

MY SPACE INVADERS

AMATEUR photographer Andrew Farnaby believes he has captured real-life space invaders on film.

The 20-year-old community programme database worker was with four pals when, he claims, they saw a strange bright object in the night sky above Coulby Newham.

Andrew, of Forber Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, dashed into his home to get his camera and tripod before the "visitors" and their "UFO" disappeared.

By MALCOLM PICKERING

"I set it up on a long time exposure and the picture shows it quite clearly. It is like a bright tadpole with two tails."

One of his mates who also saw the "UFO" was Mark Savage, 18, of Rochester Road, who said: "It was really weird.

"There was no way it could have been a plane or a helicopter.

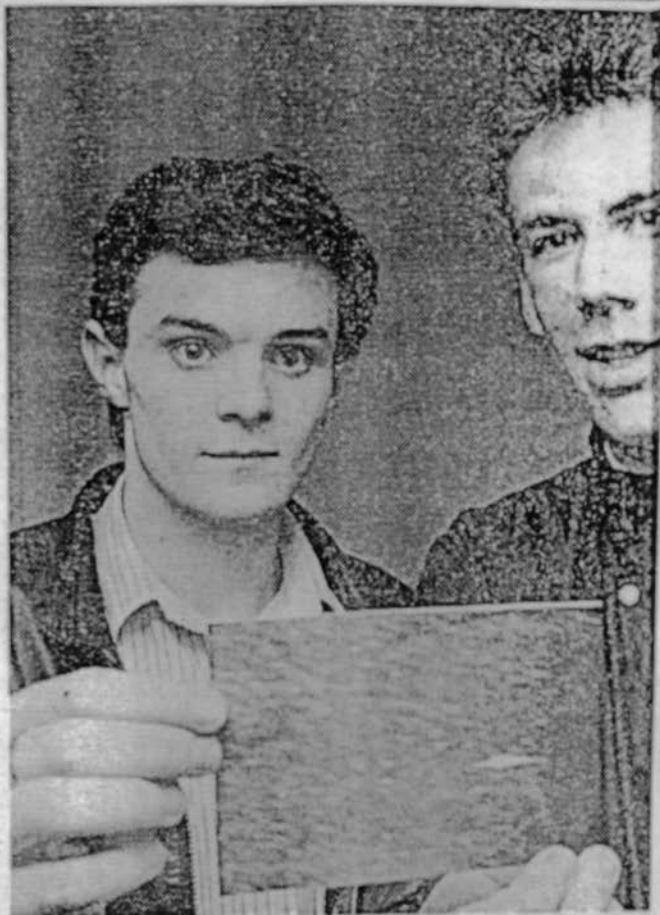
"It stayed too still. It was there for about 25 minutes, then it just went whoosh and vanished."

Said Andrew: "We did not tell anyone except our parents what we had seen, because we were sure no-one would believe us.

"But when the film came back, there it was. It wasn't a star. The stars show up on the photo in a completely different way."

Cleveland Police say they had no other reports of UFO sightings on the night in question, last Wednesday.

Weird visitor in the night sky...



● UFO spotters Andrew Farnaby, left, and Mark Savage with the photograph they claim is of a "flying saucer" — shown below in an enlargement.

