

Hurt in Caribbean Crash

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Hubschman Still 'Serious'

George Hubschman, the pilot of a twin-engine amphibian plane that crashed into the sea off Puerto Rico on Friday, remains in serious condition at the naval hospital in San Juan.

Hubschman, the first manager of the 2 Guys from Harrison store in Whitehall and a former Emmaus R.1, resident, reportedly received two broken legs, cuts, bruises and a broken nose in the crash.

A former Air Force pilot during World War II, he is married to the former Patricia MacLellan, daughter of Mrs. Alden D. MacLellan of 219 S. Leh St., Allentown.

According to Mrs. MacLellan, who has been in contact with her daughter in Puerto Rico since the crash, Hubschman remains in a semiconscious state at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Base hospital.

Mrs. MacLellan said her daughter told her the cause of the accident has not been determined but it is being investigated by Antilles Air Boats, operator of the Grumman "Goose"

that went down in a flight from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to Fajardo on

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the northwestern tip of Puerto Rico.

When the plane went down

Friday, it was carrying 11 persons. Nine were rescued from the shark-infested sea by Coast Guard aircraft. A Coast Guard spokesman said a survivor told of seeing two persons drown.

When the aircraft was reported overdue, two Coast Guard planes, a helicopter and private planes began a search. Pilots spotted an oil slick and then the survivors floating in an area one mile northeast of Culebra Island and 15 miles east of Puerto Rico.

Hubschman, his wife and their four children left Allentown six years ago and moved to the Virgin Islands, according to Mrs. MacLellan. He has been a pilot with Antilles Air Boats for four years and has a captain rating. He is considered an experienced seaplane pilot.

The couple's oldest daughter, Cynthia is now visiting with Mrs. MacLellan. The Hubschmans had visited Allentown two weeks ago after returning from a trip to Europe. They had planned a return visit early in July.