

Big Flying Boats Snatch Pilots to Safety---Daring Rescue

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ADVANCE AIR BASE, Dutch New Guinea, (Delayed), (AP). — **SECOND LT. HARRY C. REMINGTON** of Dallas eased his Catalina plane down on the open sea a few yards from the yellow life raft to which clung an Australian P-40 fighter pilot.

The latter's plane had been crippled by ack ack over Manokwari's Japanese base and he ditched half

a mile offshore. The Japanese peppered away at the "Cat" from shore while they hauled the Aussie aboard.

He gasped, spluttered and remarked: "Awfully nice to have you around."

A couple of days later another PBY flown by 1st Lt. Kenneth G. Hunter of Greenville, Cal., happened to pick up an American P-38 pilot off the enemy base at Jef-

man in Dutch New Guinea. He had parachuted from his crippled plane and the Nipponese were shooting from shore. His words, on being hauled aboard, were: "Let's get the hell out of here."

An American-Aussie patrol was surprised by a Japanese force near Lake Robelai north of Wakde. They had a radio and called for any chance help. **CAPT. GERALD WEINTJES** of San Antonio and

Co-pilot **2ND LT. JOHN DENNISON** of Waco put off with Flight Surgeon Maj. Donald D. Corlett of Seattle. Weintjes ducked logs, reefs and islets landing on the lake, taxied in so close he had to let his wheels down.

They brought the wounded out while the others held off the foe. Finally all were aboard. But the wheels had been dragged on the lake bottom and were fouled up.

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Feats Cheat Japs of Victims

Navigator 2nd Lt. Peter F. Naylor of Miles City, Mont., got out in a rubber boat and started to clear them. The Japs opened up. **CREWMEN SGTS. RAYMOND BEAN** of Dallas and George Buck of Cleveland and Anthony Sadonnis of Philadelphia got a tow line to Naylor and Weintjes began taxiing to safe water.

But Naylor was caught in the propeller blast and his tow line

broke. The "Cat" had to circle back in through enemy fire to get him.

And from that shallow, reefy, log-clogged lake Weintjes and Dennison lifted the 10-ton plane with 19 men aboard and flew to safety.