

last of the rations that had been dropped to me on August 1.

Despite the Catalina's precarious position on a heavy sea in enemy waters, I for one was in the lap of luxury.

I stretched out on a dry bunk, pulled a warm blanket over me, drank some fresh water and smoked a cigarette while one of the crewmen fixed me two tumblers of grapefruit-juice, a couple cups of coffee, two big steaks, and a large dish of peas.

The sea was so rough that the pilot decided not to risk a take-off at that time. He asked me if the water ever got any smoother out there, but I couldn't offer him much encouragement. Although the waves were running at least 10 ft. high, it was my smoothest sea since July 14.

We stayed on the water all that afternoon and all that night.

I was indescribably grateful for companionship, and the courageous crewmen kept up a continual conversation with me despite seasickness.

At dawn of August 4 the navigator reported that we were 100 miles due south of the enemy air base at Kahili on Bougainville. The waves were still 10 ft. high, but the pilot decided to attempt a take-off nonetheless.

The take-off was successful! The cumbersome plane bounced off the top of one swell and spanked on to another, knocking some rivets out of the hull. It bounced into the air about 10 knots slower than it should have been to be air-borne, but again the pilot's skill saved our lives. No one but an expert pilot could have held that plane in the air without spinning. Ours was an expert, and we remained air-borne.

Before taking off, the crew had lightened the ship by throwing every bit of loose gear overboard, saving just a very few rounds of ammunition for an emergency.

After we had been air-borne about ten minutes, three more Catalinas appeared and escorted us home. They had come out to search for their lost plane. I was taken to a field hospital on Florida Island.

Though my rations were meagre, I had been able to keep my body in fairly good condition. I lost 20 lb. during the twenty days and suffered somewhat from pressure sores that developed on my elbows, back, and buttocks. On the raft, my feet were wrinkled and white from constant immersion in salt water. After I was rescued my hands, feet, and ankles began swelling.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. 258 ft. 2½ in. by Yrjo Nikkanen, of Finland, in 1938.

2. Four. George Smith, Duncan McGregor, "Massa" Johnson, and Billy Mackrell.

3. There are left-handed cricket bats and golf-clubs. No other sport specially caters for the left-hander.

4. New Zealand: Gloaming and Desert Gold each 19. Australia: Ajax 18.

5. Maurice Brownlie 59, Wallace 51, Fred Roberts and Mark Nicholls each 50.

6. Billy Murphy won the Feather title from Ike Weir in 1890; Herbert Slade, a Maori, fought John L. Sullivan for the Heavy title; Dan Creedon fought Fitzsimmons for the Middle title in 1894.

7. No. It is a foul shot and four points are given to the opposing player.

8. 24 ft.

9. P. Hanan, 53½-seconds.

10. Women's 100 yards. The late Doreen Lumley in 1938 equalled the record of 11 seconds held by Misses Burke, of South Africa, and Koen, of the Netherlands. Miss Norman, of Australia, is also a co-holder.