4/5^{\circ}$ Two silvery colored oblong objects flew at high speed and hovered before disappearing. Source; Los Angeles Express. Comment; This appears to be an authentic report, with objects hovering while in flight.
 21. July 1953 Evening Nyassa Oregon. A light moving in an arc in a northerly easterly direction seen. Source; Letter; Comment; The description of the light appearing to have a crescent in the front somewhat resembles a report mentioned in the review for Jan, 1952
 22. July 1953 Easton England; A saucer shaped object with a smaller ball hanging beneath hovered, then disappeared from view at a terrific speed.
 23. July ? 1953- Near Glasgow, Scotland. $56^{\circ} 4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ An object shaped like a Saucer grew smaller and smaller until it vanished from sight.
 24. July 8 1953- Night Near Atlanta Georgia- $33-3/4^{\circ} 84-1/3^{\circ}$ A "dead" Saucer man identified as a monkey.
 - 25.-August 1, 1953- Evening. Amsterdam Holland. $52\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 4-3/4^{\circ}$ Six, round, green objects flying in a formation sighted.
 - 26.-August 4th, 1953-7:35 p.m. Near El Paso Gap, Texas. $32^{\circ} 94-4/5^{\circ}$ A large orange-red fireball fell to the ground.
 - 27.-August 4th 1953, 1:30 a.m. Columbus Kansas. $32^{\circ} 105^{\circ}$ A large brilliant object resembling a sphere with its bottom half bathed in light, remained stationary in the sky over the city.
 - 28.-August 9, 1953- Evening Moscow Idaho, $46-3/4^{\circ} 117^{\circ}$ A bright flat object 200 feet in diameter darted overhead with a loud noise.
 - 29.-August 10th, 1953. Evening Meriden Conn. $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 72-3/4^{\circ}$ A weather testing device found in a tree.
 - 30.-August 13, 1953-2:00 a.m. Cleveland Ohio; $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 81-2/5^{\circ}$ A huge saucer, bigger than a house, seen for two minutes in the northern sky.
 - 31.-August 16, 1953 9:30 p.m. Moderney & Emden Germany. $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 7^{\circ}$ A flying saucer seen.
 - 32.- August 19, 1953. 9:20 p.m. New Haven Conn. $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 72-4/5^{\circ}$ A flashing object tore a hole one foot in diameter in a metal sign.
 33. August 22, 1953 5:00 p.m. Magog Quebec $35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} 72^{\circ}$ A silvery cigar shaped object trailing smoke shot out the clouds making a peculiar noise, leveled off and then went back in the clouds.
 - 34.-August 23, 1953. 8:45 p.m. Berkeley Alameda County Contra County, $38^{\circ} 122-1/3^{\circ}$ Elongated tapering object afire with smoke and fire fell to the ground.
 - 35.-August 24, 1953-7:35 p.m. Fullerton Calif. $34-4/5^{\circ} 118^{\circ}$ Round bright, shiny object remained stationary for several minutes, then took off in a northerly direction leaving fan tailed smoke screen.
 - 36.-August 25, 1953-Evening Manhattan New York $40-3/4^{\circ} 74^{\circ}$ An earth shaking explosion broke dishes, rattled windows, & knocked man out of bed.

'Flying Raindrop' 2nd Saucer Seen

AUG 19 1952

By The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — A scoutmaster who intends to make some money out of his story of being attacked by a flying saucer refused any further interviews Wednesday—but several other persons were ready to talk.

The scoutmaster, D. S. (Sonny) Desvergers, a hardware salesman, conceded he was free, so far as military authorities are concerned, to tell all about his experiences the night of Aug. 19.

That was the night, he claims, when a strange object hovered over his head in a wooded area and fired a "ball of fire" which knocked him over the head in minutes.

Wednesday, back at work in the hardware store, Desvergers told the Associated Press by telephone, "I've had a couple of offers from magazines, and feel I can make a little money out of this. That's why I want to keep quiet."

He said any further questions should be directed to Art Kiel, a West Palm Beach press agent who is representing him. And Kiel wouldn't talk.

Desvergers said he already had started writing his account of the incident.

Less reticent, however, were 1—Three Boy Scouts who were in Desvergers' auto while he went to investigate strange lights they saw. All three said they saw bright lights in the area—some 300 yards from the car—when Desvergers said he was attacked.

2—An employe at the West Palm Beach International airport and his wife who told of seeing a strange silvery object in the sky on the morning of Aug. 20—nine or ten hours after the scoutmaster's experience—at a point some 14 miles north of the spot which Desvergers claimed was his ball of fire.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Carroll, said their aerial discovery was "shaped like a raindrop flying sideways with the heavy end down and the pointed end pointing up a little."

3—Persons at Belle Glade, 40 miles west of West Palm Beach, gave belated reports of seeing some strange object in the skies on the night of Desvergers' experience.

By C. H. RALLS
Herald Staff Writer

WEST PALM BEACH — The second reported landing of a flying saucer or other mysterious air-borne contraption near Palm Beach International airport within 10 days was being investigated Thursday at the Air Force base.

This latest eerie night landing reportedly took place about eight miles up Military Trail from the spot where J. D. Desvergers, a local Scoutmaster, said a saucer landed and fired a ray or bolt at him the night of Aug. 19.

Seeing a yellowish-white light, and at least as large as a big transport plane, it appeared to descent—straight down—into the undergrowth a block and a half east of the Trail between Belvedere and Okeechobee rds. six miles from here at about 7:30 p. m. Aug. 29. Then a helicopter-like object hovered over it.

That's the story revealed Thursday by Miss June Zent, 15-year-old Palm Beach High School student, of 512½ Georgia ave.

In the darkness, she couldn't be sure of the missile's shape, she said. "It seemed like a sharp edge with lights spaced around it. It looked like when you turn a coin sideways and you're looking at the rim."

June said she and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wells of Belle Glade, were driving west on Okeechobee rd. on the way to the Boulevard Drive-In Theater when Mr. Wells first saw the object.

"It was in front of us way up in the sky. At first it looked like one big yellow-white light. It seemed to be drifting—slating down. Then it got down the woods on the left side of the road and dropped straight down. When it got down closer to the ground it looked like it had more lights. And right after it landed we saw another light that seemed to hover over the spot."

June said the lighting didn't resemble that of an airplane but reminded her of "the rim of a coin," with lights spaced along it.

"We turned down military Trail to get closer to the place where it landed. Soon we could see where the bushes were all lit up. There are no houses around there so it was evident that's where it landed."

Miss Zent said the landing place, which appeared to be a block and a half east of Military Trail, couldn't be reached by car and that they did not investigate afoot because of the Wells' small children who were in the car.

Only comment from the Air Force here was that it was "investigating."

The spot Miss Zent pointed out as that where the missile landed was wooded so that no aircraft could land there. But it is directly in line with nearby runways of the airport for planes taking off or landing.

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By C. H. RALLS

Saucer Stampedes Herd

BY EDWINA YOUNG

Miami Daily News Correspondent

Belle Glade, Sept. 16—Belle Glade can be added to the cities throughout the nation reporting the observance of flying saucers.

One was sighted early Sunday morning at the Everglades Experiment Station as Fred J. Brown was about to milk the station herd of 13 cows.

Brown arrived at the dairy barn about 4:30 a.m. and was in the barn getting the feed ready prior to milking when he heard a loud humming sound like that made by high voltage electric wires.

Red, Amber Lights

He went to the door to investigate and found that the

cattle which were waiting to be fed had bolted and run to the far end of the pasture about a quarter mile away.

Looking up Brown saw a circular object approximately 35 feet in diameter with a row of red and amber lights alternately spaced around the outside rim on the underside.

When first seen, the "saucer" was about 20 feet above tree level. He estimated it to be about 70 feet from the ground. It seemed to settle over the barn until it descended to a height of approximately 40 feet, then veered to the west and went out of sight.

Acrid Odor

Brown reported he was unnerved, but went after the cattle and had driven them back to the barn when the object appeared again, this time coming

from the south and going in a northerly direction.

He estimated the rate of speed as approximately 30 miles an hour. The glow from the "saucer" was bright enough to light up the ground as it passed, and it gave off a peculiar odor best described as acrid yet smelling somewhat like ammonia. The odor was so strong it made his eyes smart and burned his nostrils, Brown said.

On the second appearance the object gained altitude and disappeared, but not before the cattle and horses again bolted and ran to the end of the pasture.

Brown attempted to arouse the occupants of two houses across the road about 75 feet away, but the object disappeared before he could awaken them.

It was 5:20 a.m. before he

was able to corral the cattle again and start the milking. Evidently the animals were excited for their milk production was off 5 to 6 gallons. Usually the herd gives about 15 gallons of milk at the morning milking. Production was also off somewhat in the afternoon, Brown said.

No Explanation

Brown has been in charge of the dairy herd at the station since last July and stated that he had never been afraid of the dark or any natural phenomena and that he couldn't explain what he had seen by any relative comparison.

At first, he thought, it might be a blimp, but the object possessed no apparent motor or propeller. He was not able to discern any openings or windows. HAGEDLUND MARI