



GIRLS CAN WIN WINGS!

The Air Transport Auxiliary women who learned to fly ab initio, 1943-44



The pioneering achievements of the women pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary are widely known; quite rightly lauded, many were already experienced flyers before joining the ATA. What is much less well-known, however, is that a small proportion of "Atagirls" were trained "from scratch" during the war. **RAY FLUDE** traces the flying careers of the chosen few . . .



In this characteristically lively photograph by CHARLES E. BROWN, Auster MK IVs await delivery at Aston Down in Gloucestershire, home to the Air Transport Auxiliary's No 2 Ferry Pool. The airfield was a wartime hive of activity for ATA pilots, who would make regular visits to pick up aircraft to be delivered to their operational bases.