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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PRAISES W.A.A.F. FOR DEVOTION TO DUTY

Aircraftwoman Pamela Audrey Mary Hodge of Hinckley Road, Nuneaton, recently had an opportunity to prove the value of her training as a flight mechanic.

Having successfully completed her course at an R.A.F., school of Technical Training, she was posted to an operational station in Coastal Command. She had just started on her new duties when during the inspection of an aircraft engine, she noticed a small crack in the cylinder head. The defect, which was minute, was not easy to detect.

Had the crack not been reported, it is highly probable that the safety of the aircraft, and the lives of its crew would have been seriously endangered.

News of her efficiency was reported to Air Marshal Sir Arthur Barrett, Commander-in-Chief of Technical Training Command, who directed that "this example of thorough training and devotion to duty on the part of A.C.W. Hodge be brought to the notice of all instructors and trainees throughout the command".

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Note:- Photograph available at P.N.A.