

The Thing that flew over —Tyneside—

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A DETAILED account of an unidentified flying object seen over Tynemouth, Northumberland, has been prepared by a mathematics teacher and an engineer.

They watched it "manoeuvring" for nearly three hours.

The sighting, reported to North Shields police and the Ministry of Defence, came a few hours before Police Constable Leslie Leek photographed a similar object in the night sky over Aldridge, Staffordshire.

Teacher Mr. Wolfgang von Metz, of Percy Gardens, Tynemouth, said he and a neighbour observed the U.F.O. with the help of night glasses and a small telescope.

Like a disc

The object looked like a disc seen edgewise-on. It was yellowish at the centre with red tips and at times seemed to be surrounded by a bluish haze.

Mr. von Metz said that after watching the U.F.O. for a few minutes he drew it to the attention of engineer Mr. G. R. O'Brady-Jones, then a stranger to him, who also lives in Percy Gardens.

Independently each man drew a sketch of the object and on comparing them found that they were almost identical.

Two days later they read newspaper accounts of an object seen by four policemen and photographed over Aldridge, Staffordshire. Mr. von Metz believes it could have been the same object (which is still unidentified) seen from a different angle.