

TELEGRAM.

From The Officer-in-Charge, Phoenix Scheme, Gardner Is.,

To The Resident Commissioner, Ocean Island.

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Some months ago working party on Gardner discovered human skull - this was buried and I only recently heard about it. Thorough search has now produced more bones (including lower jaw) part of a shoe a bottle and a sextant box. It would appear that

- (a) Skeleton is possibly that of a woman,
- (b) Shoe was a womans and probably size 10,
- (c) Sextant box has two numbers on it

3500 (stencilled) and 1542 - sextant being old fashioned and probably painted over with black enamel.

Bones look more than four years old to me but there seems to be very slight chance that this may be remains of Amelia Earhardt. If United States authorities find that above evidence fits into general description, perhaps they could supply some dental information as many teeth are intact. Am holding latest finds for present but have not exhumed skull.

There is no local indication that this discovery is related to wreck of the "Norwich City".

Gallagher.