

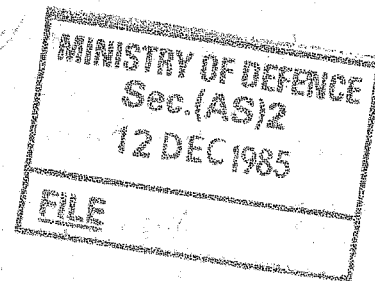
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THE CLOSE ENCOUNTER CASE OF Section 40 1983

The remarkable story of Section 40 alleged close encounter beside the Basingstoke Canal in Aldershot, Hampshire, during the small hours of 12 August 1983, is a fisherman's tale with a difference: the one that got away was a flying saucer - complete with little 'green' men. The case is not directly relevant to the central thrust of my theme (although Ministry of Defence personnel were peripherally involved), but I am including it here because if the witness is not lying - and I for one am convinced he is not - we are presented with an important and highly detailed account which may teach us a great deal about the UFO phenomenon, irrespective of what interpretation we choose to place on it.

Because of its many military establishments, Aldershot is known as 'The Home of the British Army', and Section 40 himself has an Army background, having served in the Queen's Royal Regiment in 1924 and the Hampshire Regiment during World War II. Well-known as a local historian, he has in his time worked as a farmer and gardener, and while living in the Canadian outback hunted bear and fought wolves. He has told me that he is now afraid of nothing, and regarding his encounter, which would have terrified most people, says: "What did I have to fear? I'm 78 now and havn't got much to lose." Prior to his experience he had read no books or magazines on the subject of UFOs, which held no interest for him, yet much of what he claims has been corroborated by other witnesses.

Section 40 is a keen and experienced fisherman, and since the weather report for 11/12 August predicted a warm, fine night, he set off from his home in