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Barrow schoolboys spot flying object

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U NIDENTIFIED fly-
ing objects are
very much in the news at
present, of which many are
later logically explained,
but the one seen by a 13-
year-old Barrow schoolboy
at the week-end is still a
mystery.

David Stowell of 6 Hare
Ghyll, Barrow, a keen ama-
teur astronomer, and two
school friends Malcolm Hill
(10) of 16 Laurence Avenue,
Barrow, and Stephen Drury
(9) of 24 Laurence Avenue,
were star-watching on Sunday
evening.

At 7 p.m. they saw a small
meteorite travel across the sky
in the space of five seconds,
and five minutes later a bright,
silver-yellow object followed
its path across the sky, disap-
pearing into a cloud 15 seconds
later.

"It was fairly big," said
David yesterday, "a little
larger than a star, and made
no noise. It couldn't have been
an aeroplane because it was
travelling too high.

"It was wobbling about
quite a lot too."

Disappeared

THE three boys were
accompanied by Mal-
colm's father, Mr. I. Hill, who
sent them to get a telescope,
but the silvery object disap-
peared before they were able
to do so.

David, a pupil of Risedale
School, Barrow, has been in-
terested in astronomy for the
past four years, and stays out

in all weather with his tele-
scope if a star, meteorite or
comet is expected to pass over-
head.

He was one of the few to see
the 1965 Japanese Comet, and
took photographs at the time.

But he has no idea what it
was that he saw on Sunday
night.

"It is possible that there is
something up there we don't
know about," he said.

"But faking flying objects
isn't going to help the scientists
find out."