



We are sure all the personnel of this station will be interested in reading of the outstanding accomplishments of some of its former students who have been decorated for their services in the R.C.A.F.

First among these is P.O. Harold Orville Gooding who received the United States Army Air Medal for Heroism in action against the Japanese forces. The citation reads: "On 25th September, 1942, they voluntarily flew (Three other R.C.A.F. Officers received similar awards) with United States Army combat pilots, accompanying heavy bombers in making a hazardous five hundred mile overwater flight in order to press home an attack on the enemy at Kiska Island, Alaska. Although the mission of protecting the bombing planes from anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters was completed, the fighters returned to strafe all enemy installations with remarkable success. All planes returned safely to their base."

Recently we were all thrilled to read of the famous destructive raid on the vital dams supplying power to the Reich war industries. Among those participating in this attack, and receiving the D.F.M. for his outstanding work in this raid was F/S. Donald Arthur MacLean, another former student at No. 5 I.T.S. The citation reads "On the night of May 16th, 1943, a force of Lancaster bombers was detailed to attack the Moehe, Eder and Sorpe dams in Germany. The operation was one of great difficulty and hazard, demanding a high degree of skill and courage and close co-operation between the crews of the aircraft engaged. Nevertheless, a telling blow was struck at the enemy by the successful breaching of the Moehe and Eder dams. This outstanding success reflects the greatest credit on the efforts of the above mentioned personnel who participated in the operation, in various capacities as members of aircraft crew."

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to these airmen on their outstanding achievements. May their tribe increase.

## UNCLE HERBERT'S CORNER

An interesting letter came to hand this past week. We feel sure it will be of real assistance to many airmen - not only the letter but the sagacious reply of our Uncle Herbert.

Dear Uncle Herbert:

I have such a difficult problem and hope you can help me settle it.

Being in aircrew at I.T.S. isn't all fun. The C.G.I., my Flight Commander, and Sgt. expect me to do an awful lot of work. But I have a girl friend who expects me to spend a lot of time with her too. (And I don't mind doing that either.) Especially as she is also very interested in a Cpl. in the Army, and if I don't get to her house first every night he moves in and first thing I know I'll be cut out.

So I can't decide what I should do - to concentrate and be a Navigator, or to uphold the Air Force and not let the Army cut in on an Airman. You can see what a problem in military strategy it really is!

Ac2 Duddlehead, Algernon.

Dear Algernon:

Either way you look at it - it's a War effort so why worry? But does this fliberty-gibbert love you? No nice girl would let a Corporal out of the back door and an AC2 in the front door. She would let you both in the same door. It makes the place look like a canteen.

If you really intend to marry the girl get to know the Corporal. Then you could teach him Airmanship or get him interested in making a scrap-book. Get it?

Uncle Herbert.



## DADRES' LETTER

The ordeal and rescue of Capt. Rick enbacker and his companions is one of the great stories of the war. Their suffering under a merciless Pacific sun for twenty one days is a story well known.

As these men faced death on the boundless waters of the Pacific they realized that they needed the help of God. As they read on the New Testament that Private Bartek carried, and prayed, they found that God was real, that He was the ruler of the universe, and that He was merciful even unto them.

Lt. Whittaker, the co-pilot, in a copyrighted Chicago Tribune story, said: "I was an atheist. But from my companions I learned to pray. I saw prayer answered. ... There can be no atheists in rubber rafts amid whitecaps and sharks. My entire life has been changed by the events that began Oct. 20, 1942. It is a day I'll never forget."

These things are real. Life is real; death is real. Through a personal faith in Jesus Christ let us make Christianity an everyday religion, rather than one used only in emergencies. Remember your devotions daily. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."