

for you, old man!'" he said.

#### No Witnesses

**Section 40** did not return to the landing site until two days later, when he noticed that the foliage between the canal and the towpath was in disarray. Unfortunately, no photos or soil samples were taken. **Section 40** feels someone in the guard hut of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshops must have heard or seen something, but checks by investigator **Section 40** drew a blank. He was also unable to trace the two mounted policemen. And the occupants of a bungalow near the canal lock beside Gasworks Bridge were away at the time.

Throughout his experience **Section 40** was hoping that a train would cross the railway bridge (Aldershot to Waterloo main line) which is about 100 yards to the south of the landing site, but there were none; at least, not while he was outside the craft. But even if a train had gone by it is doubtful if anyone would have noticed the object except at those times when it was at its most brilliant, i.e. during landing and take-off. No cars were seen on either Government Road or Camp Farm Road, which runs beside the Basingstoke Canal at the spot where was fishing, nor have any witnesses come forward.

#### Publicity

The story of **Section 40** encounter made headline news in the local paper two months later, as a result of his having written to the Aldershot News initially enquiring if anyone had reported an unusual 'light' at the time of the incident. (13) The paper then notified **Section 40** Chairman and Investigations Co-ordinator of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (SIGAP), who subsequently interviewed **Section 40** in October. My first interview with the witness took place the following month, in the presence of local reporter **Section 40**. The Aldershot News published our positive findings, and this attracted the attention of America's largest-selling tabloid, the National Enquirer, who ran a story on the case the following year. (14)