

HELP WANTED

The following help is needed to identify artifacts found on Nikumaroro:

We're looking for a photograph or example of the Western Electric No. 53-A Test Set that went with the Type 13C transmitter and Type 20B receiver. This was a portable device containing a special two scale test milliammeter and was carried aboard the aircraft. An object found on Nikumaroro in the same debris field with the aircraft skin may be part of such a unit.

We need a timepiece guru. In the same debris field mentioned above there was what seems to be the bezel ring of a timepiece, made of German Silver (a nickel, zinc, copper compound) and apparently metric in measurement (5cm in diameter). A ferrous pin four inches in length has been installed through the case bow as if to provide a way to mount the timepiece. We suspect a chronometer or a stop watch.

We need detailed mounting information for the installation of the PBY style navigator's bookcase (Part #28F 4023) in the B-24D or PB4Y-1 aircraft. We've recently learned that some models of the Liberator included these Catalina parts and we suspect that this could be the origin of the navigator's bookcase found on Nikumaroro in 1989. It's clear that we have two distinct types of aircraft parts on the island; World War II debris brought to the island as trading material, and wreckage from the Earhart aircraft. The trick is sorting them out.

