

Are Dorcas' people proud of her? "Absolutely", said Dorcas. Already the people at home are making plans for other young people in the village to go to the coast and start their education. All realize the disabilities of remaining uneducated and weak. When she visited her home during Christmas last year, her relations asked her many questions about life at the university, her studies, her trip to Australia and what she was going to do later on. She was held up as an example for the younger members of the village to follow. Dorcas said that this attitude was fairly general throughout Papua-New Guinea. The people have learnt a great deal very quickly and are proud of their students, their nurses, their doctors, and in fact all villagers who "make good". They know that Papua-New Guinea cannot advance and achieve nationhood unless it can take its place in a modern world. That is why the people help and encourage their children to stay at school. That is why they are proud of Dorcas.

## A Letter from Arnhem Land

While NEW DAWN was out of production, the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare received a letter from the Welfare Settlement in Arnhemland. It is a very interesting letter which highlights what education can do for people. Here it is:

Welfare Settlement,  
Maningrida,  
Via Darwin, N.T.  
10-6-1969.

DAWN Magazine,  
The Editor,  
Dear Sir,

I felt that I must write and express my appreciation of your magazine. I have been following it for years and enjoying and appreciating your efforts.

I am enclosing a photograph of my sister, Margaret Williams, whom you may remember, finished her education in the Melbourne University. She was the first Aborigine to get a diploma from an Australian university. She then taught at the Presbyterian Ladies College at Ballarat for 2 years and then became the "teacher of the year", in competition with other teachers. She was sent to London for further studies and from there, in

company with another of my sisters, travelled through Wales, Scotland, Europe, Canada, and America. Margaret then spent 1 year teaching American children in Germany and finally settled in Canada. There she taught for several years and then became an officer in the Canadian navy where she is now. In the near future, however, she will return to school teaching.

This also may be of interest to your readers. Our family came from Casino, N.S.W. and we were educated there until Margaret went to university. I myself started my training as a nurse in the Lismore Base Hospital and finished in Brisbane. I now hold two certificates and at present am nursing in Arnhemland in the Northern Territory, on an Aboriginal settlement—the biggest one in the Northern Territory. Life here is very interesting and there is much to tell about it. The children here love getting letters so perhaps some of your readers' children may care to become penfriends with my little friends?

Thanking you,

Ena Pickersgill

P.S. Your readers know me as Ena Williams.

(Editor—How about writing to the Territory, kids? Send your letters to the address at the head of this letter.)

*Margaret Williams*

