

# Injured pilot resumes work for airline

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas, V.I. (AP) — George Hubschman, the pilot of a seaplane that ditched off eastern Puerto Rico June 18, returned to St. Thomas Wednesday to a rousing welcome home greeting.

Fifty friends and fellow employes of Antilles Airboats, Inc., greeted Capt. Hubschman as he arrived in Charlotte Amalie from the San Juan, P.R. veterans hospital aboard another Antilles airboat. Hubschman was still in a plaster cast and a wheelchair, but reported in "very high spirits."

Hubschman was welcomed with cheers and "For he's a jolly good fellow" after his seven-week absence.

Doctors have predicted a full recovery. And Hubschman will be able to fly again. He suffered broken legs when his plane was forced to ditch in a choppy open sea. Two persons died and nine—including Hubschman—were saved by Coast Guard and Navy rescuers.

Hubschman, 44, of Allentown, Pa., will work as an administrative assistant until he is able to fly again.