

For two nights humans and aliens watched and waved to each other

When man met his star brothers

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For two nights a crowd of people watched in amazement as four humanoids repeatedly emerged from a starship as it hovered over the beach where they stood.

Thirty-eight people in all, including an Anglican priest, witnessed the startling sight that became the best documented case on record of a close encounter of the second kind — an attempt by alien beings to make contact with humans on Earth.

Though sightings of UFOs continued over Papua New Guinea for three months that strange summer of 1959, it was sightings on the nights of June 26 and 27 that amazed the world.

Reverend William Booth Gill, an Anglican priest and at the time a missionary at the seaside Boainai Mission station, walked out the front door and casually glanced toward the sky. It was 6:45 p.m. on June 26.

"I saw this sparkling object," Gill recalled later. "It was very, very bright . . . then I saw it descend toward us."

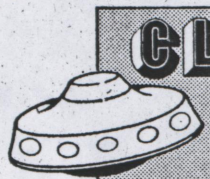
Stunned, Gill called two other men to his side and within a short time, about 30 other people gathered to stare at the incredible UFO display — a hovering mother ship and three smaller UFOs, all glowing and disc-shaped.

Suddenly a shaft of blue light angled upwards through the sky — streaking from a deck above the mother ship.

"As we watched men came out onto the deck of the huge mother ship," Gill said.

"There were four men in all, occasionally two, then one, then three, then four. We noted the various times the men appeared."

The reverend recorded the minute-by-minute activities of the ship as it came within 300 feet of where the stunned on-lookers stood. Dozens of wit-



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nesses later signed their names to the detailed account Reverend Gill wrote of the spaceship's movements.

"One very peculiar thing was the shaft of blue light which emanated from what appeared to be the center of the deck," Gill said.

"The men appeared to be illuminated not only by this light reflecting on them, but also by a sort of glow which completely surrounded them as well as the craft.

"The glow did not touch them, but there appeared to be a little space between their outline and the light."

The ship — about 35 feet wide — took off with a blaze of red light, then reappeared. At 11 p.m. that night, heavy rains began to fall and nothing was visible in the sky.

But early next evening, a medical student at the mission, Anna Borewa, saw the lights of the alien craft again.

Gill rushed outside and along with others watched as the human-like figures once again emerged from the starship.

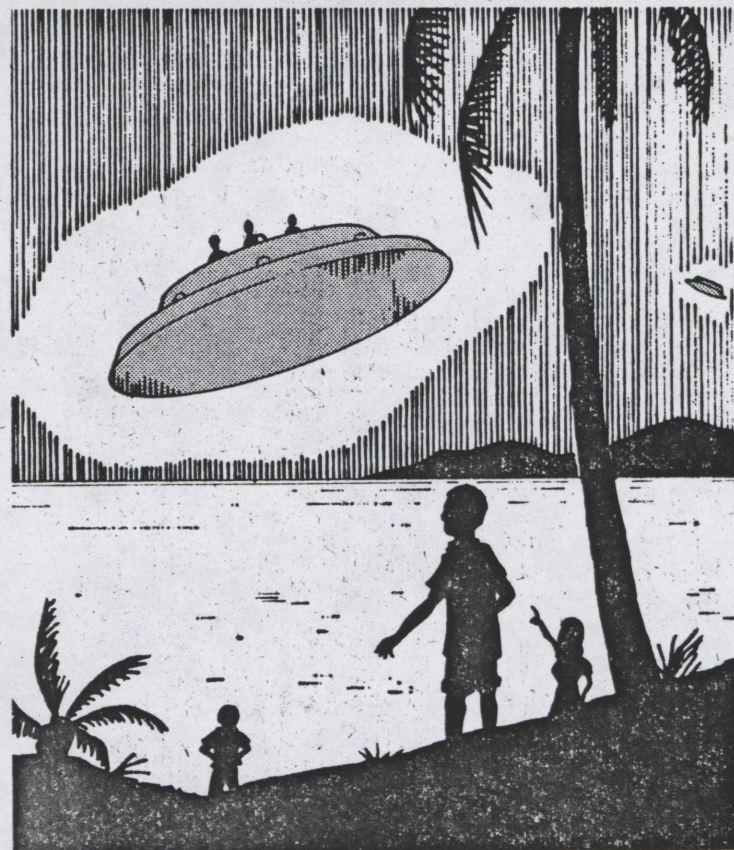
"I stretched my arm above

my head and waved," he said. "To our surprise, the figure did the same. A native waved both arms over his head and the two outside figures did the same.

"The native and I began waving our arms and all four seemed to wave back. There seemed to be no doubt that our movements were answered."

The overtures continued for several more minutes — until the strange beings seemed to lose interest in the people on the ground and disappeared below deck.

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People watched in amazement from the beach as the aliens stood on the deck of their starship and waved to them.