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We all knew that we had to abandon ship in the hope that we would be able to survive long enough in the sea to be rescued. But which was worse, the sharks attracted to the wreck by the blood we had shed or the cold of the ocean seeping into our bones? Unless we were to be dragged to the bottom of the sea by the sinking ship we would have to take our chances and swim as far as we could in search of safety. Diving into the water with other members of the crew I began to swim in the hope of reaching land.