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FIRST DAYLIGHT PHOTO OF - WHAT ARE THEY?

A U. S. Coast Guard photographer at the Salem, Mass., Air Station made this phenomenal photograph at 9:35 a.m. on July 16, 1952, through a window screen.

He was in the station's photo lab preparing to clean a camera, when he noticed several brilliant lights in the sky. He watched them for 5 or 6 seconds, then called another Coast Guardsman in the nearby sick bay to come and see the strange sight. In these few seconds, the brilliant white of the lights had dimmed somewhat, but when it suddenly brightened again, he grabbed the camera, clicked the shutter, and this photograph is the result. Notice the bars of light that seem to extend in front of and behind the round "objects", which appear in "V" formation.

The picture was taken on super xx cut film with a 4/5 camera set at infinity, 1/50 of a second, at f4.7. Shell R. Alpert, seaman, was the photographer, and his companion was Thomas E. Flaherty, hospitalman first class.

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