

The night I climbed a mountain and

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3 UFOs passed over

Curiosity sent me scrambling up a Welsh mountainside at 11.30 on Saturday night to witness an all-night vigil for UFO's—Unidentified Flying Objects.

I did not expect to see any objects—my aim was merely to spend half-an-hour or so watching the watchers.

'Zig-zag'

Then, at 11.52 p.m., the first UFO was spotted directly overhead moving quietly south-east. It was as bright as the dimmer

stars and was visible for about a minute.

Tracking it through binoculars, it seemed to me to travel in a straight line, but the others all said it zig-zagged once or twice. It was a job to keep my glasses steady, so they could have been right.

A hard core of 10—the majority strangers to each other—kept watch. Just after the first sighting, half-a-dozen others turned up and stayed for a couple of hours.

The man behind the

venture, Mr. Derek Toombs, of Clynmawr Street, Aber-tillery, and all the other watchers claimed a total of five sightings as dawn broke yesterday.

And I was still there.

Convincing

I saw only three UFO's—at 11.52 p.m., 2.8 a.m. and 3.4 a.m., the latter as bright as the brightest star and which paused in its flight south-east

This, to me was the most

convincing evidence that it was not a satellite.

It remained in view for about five minutes.

The 2.8 a.m. object was not very bright and went from south to north. At no sighting was any noise audible.

In the first glimmering of dawn a stationary object in the west was claimed as a UFO. It certainly seemed to vary colour between white, green and red, but it looked like a star to me and re-

mained where it was until the sky lightened too much to pick it out.

The majority of the watchers seemed sure the Government were trying to laugh off the UFO's because they feared the public would panic if they were acknowledged as fact.

Hopeful

I revealed my identity as a journalist to only one of the watchers — a man from Porthcawl — as I left the mountain with him at 4.30 a.m.

Mr. Toombs is now hopeful that the interest aroused will lead to the formation of a Welsh unit of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.