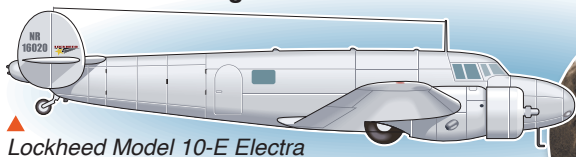


New search to solve Amelia Earhart mystery

Oceanographer **Robert Ballard**, famous for discovering the wrecks of the *Titanic* and *Bismarck*, is conducting a new search in the Pacific Ocean for missing aviator **Amelia Earhart's** plane

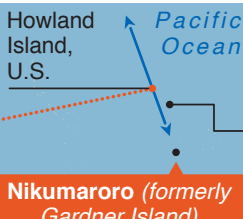


Lockheed Model 10-E Electra



RECORD ATTEMPT

Amelia Earhart (*right*) was U.S. aviation pioneer who tried to make first circumnavigational flight around globe



Jul 2: Earhart and **Fred Noonan** (her navigator) disappear after departing **Papua New Guinea**

Reported line of flight (157 SE 337 NW) identified in Earhart's last radio message

SEARCH

Robert Ballard (*right*) thinks evidence gathered by **The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR)** shows Earhart landed on uninhabited Gardner Island



1940: Human remains found on Gardner Island

1941: Bone measurements lead researcher to conclude that remains belong to man. Bones later lost

1998: Bone measurements reinterpreted by two scientists as coming from woman of European descent

2018: New analysis uses photos and Earhart's clothing size to determine that bones match her physical proportions

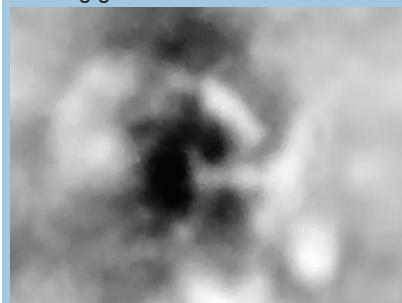
COMPELLING NEW EVIDENCE

Oct 1937: **Eric Bevington**, aboard British Royal Colony Ship *Nimanoa*, photographs *Norwich City* shipwreck off Gardner Island

2010: Imaging expert notices small object protruding from sea during routine review of historical photos



2011: Three photo analysts concur object fits shape of Lockheed Electra landing gear



2017: 3D model of landing gear



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