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Britain’s WWII Women Ferry Pilots

The Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA)

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1939

Formed in 1939 to ferry new and repaired aircraft from factories and maintenance units to RAF and Fleet Air Arm bases

A civilian organisation, administered by BOAC – not part of the RAF.

b. 1 Jun 1906, Bexley, Kent

M.10 - Sir Gerard John Regis Leo d'Erlanger CBE

Creator and Commanding Officer of the ATA

ATA Women – Pauline Gower



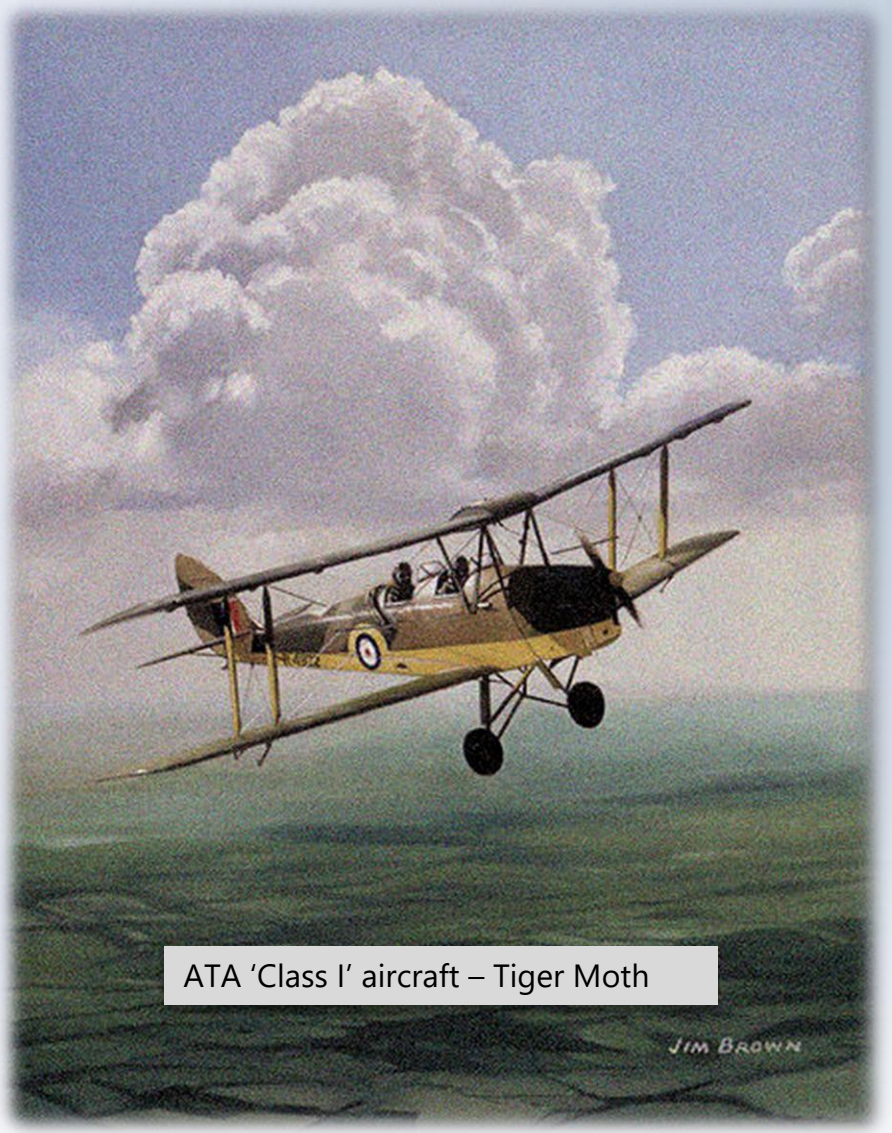
b. 22 Jul 1910, Tunbridge Wells

W.25 - Pauline Mary de Peauly Gower MBE

1 December 1939. Left ATA, 31 October 1945

Senior Commander, ATA Women's Section

ATA Women



ATA ‘Class I’ aircraft – Tiger Moth

Painting by Jim Brown

1940

31 Women pilots joined in 1940

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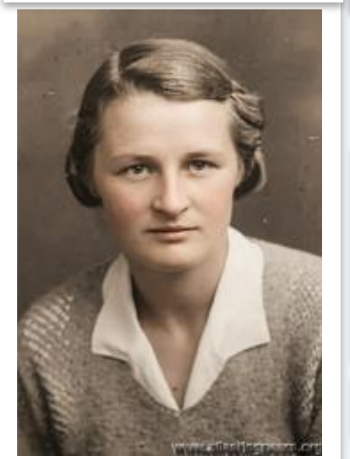


b. 9 Jan 1906, St Neots, England

W.4 - Winifred Mary 'Winnie' [Harrisson] Crossley

1 Jan 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot ···



b. 29 May 1914, Birmingham, England

W.6 - Margaret MacDonald Cunnison

1 Jan 1940. Resigned due to ill health, Mar 1943

Flight Captain ···



b. 23 Sep 1901, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England

W.7 - Margaret 'Margie' [Runciman, King-Farlow] Fairweather

1 Jan 1940. Died in ATA Service, 4 Aug 1944

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot ···



b. 2 June 1914, London, England

W.8 - Mona Renee Vera Ernesta Friedlander

1 Jan 1940. Left ATA, 24 Feb 1943

First Officer ···



b. 28 April 1918, Woodford, England

W.11 - Joan Lily Amelia Hughes MBE

1 Jan 1940. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot ···



b. 6 Jul 1905, London, England

W.14 - Gabrielle Ruth Millicent [Burr] Patterson

1 Jan 1940. Resigned due to ill health, Jun 1943

First Officer ···

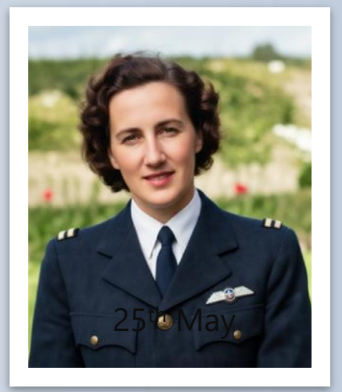


b. 23 Sep 1901, London, England

W.15 - Rosemary Theresa Rees MBE

1 Jan 1940. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot



b. 3 Nov 1897, Montreal, Canada

W.3 - Lois [Reed, Knox-Niven] Butler

27 May 1940. Left ATA, 31 May 1945

First Officer

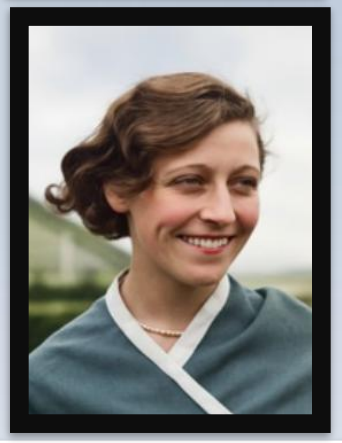


b. 22 Jul 1902, Aberdeen, Scotland

W.17 - Marion Katherine [Ogilvie-Forbes] Wilberforce

1 Jan 1940. Left ATA, Aug 1945

Commander. Class V (4-engine) pilot



b. 1 July 1903, Hull, England

W.12 - Amy Johnson CBE

27 May 1940. Died in ATA Service, 5 Jan 1941

First Officer



b. 1 Dec 1890, London, England

W.--- Hon. Lady Mary [Westenra] Bailey CBE

15 Feb 1940. Left ATA, 29 Mar 1940

Second Officer



b. 2 Feb 1897, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

W.2 - Grace [Holmes] Brown

27 May 1940.
Contract Terminated by ATA, 28 Dec 1940

First Officer



b. 23 Feb 1904, London, England

W.22 - Ursula Mary Preston

23 Jun 1940. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1943

First Officer



b. 24 Jan 1913 in Worthing, England

W.10 - Margaret Wyndham 'Margot' Gore MBE, DO

25 Jun 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

Commander. Class V (4-engine) pilot

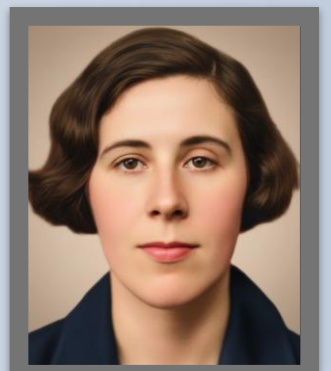


b. 5 Jun 1913, Shepperton, England

W.20 - Ethel 'Ruth' [Nicholson] Lambton

25 Jun 1940. Contract Terminated by ATA, 30 Jan 1945

First Officer. Class V (4-engine) pilot

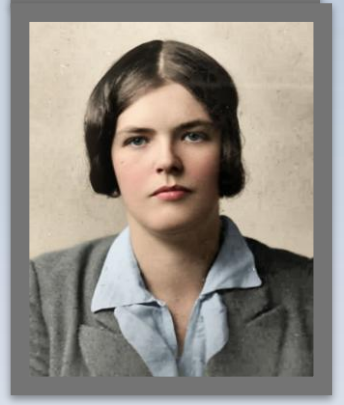


b. 8 Oct 1906, Parkstone, England

W.--- Alys/Ailiss Helen Mary 'Joan' Parsons LRAM

25 Jun 1940. Contract Terminated by ATA, 25 Jul 1940

Second Officer (non-operational)



b. 7 Dec 1908, London, England

W.--- Marian Adelaide [Talbot] Micklethwait

25 Jun 1940. Contract Terminated by ATA, 25 Jul 1940

Second Officer (non-operational)



b. 22 Nov 1919, Birmingham, England

W.1 - Philippa Mary Bennett

26 Jun 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot



b. 15 Jan 1903, London

W.16 - Audrey Florice Durrell 'Wendy' Drummond-Sale-Barker

26 Jun 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 11 May 1915, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire

W.21 - Audrey Evelyn Macmillan

26 Jun 1940. Left ATA, 31 Aug 1945

First Officer



b. 14 Mar 1910, Toronto, Ontario

W.--- Elsie Joy [Muntz] Davison

1 Jul 1940. Died in ATA Service, 8 Jul 1940

Second Officer (non-operational)



b. 1 Feb 1915, Denbury, Devon

W.5 – Eleanor 'Lettice' Curtis

6 Jul 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer. Class V (4-engine) pilot



b. 1 Apr 1913, Whitehead, NI

W.9 – Mabel Glass

8 Jul 1940. Left ATA, 17 Apr 1944

First Officer



b. 28 Jun 1912, Cape Town, SA

W.18 – Jennie Broad

30 Jul 1940. Left ATA, 11 Jun 1943

Second Officer



b. 1 Mar 1920, Pretoria, SA

W.23 - Dolores Theresa 'Jackie' Sorour

31 Jul 1940. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 7 Dec 1903, Low Fell, Northumberland

W.13 – Constance Ruth 'Connie' Leathart

14 Aug 1940. Left ATA, 30 Jun 1944

Flight Captain



b. 27 Mar 1899, Hampstead, London

W.19 – Diane Elaine [Schlesinger] Farnell

16 Sep 1940. Left ATA, 25 Mar 1942

Second Officer



b. 10 Jan 1904, Hong Kong

W.24 – Eleanor Isabella 'Susan' Slade

1 Nov 1940. Died in ATA Service, 13 Jul 1944

Flight Captain

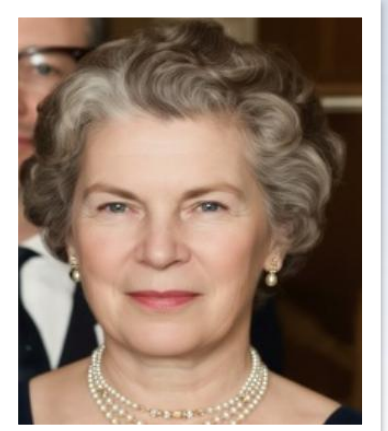


b. 9 Oct 1894, Kingston Bagpuize, Berks

W.-- Helen [Blandy Jenkins] Wynne-Eyton

1 Nov 1940. Left ATA, 28 Oct 1943

First Officer

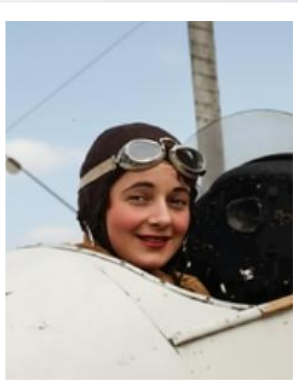


b. 20 May 1917, Paddington, London

W.26 – Ann Courtenay [Edmunds] Douglas MBE OBE

1 Dec 1940. Left ATA, 19 Aug 1942

First Officer

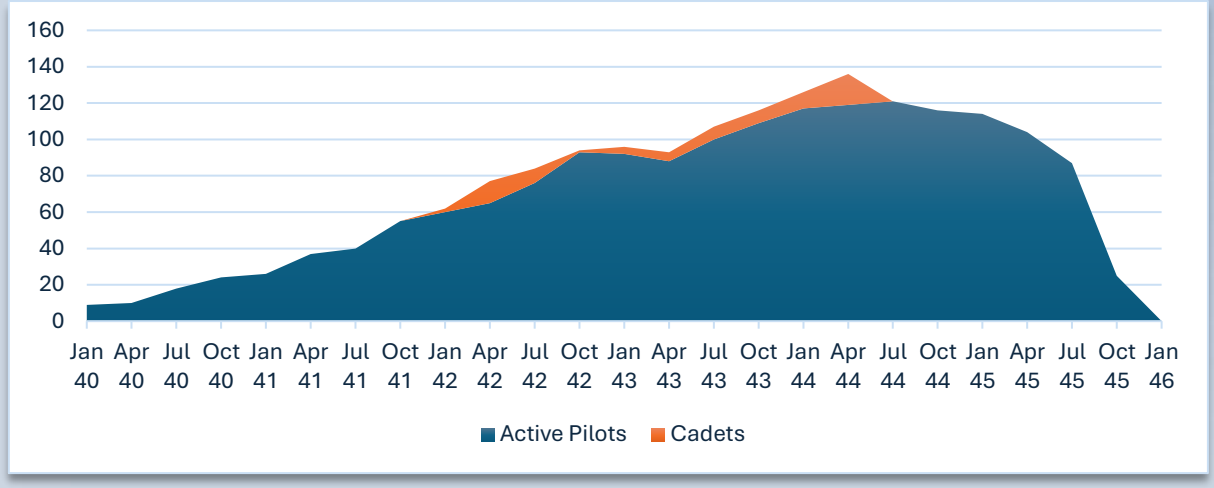


b. 1 Jun 1905, Altringcham, Cheshire

W.27 – Fidelia Josephine 'Delia' Crossley

16 Dec 1940. Contract Terminated by ATA, 25 Jan 1942

Second Officer



Some Statistics

- **223** women joined the ATA during 1939-1944. 168 of them passed the initial training course and were allocated 'W.' numbers, signifying that they could ferry RAF and FAA aircraft.
- The number of women pilots peaked in 1944, at **136** (119 operational and 17 under training)
- The average age on starting with the ATA was **27.5** years, ranging from the youngest (Jackie Sorour) who was 20 years and 5 months, to the oldest (Grace Brown) who was over 43
- 2 women (Lois Butler and Faith Bennett) continued flying when they were over **45**, but the average age at which the women completed their ATA service was **30.1**
- 4 women - Patricia Provis, Rhoda Heppell, Joy Gough and Joan Cunnington - were only **22** when they *completed* their ATA Service

ATA Women

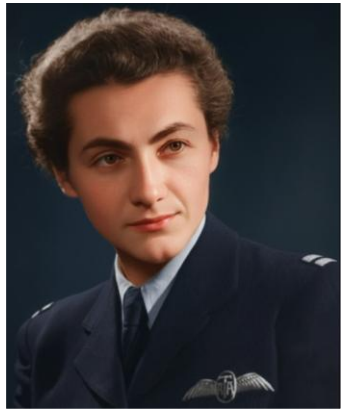


ATA ‘Class II’ aircraft – Hurricane

Painting by Jim Brown

1941

42 Women pilots joined in 1941



b. 22 Nov 1912, Warsaw, Poland

W.29 – Stefania Cecylia 'Barbara' Wojtulanis

1 Jan 1941. Left ATA, 4 May 1945

First Officer ...



b. 4 Nov 1910, Warsaw, Poland

W.28 – Anna Zofia Maria Leska

6 Jan 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer ...



b. 24 Nov 1908, Tarporley, Cheshire

W.-- Hon. Frances Patricia Tollemache

31 Jan 1941. Left ATA, 7 Mar 1941

Second Officer ...



b. 26 Jul 1900, Hampstead, London

W.30 – Edna Violet 'Sammy' [Samuel] Clayton

1 Mar 1941. Left ATA, Feb 1942

Second Officer ...



b. 23 Nov 1905, Streatham, London

W.31 – Phyllis Margery Spiller

1 Mar 1941. Died of natural causes, Dec 1941

First Officer ...

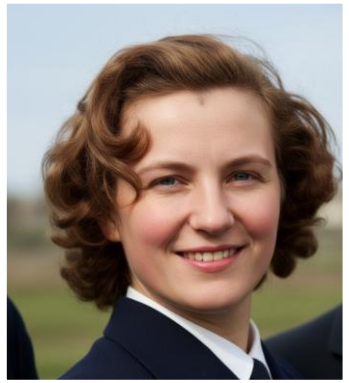


b. 29 Jul 1907, Rickmansworth, Herts

W.32 – Hon. Elisabeth Frances May

1 Mar 1941. Left ATA, 30 Aug 1945

Flight Captain. Class V (4-engine) pilot ...



b. 7 Aug 1908, Sevenoaks, Kent

W.33 – Joan Molesworth [Dunn] Jenkinson

1 Mar 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 30 Oct 1912, London

W.36 - Honor Isabel Pitman

1 Mar 1941. Died in ATA Service, 19 Apr 1943

First Officer



b. 17 Dec 1913, Bromborough, Cheshire

W.34 – Mary Josephine [Corbett-Lowe] Hunter

1 Mar 1941. Left ATA, 6 May 1943

First Officer

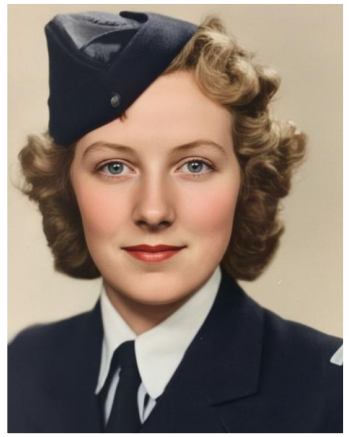


b. (unknown)

W.37 – Miss Guinness

1 Mar 1941. No further information

Second Officer



b. 20 Apr 1917, Cambridge

W.35 – Veronica May Innes

1 Mar 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

Flight Captain



b. 5 Mar 1902, Longford, Tasmania

W.39 – Victoria Millicent Cholmondeley

10 Mar 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1`945

First Officer



b. 19 Feb 1889, Bloemfontein, SA

W.–- Enid France Lilian Knight-Bruce

1 Apr 1941. Resigned, 27 Nov 1941

Second Officer ···



b. 19 Sep 1913, Insein, Burma

W.42 – Patricia Mary Barbara 'Pat' Parker

30 Apr 1941. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1944

Third Officer, then Flight Engineer ···



b. 1 Jan 1905, Stanford

W.38 – Hon. Lucy Agnes Vera [Verney-Cave] Falkiner

1 Apr 1941. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

Flight Captain ···



b. 22 Sep 1915, London

W.41 – Cassandra Felicity 'Fay' Bradford MBE

1 May 1941. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Flight Captain . Class V (4-engine) pilot ···

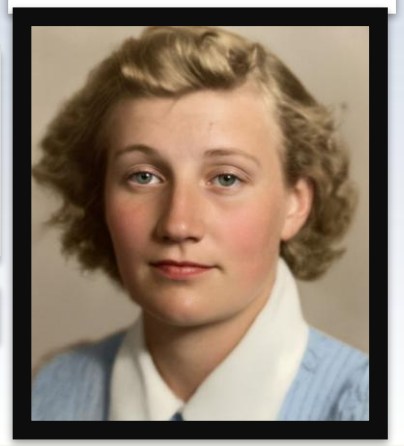


b. 8 Nov 1909, London

W.40 – Hon. Ruth Margaret [Cokayne] Moore

15 Apr 1941. Left ATA, Apr 1943

First Officer ···

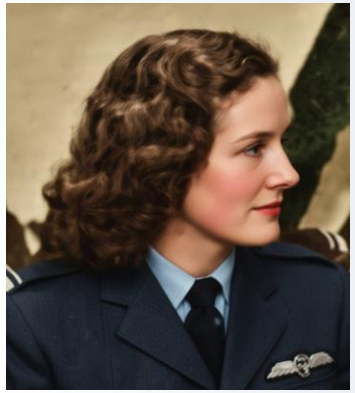


b. 18 Sep 1917, London

W.43 – Betty Eileen Sayer

1 May 1941. Died in ATA Service, 15 May 1942

Third Officer ···



b. 12 May 1903, London

W.45 – Margaret Ellen 'Faith' [Riddick] Bennett

8 Jul 1941. Left ATA, 31 Jul 1945

First Officer ...



b. 29 May 1910, Madrid, Spain

W.44 – Mary Berta de Bunsen

1 Aug 1941. Left ATA, 1 Aug 1945

First Officer ...

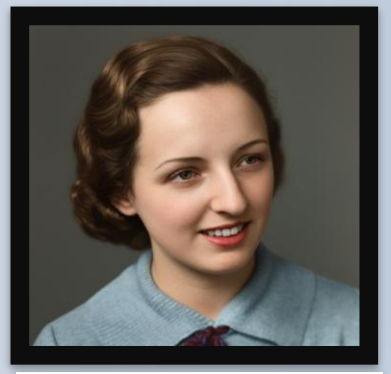


b. 8 Jul 1912, Hong Kong

W.46 – Jean Lennox Bird

1 Aug 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer ...



b. 28 Dec 1915, Uppingham, Rutland

W.47 – Irene Arckless

1 Aug 1941. Died in ATA Service, 3 Jan 1943

Second Officer ...

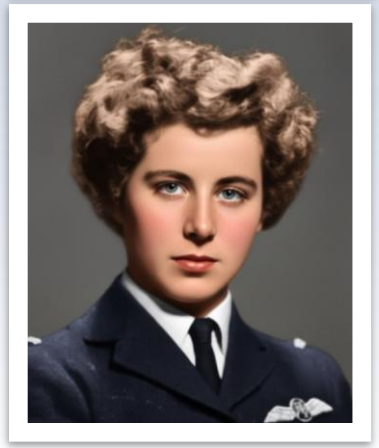


b. 5 Dec 1910, Montreal, Canada

W.48 – Louise Marie Melina [Morin] Colby

1 Aug 1941. Left ATA due to ill health, 31 Dec 1941

Second Officer ...

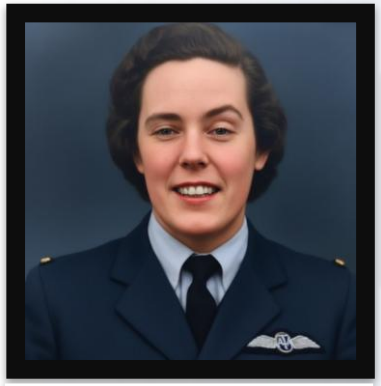


b. 10 Jan 1917, Radyr, Wales

W.50 – Pamela Mary Dauvergne Duncan

15 Aug 1941. Left ATA, Aug 1945

First Officer ...

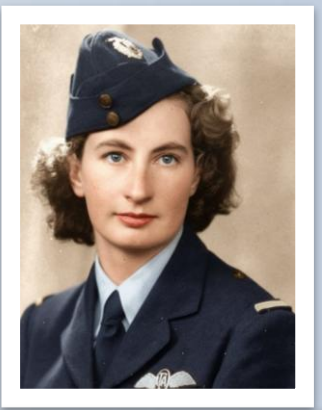


b. 7 May 1914, Camberley

W.49 – Bridget Grace Marian Ledger Hill

15 Aug 1941. Died in ATA Service, 15 Mar 1942

Third Officer



b. 25 Jan 1914, Famagusta, Cyprus

W.51 – Benedetta [Day] Willis

1 Sep 1941. Left ATA, Aug 1943

First Officer



b. 30 Aug 1907, Westminster, London

W.54 – Zita Kathleen [Heysham] Irwin

15 Aug 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 29 Mar 1910, Cardiff, Wales

W.57 – Katie Doreen Williams

1 Sep 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 12 Dec 1920, Rio Bueno, Chile

W.83 – Margot Duhalde ‘Chile’ Sotomayor

1 Sep 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer

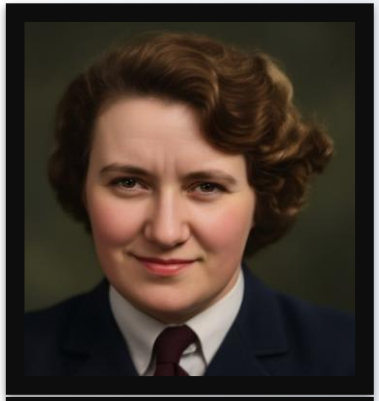


b. 13 Aug 1910, Bristol

W.53 – Roy Mary ‘Becky’ Sharpe MBE

3 Sep 1941. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

First Officer

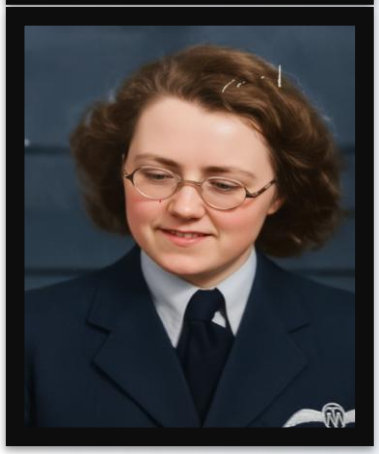


b. 30 Mar 1914, London

W.52 – Dora [Tily] Lang

8 Sep 1941. Died in ATA Service, 2 Mar 1944

First Officer

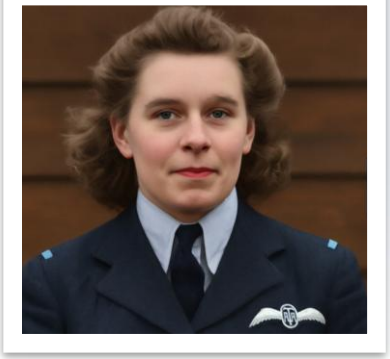


b. 20 Aug 1913, Port Elizabeth, SA

W.55 – Joan Esther Marshall

1 Oct 1941. Died in ATA Service, 20 Jun 1942

Third Officer



b. 2 Feb 1917, Leafield, Oxfordshire

W.56 – Mary Wilkins

1 Oct 1941. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

First Officer

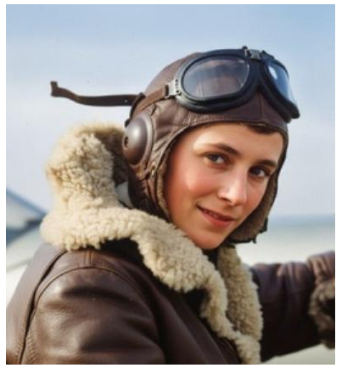


b. 25 Jan 1915, Whanganui, NZ

W.62 – Trevor Balfour Hunter

20 Nov 1941. Left ATA, 31 Jul 1945

First Officer



b. 15 Jan 1918, Camden Town, London

W.59 – Diana Barnato MBE FRAeS

2 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 31 Aug 1945

First Officer



b. 16 Jul 1918, Braughing, Herts

W.60 - Vera Elsie 'Toni' Strodl

2 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 25 Jun 1919, Hampton, Middlesex

W.63 – Rosemary Lilian Fuller-Hall

2 Dec 1941. Left ATA, Jan 1944

First Officer



b. 31 Oct 1910, Padstow, Cornwall

W.-- Dorothy Frances [Arkell] Helmy

2 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 12 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 23 Aug 1916, London

W.58 – Joan Emily Nayler

2 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

First Officer



b. 1 Feb 1920, Newcastle-on-Tyne

W.61 – Rhoda Elinor Heppell

16 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 31 Jul 1942

First Officer



b. 21 Jul 1913, Calcutta, India

W.64 – Beatrice Glanley 'Betty' Grant

16 Dec 1941. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 9 Jun 1918, Brisbane, Australia

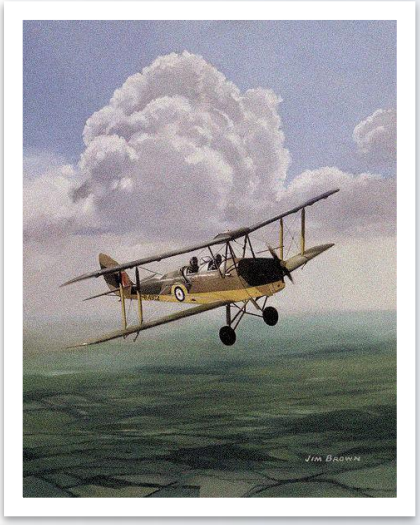
W.69 – Diana Patricia 'Di' Ramsay

16 Dec 1941. Left ATA, Jul 1945

First Officer

ATA Aircraft Classes

All operational ATA ferry pilots progressed to more demanding aircraft as their abilities allowed. The aircraft which they were entitled to fly were determined by the highest 'Class' for which they had qualified.



Class I: Light single-engine aeroplanes (e.g. Tiger Moth, Magister)



Class II: Advanced single-engine aeroplanes / single-engine fighters (e.g. Spitfire, Hurricane)



Class III: Light twin-engine aircraft (e.g. Oxford, Anson)



Class IV: Advanced twin-engine aircraft / multi-engine operational types (e.g. Mosquito, Wellington)



Class V: Four-engine heavy bombers (e.g. Halifax, Lancaster)

Only 11 women were qualified to fly Class V aircraft.



Class VI: Flying boats and floatplanes (e.g. Sunderland, Catalina)

No women were qualified to fly Class VI aircraft.

ATA Women



ATA ‘Class III’ aircraft - Anson

1942

59 Women pilots joined in 1942

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b. 11 May 1906, Pensacola, FL

W.72 – Jacqueline ‘Jackie’ Cochran-Odlum

24 Jan 1942. Left ATA, 31 Jul 1942

Flight Captain (non-operational)



b. 28 Aug 1920, Nijmegen, Holland

W.68 – Emma Mathilde ‘Dutch Lou’ Schuurman

10 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 30 Jun 1945

First Officer



b. 15 Nov 1918, Groton, MA

W.65 – Virginia ‘Ginny’ Farr

10 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 5 Jun 1945

First Officer



b. 17 Dec 1918, New Orleans, LA

W.71 – Dorothy Rita Furey

10 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 7 Jun 1944

First Officer



b. 11 Dec 1916, Des Moines, IA

W.66 – Winabelle ‘Winnie’ Rawson [Coffee] Pierce

10 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 15 May 1944

First Officer



b. 25 Jun 1913, Folkestone, Kent

W.70 – Helen ‘Naomi’ [Heron-Maxwell] Allen

24 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

First Officer



b. 30 Mar 1913, Putney

W.73 – Patricia Annette 'Ann' [Noble] Blackwell

24 Feb 1942. Left ATA, 31 Dec 1945

First Officer



b. 12 Oct 1910, Dublin, Eire

W.-- Eveline Mary Curzon Townshend

10 Mar 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 12 Jun 1942

Cadet

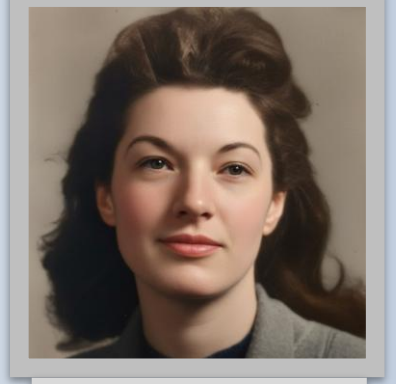


b. 21 Nov 1909, McKeesport, PA

W.67 – Helen Richey

25 Mar 1942. Left ATA, 10 Jan 1943

First Officer

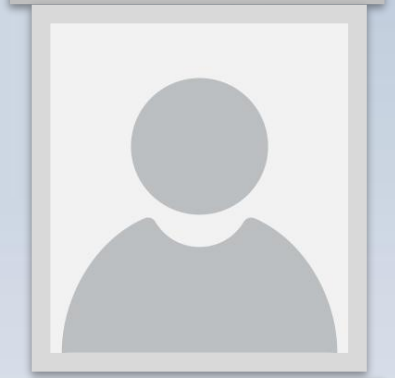


b. 7 Oct 1916, Aldershot

W.-- Mercedes 'Baba' d'Anacker

31 Mar 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 8 Apr 1942

Cadet

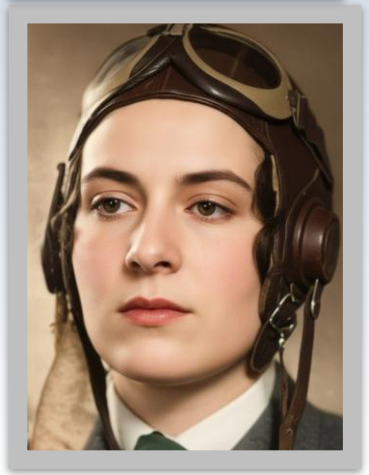


b. 23 Sep 1919, Holborn, London

W.– Betty Bell

1 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 2 May 1942

Cadet



b. 29 Dec 1907, Woolton, Lancs

W.– Delphine Rose Reynolds

8 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 22 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 21 Apr 1916, Waynesboro, GA

W.79 – Hazel Jane Raines

14 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 24 Jul 1943

Second Officer



b. 5 Aug 1917, Stratford, OK

W.74 – Grace Stevenson

14 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 13 Apr 1945

First Officer



b. 2 Apr 1915, Morristown, NJ

W.76 – Suzanne 'Sue' [Humphreys] Ford

14 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Second Officer



b. 28 Nov 1918, New York, NY

W.78 – Virginia Louise Garst

14 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated on medical grounds, 24 Nov 1942

Third Officer

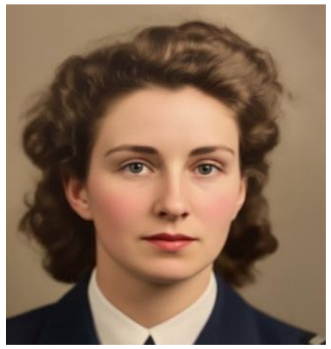


b. 1 Sep 1913, Dunedin, NZ

W.80 – Betty Ellice Black

15 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 30 Aug 1945

First Officer



b. 26 Oct 1920, Buenos Aires, Argentina

W.81 – Maureen Adel Chase Dunlop

15 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer

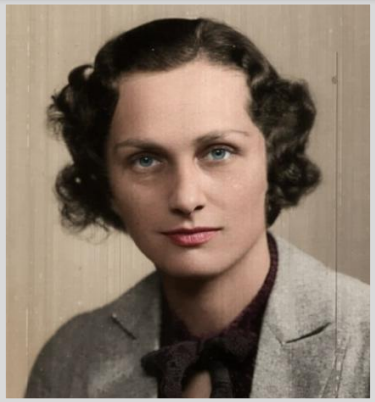


b. 1 Mar 1913, Newcastle-on-Tyne

W.– Margaret Elizabeth Thackeray

15 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 6 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 18 Apr 1908, London

W.– Hon. Jocelyne Mary Emma Hotham

15 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 8 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 1 Oct 1911, Portland, OR

W.– Polly Bernice Potter

23 Apr 1942. Resigned due to ill health

Cadet



b. 31 Mar 1918, Philadelphia, PA

W.77 – Ann Watson Wood

29 Apr 1942. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 1 Jan 1917, London

W.– Lucie Margaret James

29 Apr 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 22 May 1942

Cadet



b. 7 Dec 1909, Vancouver, Canada

W.75 – Helen Marcelle [Testemale] Harrison

1 May 1942. Left ATA, 22 Mar 1944

First Officer



b. 29 Apr 1905, Los Angeles, CA

W.86 – Catherine 'Kay' Rel Van Doozer

9 Jun 1942. Left ATA, Mar 1944

Second Officer



b. 7 Aug 1908, Sunderland

W.82 – Evelyn Hudson

10 Jun 1942. Left ATA, Aug 1943

First Officer



b. 24 Jan 1906, Chicago, IL

W.84 – Margaret Elizabeth 'Peggy' Lennox

10 Jun 1942. Left ATA, 30 Nov 1945

First Officer



b. 17 Aug 1902, Dallas, TX

W.85 – Edith Foltz [Magalis] Stearns

10 Jun 1942. Left ATA, 30 Jun 1945

First Officer



b. 17 Aug 1906, Fulton, KY

W.88 – Opel Pearl Laster-Anderson

10 Jun 1942. Left ATA, 9 Apr1945

First Officer



b. 4 Aug 1920, Marquette, MI

W.87 – Mary Estelle Zerbel

10 Jun 1942. Left ATA, Sep 1945

First Officer



b. 24 Dec 1902 Virgie, AR

W.– Una Julia Goodwin

10 Jun 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 2 Sep 1942

Cadet

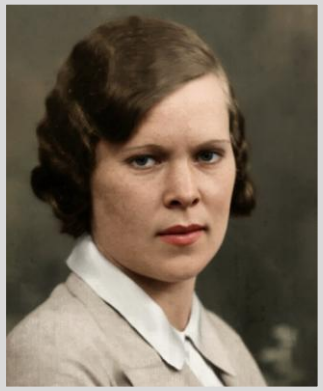


b. 31 Jul 1915, London

W.105 – Joan Durham [Wilkinson] Witherby

17 Jun 1942. Left ATA, 29 May 1945

Second Officer



b. 13 Apr 1910, Wix, Essex

W.– Maud Agnes 'Molly' Calver

24 Jun 1942. Resigned, 30 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 23 Jul 1917, Withington, Chester

W.– Joan Irwin Broadsmith

24 Jun 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 23 Aug 1942

Cadet

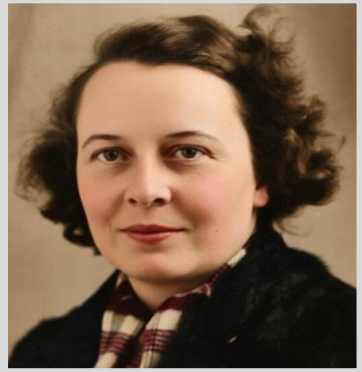


b. 12 Sep 1914, Manchester

W.– Muriel Elyse [Haselden] Witt

24 Jun 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 30 Jun 1942

Cadet



b. 3 Sep 1910, Pampisford, Cambs

W.– Olivera Rowena [Binney] Traherne OBE

1 Jul 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 28 Aug 1942

Cadet



b. 29 Jan 1923, Charlottetown, Canada

W.– Kathleen Gloria Large

5 Jul 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, Sep 1942

Cadet



b. 25 May 1914, Boston, MA

W.– Evelyn Gertrude [Eisenstaht] Hyam

8 Jul 1942. Left ATA, 24 Feb 1943

Cadet, then Operations Officer



b. 12 Jun 1919, Los Angeles, CA

W.89 – Nancy Jane Miller

9 Jul 1942. Left ATA, Jul 1945

First Officer



b. 28 Feb 1920, Warsaw, Poland

W.90 – Jadwiga Pilsudska

15 Jul 1942. Left ATA, 20 Jul 1944

Second Officer



b. 4 Dec 1914, Shillong, India

W.91 – Joan Mary [Stapledon] Allen

15 Jul 1942. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

First Officer

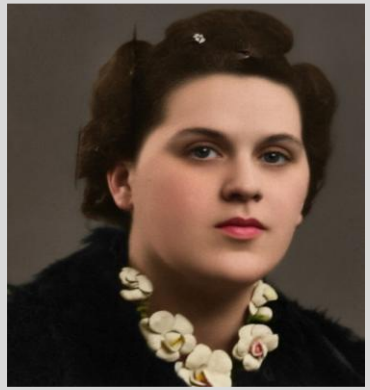


b. 15 Apr 1917, Peshawar, India

W.92 – Anne Walker

17 Jul 1942. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

First Officer

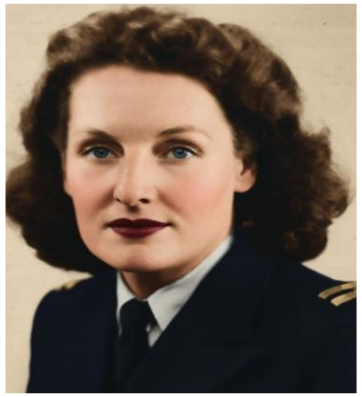


b. 29 Oct 1916, Brisbane, Australia

W.– Olive ‘Joan’ Ramsay

25 Jul 1942. Contract Terminated by ATA, 5 Sep 1942

Cadet



b. 22 Aug 1910, Egham, Surrey

W.93 – Patricia Gladys [Seemann] Beverley

29 Jul 1942. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

First Officer



b. 12 Jul 1905, Greensboro, NC

W.97 – Mary Webb Nicholson

1 Aug 1942. Died in ATA Service, 22 May 1943

Second Officer



b. 20 Dec 1920, Melbourne, Australia

W.94 – Margaret Helen ‘Mardi’ [Gepp] Gething

12 Aug 1942. Left ATA, Sep 1944

First Officer



b. 29 Apr 1918, Chewelah, WA

W.95 – Roberta Boyd ‘Bobby’ Sandoz

12 Aug 1942. Left ATA, 11 Feb 1944

Second Officer



b. 22 Nov 1912, Twin Falls, ID

W.96 – Emily Chapin

12 Aug 1942. Left ATA, 11 Feb 1944

Second Officer

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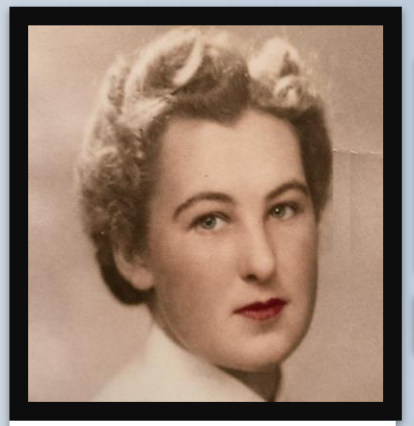


b. 26 Nov 1916, Paterson, NJ

W.106 – Myrtle Rita 'Mikki' Allen

12 Aug 1942. Left ATA, 11 Feb 1944

Second Officer

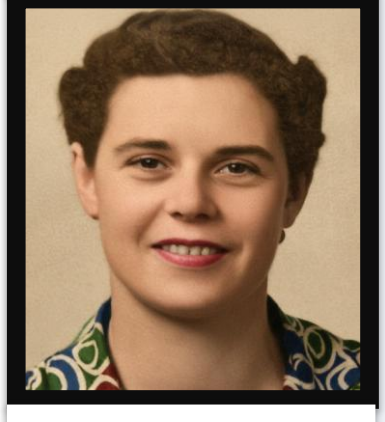


b. 16 Jun 1919, Lindfield

W.99 – Taniya Whittall

1 Sep 1942. Died in ATA Service, 8 Apr 1944

Second Officer



b. 24 Sep 1912 Wanganui, NZ

W.104 – Jane Winstone

19 Aug 1942. Died in ATA Service, 10 Feb 1944

Second Officer



b. 26 Nov 1920, Cambridge

W.98 – Molly Daphne [Marshall] Rose

16 Sep 1942. Left ATA, May 1945

First Officer

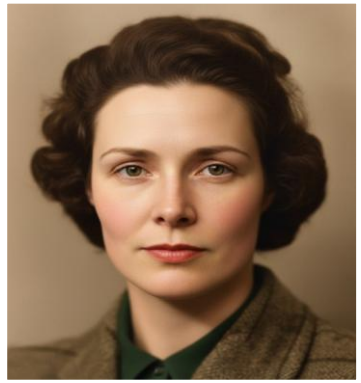


b. 30 Oct 1918, Bromley, Kent

W.135 – Pamela May Johnsen

25 Aug 1942. Left ATA, 31 Aug 1945

Third Officer



b. 6 Mar 1915, Singapore

W.101 – Elizabeth Anderson MacDougall

16 Sep 1942. Left ATA, 31 Aug 1945

Second Officer



b. 12 Feb 1916, Cambridge

W.102 – Joy Dorothy Lilian ‘Jane’ [Pond] Davies

16 Sep 1942. Left ATA, Mar 1943

Third Officer

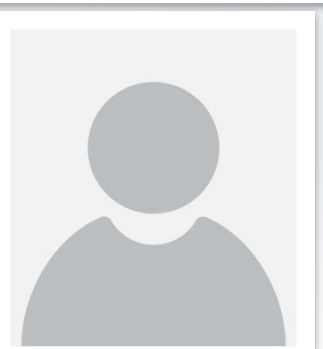


b. 11 Mar 1916, Plymouth

W.100 – Daphne Elizabeth Abrams

23 Sep 1942. Left ATA, 13 Feb 1944

Second Officer

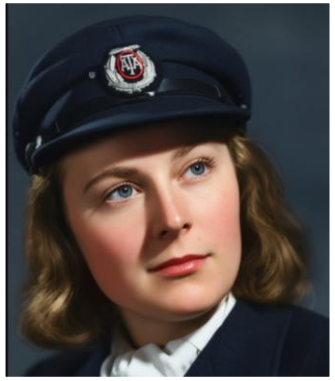


b. 15 Apr 1920, Codsall, Staffs

W.107 – Diana Patricia Margaret Hutchinson Smith

7 Oct 1942. Left ATA, Oct 1945

First Officer



b. 20 Dec 1921, Medicine Hat, Canada

W.103 – Betty Ann Lussier

11 Nov 1942. Left ATA, 28 Apr 1943

Third Officer



b. 26 Nov 1920, Kingston by Sea, Sussex

W.110 – Margaret Olive ‘Maggie’ Frost

25 Nov 1942. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer

ATA Women – Ranks



Cadet (46)



Third Officer (57)



Second Officer (35)



First Officer (69)



Captain / Flight Captain (13)



Commander (2)



Senior Commander (1)



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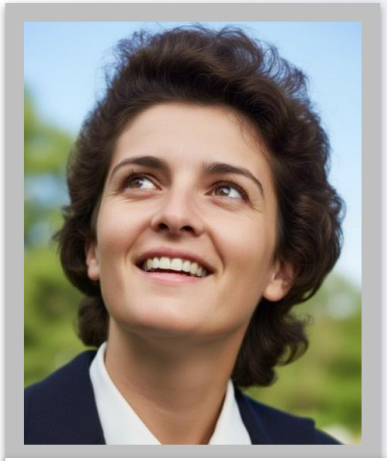


ATA ‘Class IV’ aircraft - Mosquito

Painting by Jim Brown

1943

54 Women pilots joined in 1943



b. 8 Dec 1917, Montpellier, France

W.-- Ginette Marie Hélène Julian

27 Jan 1943. Left ATA, 23 Mar 1943

Cadet



b. 22 Sep 1920, Cambridge

W.108 – Freydis Mary Leaf

17 Feb 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

First Officer



b. 6 Jul 1921, West Bromwich

W.– Muriel Joan Gripton

27 Mar 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 7 May 1943

Cadet



b. 18 Jan 1919, Paddington

W.– Jeanette Ann [McCombie] Wilkes

27 Mar 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 3 Jul 1943

Cadet

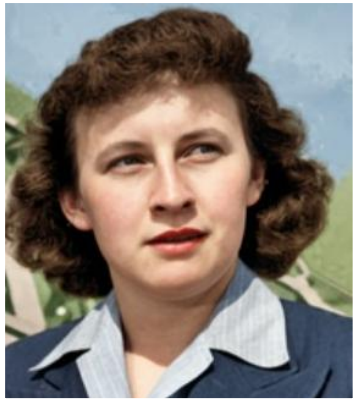


b. 25 Jul 1922, New York, NY

W.109 – Jane Graham Plant

31 Mar 1943. Left ATA, Oct 1945

First Officer



b. 17 Oct 1919, Toronto, Canada

W.111 – Violet Beatrice 'Vi' Milstead

5 Apr 1943. Left ATA, 31 Jul 1945

First Officer



b. 25 Jun 1918, Toronto, Canada

W.112 – Marion Alice [Powell] Orr

5 Apr 1943. Left ATA, 1 Oct 1944

Second Officer



b. 30 Oct 1915, Lurgan, County Armargh

W.113 – Irene Joy Ferguson

1 May 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Second Officer



b. 13 Aug 1919, Upton-on-Severn, Worcs

W.114 – Marigold Deane-Drummond

1 May 1943. Left ATA, May 1945

Second Officer

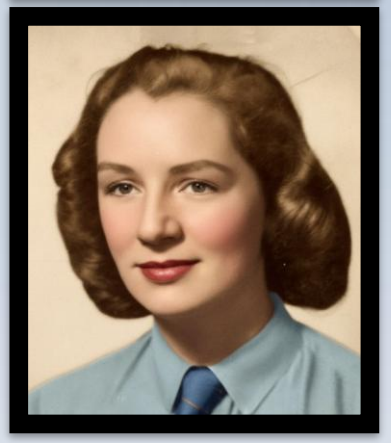


b. 27 Dec 1916, St Annes-on-Sea, Lancs

W.124 – Joan Edwina Francis [Lee] Mullineaux

1 May 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 22 Jan 1917, Edinburgh, Scotland

W.125 – Lesley Cairns Murray

1 May 1943. Died in ATA Service, 20 Apr 1945

Third Officer



b. 15 Nov 1915, Dundee, Scotland

W.– Dorothy Joyce Forbes

1 May 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 29 Jul 1943

Third Officer



b. 19 Mar 1918, London

W.116 – Daphne Alice [Humphrys] Burnside

6 May 1943. Left ATA, 11 Sep 1944

Second Officer

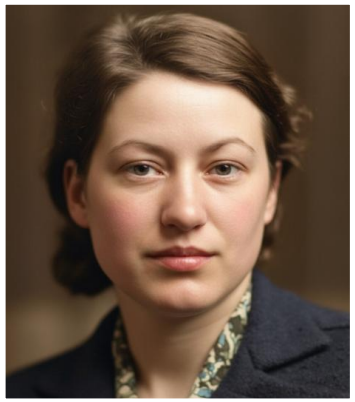


b. 14 Mar 1916, Toronto, Canada

W.-- Thelma Olga Leith

18 May 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 17 Aug 1943

Cadet



b. 22 Jun 1911, Hillegom, Holland

W.115 – Ida Laura Veldhuyzen van Zanten

18 May 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 18 Jun 1919, Ramsgate, Kent

W.117 – Daphne Alfreda Miller

25 May 1943. Left ATA, 30 Apr 1945

Third Officer



b. 22 Jan 1921, London

W.121 – Joan Cunnington

1 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 13 Sep 1944

Third Officer



b. 15 Oct 1917, Nottingham

W.122 – Eleanor Dorothy 'Beanie' Fish

1 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 22 May 1919, Madras, India

W.127 – Irene Mary Ellis [Jones] Wilson

1 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Second Officer



b. 15 Mar 1913, London

W.123 – Rosemary Theodora Hamilton [Wills] MacLeod

7 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 16 Apr 1945

Third Officer



b. 12 Nov 1921, London

W.129 – Mary Elizabeth ‘Anne’ Powys

1 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 13 Aug 1945

Third Officer



b. 9 Jul 1915, West Bridgford, Nottingham

W.118 – Kathleen Marjorie ‘Betty’ [Haylock] Lester

14 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 28 Feb 1945

Third Officer



b. 24 Jul 1916, Sutton, Surrey

W.– Olive Bettye Whittington

1 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 22 Jul 1943

Cadet



b. 19 Sep 1917, Johannesburg, SA

W.120 – Barbara Petronella [Reid] Bowyer

14 Jun 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Third Officer



b. 12 Oct 1918, Wandsworth, London

W.126 – Stella Joyce Petersen

1 Jul 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 20 Jul 1919, Budleigh Salterton, Devon

W.119 – Eirene Rosemary [Whittow] Banister

12 Jul 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 26 May 1920, Mhow, India

W.128 – Cecile Eva Rosales Power

26 Jul 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Second Officer



b. 6 May 1919, London

W.131 – Sylvia Isabel [Namias] Edwards

9 Aug 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Second Officer

b. 22 Jul 1909, Smila, Russia

W.– Maria Hrynakowska

18 Aug 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 9 Dec 1943

Cadet



b. 6 Jan 1916, Putney

W.130 – Ruth 'Helen' Kerly

23 Aug 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 22 Apr 1913, Hampstead, London

W.132 – Zita Paddon

27 Aug 1943. Left ATA, 30 Oct 1945

Second Officer ···

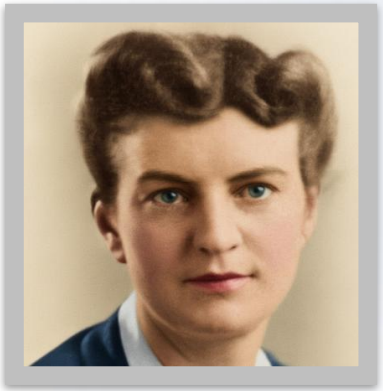


b. 1 Mar 1922, Surbiton, London

W.– Daphne Goodman

27 Aug 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 13 Nov 1943

Cadet ···



b. 20 Dec 1913, Wellington, NZ

W.– Edith Elizabeth Marie' [Power-Collins] Furkert

30 Aug 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 26 Jan 1944

Cadet ···



b. 10 Jul 1922, Ealing, London

W.133 – Zoe Elise Jenner

6 Sep 1943. Left ATA, 30 Oct 1945

Third Officer ···



b. 19 Sep 1921, Stratton, Glos

W.139 – Yvonne [Gough Wheatley

6 Sep 1943. Left ATA, 30 Jun 1945

Third Officer ···



b. 17 Oct 1920, Wolverhampton

W.140 – Audrey Joan Morgan

6 Sep 1943. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer ···



b. 25 Mar 1917, London

W.136 – Margaret ‘Peggy’ [Clare] Ratliff

10 Sep 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer

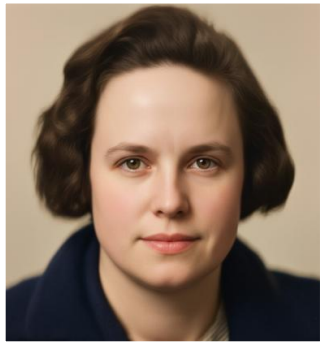


b. 14 Jul 1922, Montreal, Canada

W.134 – Margaret ‘Elspeth’ Russell

25 Sep 1943. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

Second Officer

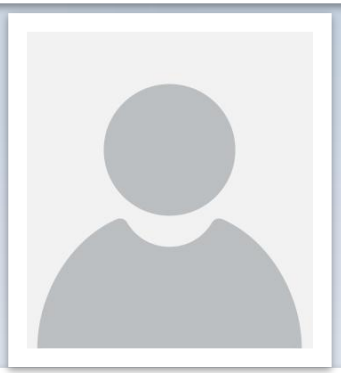


b. 14 Mar 1920, London

W.137 – Maureen Elizabeth Shiel

20 Sep 1943. Left ATA, Aug 1945

Third Officer



b. 26 Jul 1924, Marylebone, London

W.– Ruth Obermer

11 Oct 1943. Left ATA, 26 Jun 1944

Cadet



b. 24 Aug 1917, Berne, Switzerland

W.138 – Edith ‘Ditty’ Beaumont

20 Sep 1943. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 9 Jun 1921, Thornton Heath, Surrey

W.142 – Sylvia ‘Mary’ Guthrie

18 Oct 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 17 Jul 1920, Carshalton, Surrey

W.143 – Marie 'Monique' Jacqueline Agazarian

18 Oct 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 20 Apr 1922, Brentford, Middx

W.– Eleanor Lind

18 Oct 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 31 Dec 1943

Cadet

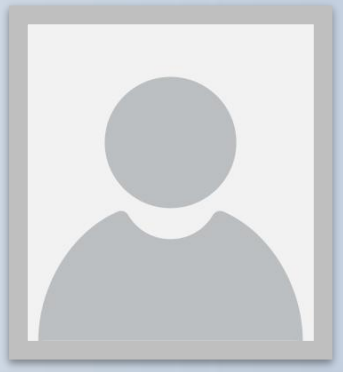


b. 20 Dec 1922, Macclesfield

W.– Joan Hilda Pardoe

18 Oct 1943. Contract Terminated by ATA, 31 Dec 1943

Third Officer

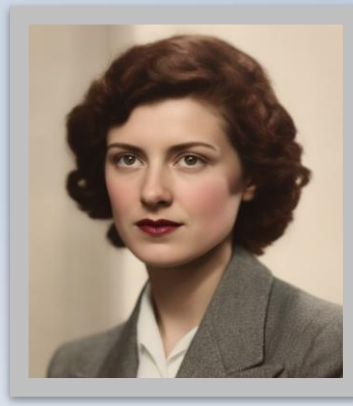


b. 5 May 1922, Worcester

W.144 - Ethel Elizabeth Sharpe

1 Nov 1943. Left ATA, 15 Jun 1945

Third Officer



b. 4 Oct 1914, London

W.– Masie Evelyn Montgomery Impey

1 Nov 1943. Resigned, 2 May 1944

Cadet



b. 22 May 1921, San Francisco, CA

W.148 – Jean Alston McPherson

15 Nov 1943. Left ATA, 14 Aug 1945

Third Officer



b. 16 May 1915, Navabatu, Vanua Balavu, Fiji

W.150 – Sophie Evelyn Veisa Mara 'Beausie' Hennings

29 Nov 1943. Left ATA, Mar 1945

Third Officer



b. 16 May 1915, Navabatu, Vanua Balavu, Fiji

W.145 – Aline 'Pat' [Hofheimer] Rhonie

30 Nov 1943. Left ATA, 19 Nov 1944

Third Officer

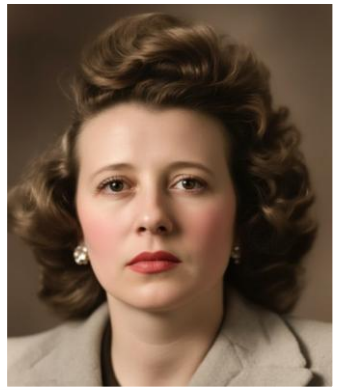


b. 2 Jul 1918, Pukekohe, NZ

W.147 – June Constance 'Judy' Howden

6 Dec 1943. Left ATA, 12 Aug 1945

Third Officer

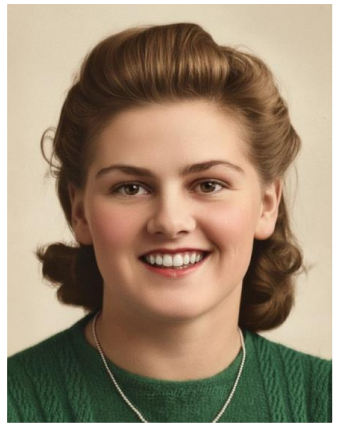


b. 13 Nov 1921, Stoke-on-Trent

W.146 – Rita Pauline Baines

28 Dec 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 14 Feb 1923, Cirencester, Glos

W.149 – Joyce 'Joy' Gough

28 Dec 1943. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



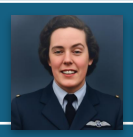
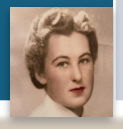
b. 14 Aug 1918, Mottingham, Kent

W.– Marion Cecilia Rye

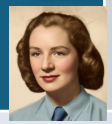
28 Dec 1943. Left ATA, 10 May 1944

Cadet

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Elsie Davison 	8 Jul 1940 when a passenger in Master N7539. Spiral dive on approach to Upavon
Amy Johnson 	5 Jan 1941 after bailing out into the Thames Estuary from Airspeed Oxford V3540
Bridget Hill,  **Betty Sayer** 	15 Mar 1942, when flying as passengers in Fairchild Argus HM178, which stalled and crashed when returning to land at White Waltham after bad weather
Joan Marshall 	20 Jun 1942, in Master I N7806 which spun into the ground when approaching to land at White Waltham
Irene Arckless 	3 Jan 1943, her Oxford V3888 crashed onto a house on the outskirts of Cambridge when an engine cut during take-off
Honor Salmon 	19 April 1943, she flew on in bad weather instead of turning back. Her Airspeed Oxford MN765 hit high ground near Devizes
Mary Nicholson (USA) 	22 May 1943, her Miles Master W9029 crashed at Littleworth, near Worcester. According to an eye-witness, the airscrew came away from the aircraft before it crashed and burst into flames
Jane Winstone (NZ) 	10 Feb 1944 as she took off in Spitfire IX MK616 from Cosford. The engine failed and the aircraft stalled and spun into the ground 2 miles north of the airfield
Dora Lang,  **Janice Harrington** 	2 Mar 1944, in Mosquito VI HP932. Whilst approaching to land the aircraft appeared to undershoot slightly, the throttles were opened gently and then fully, whereupon the aircraft climbed sharply, stalled, crashed and was destroyed.
Taniya Whitall 	passenger in Lancaster I R5672 which crashed near Caistor on 8 Apr 1944

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Eleanor Slade		13 Jul 1944, piloting Wellington Z1690, she crashed after take-off at Little Rissington. The aircraft “lost height, crashed in a field and was totally destroyed."
Margaret Fairweather		4 August 1944. Pilot of Percival Proctor III LZ801; force-landed in a field near Wrexham after engine failure, but the aircraft went nose first into a hidden ditch.
Leslie Murray		20 April 1945, her Hudson V AM854 got out of control and spun into the ground near Popes Field, Taplow, Berks.



b. 28 Nov 1920, Singapore

WE.– Janice Margaret Harrington

22 Jul 1943. Died in ATA Service, 2 Mar 1944

Third Officer / Flight Engineer



b. 13 Jun 1912, Wellington, Somerset

(Nursing Sister) Kathleen Mary Kershaw

19 Oct 1942. Died in ATA Service, 3 Apr 1944

Second Officer

14 women pilots and one Flight Engineer died in accidents.

Margery Spiller, (W.31) who joined 1 Mar 1941, died 11 May 1942 of cancer. 

Kathleen Kershaw, an ATA Nurse, died 3 Apr 1944 as a passenger in Anson N4895 which was lost in the Irish Sea on an ambulance flight from White Waltham to Prestwick to pick up a patient (with pilot Douglas Fairweather, Margaret’s husband).

ATA Women



ATA ‘Class V’ aircraft - Lancaster

Painting by Jim Brown

1944

36 Women pilots joined in 1944

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b. 13 Feb 1917, Tenterden, Kent

W.– Mavis Agnes Kennard Davis

24 Jan 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 24 Mar 1944

Cadet

b. 13 Jun 1920, London

W.– Hilda Mary Stroud

24 Jan 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 4 Apr 1944

Cadet

b. 20 Jan 1922, London

W.– Jill Elizabeth Hoar

24 Jan 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 22 Jun 1944

Cadet

b. 27 Oct 1920, Stow-on-Wold, Glos

W.– Sylvia Cyphus

29 Jan 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 22 Mar 1944

Cadet



b. 19 Apr 1921, Dunoon

W.– Hilda Edmiston Scarth

29 Jan 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 6 Apr 1944

Cadet



b. 20 or 22 July, 1907, Carolina, SA

W.141 – Rosamund King Everard-Steenkamp

7 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 31 Oct 1945

First Officer

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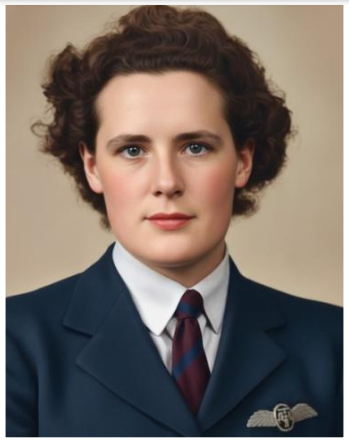


b. 1 Sep 1918, Bristol

W.155 – Rosemary Leslie [Bell] Bonnett

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer

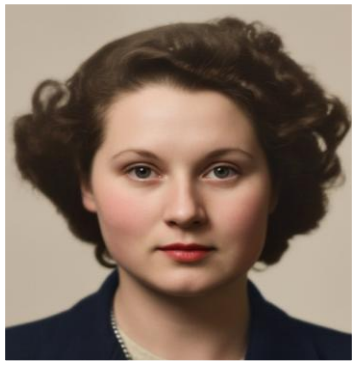


b. 13 Oct 1917, Rusholme, Lancs

W.160 – Barbara Lilian Lankshear

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 3 Mar 1918, Southampton

W.152 – Joyce Ann Fenwick

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, Apr 1945

Third Officer



b. 27 Sep 1918, Benwick, Cambs

W.153 – Winifred 'Pooh' Stokes

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer

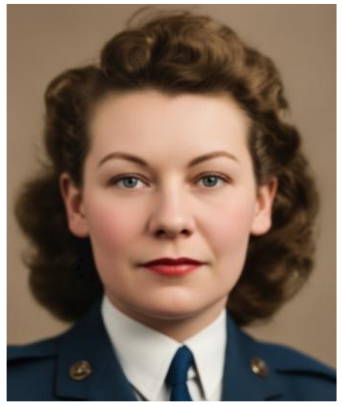


b. 8 Dec 1918, Swansea

W.154 – Suzanne Palmer Chapman

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 18 Aug 1917, London

W.156 – Yvonne Margaret 'Peggy' [Lucas] Eveleigh

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 2 Mar 1920, Beaminster, Dorset

W.157 – Diana Faunthorpe

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 20 May 1923, Beckenham, Kent

W.158 – Patricia Mary Provis

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer

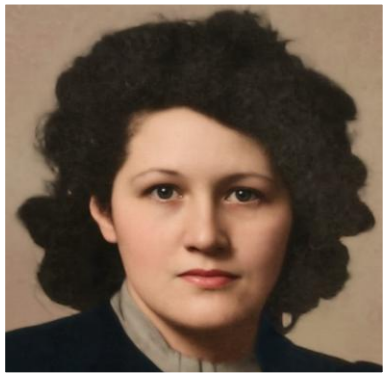


b. 28 Jul 1921, London

W.159 – Marjorie 'June' Farquhar

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 25 Dec 1914, Hamilton, Ontario

W.161 – Frances Mary 'Frankie' Rudge

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 27 Apr 1945

Third Officer

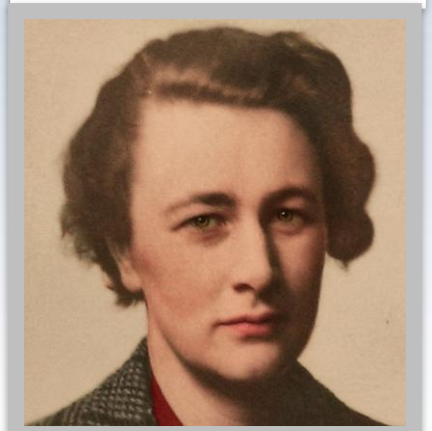


b. 20 Nov 1920, Gravesend, Kent

W.165 – Ruth Mary Hornsby Russell

21 Feb 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 4 Mar 1917, Hampstead, london

W.— Mary Emily King

21 Feb 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 1 Jul 1944

Cadet

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b. 18 Nov 1916, Marionville, MI

W.151 – Sheila A Garrett

3 Apr 1944. Left ATA, Jun 1945

Third Officer



b. 1 Sep 1919, Croydon

W.162 – Katharine Mary Stanley 'Katie' Smith

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 19 or 20 Apr 1920, Horncastle, Lincs

W.163 – Susan Mary Aurea Alexander

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 21 Oct 1918, Dublin

W.164 – Annette Elizabeth Mahon

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



b. 5 Aug 1919, Ealing

W.166 – Joan Henrietta Arthur

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer



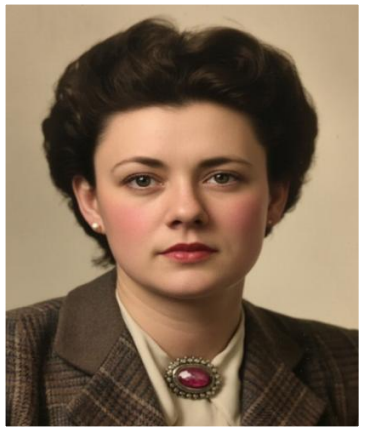
b. 1 Apr 1920, Bristol

W.167 – Eleanor 'Betty' Keith-Jopp

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 17 Aug 1945

Third Officer

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b. 19 Aug 1919, Gampola, Ceylon

W.168 – Aimee [Jonklaas] de Neve

8 May 1944. Left ATA, 30 Sep 1945

Third Officer

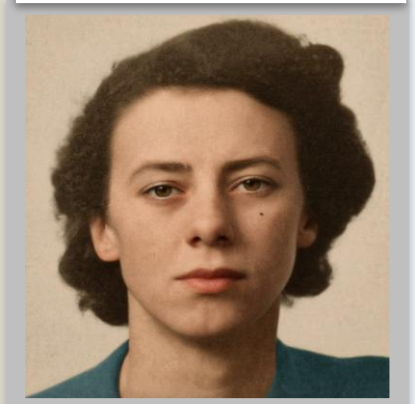


b. 27 May 1920, Carlisle

W.– Dorothy Ritson Bell

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 25 May 1944

Cadet



b. 6 Sep 1917, Selkirk

W.— Helen Riddell Clark

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 10 Jun 1944

Cadet



b. 17 Dec 1922, Camberley

W.– Joan Mary Akerman

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 3 Jun 1944

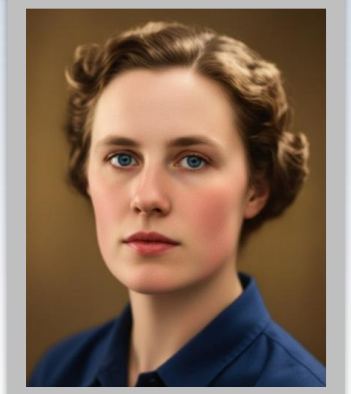
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W.– Joan Mary Grinling

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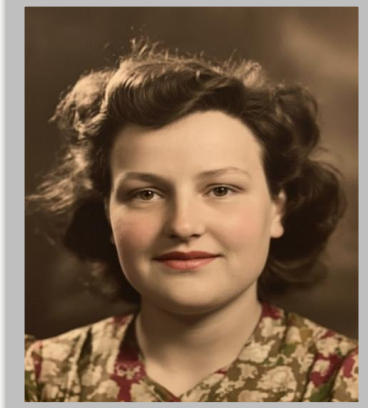
b. 1 Jun 1920, Lambeth, London

W.– Rita Mary ‘Ray’ Neve

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 17 Jun 1944

Cadet

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b. 22 Mar 1921, Wolverhampton

W.– Dora ‘Joyce’ Tildesley

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 9 Jun 1944

Cadet

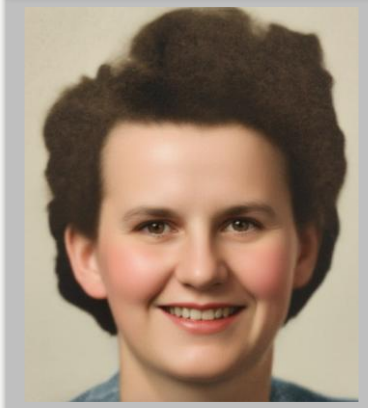


b. 20 Jul 1921, Birmingham

W.– Sheila Willson

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 3 Jun 1944

Cadet



b. 26 Aug 1918, Edinburgh

W.— Dorothy Margaret Stewart

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 1 Jul 1944

Cadet



b. 6 Dec 1919, Kirkby, Liverpool

W.– Sheila Reddicliffe

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 21 Jun 1944

Cadet

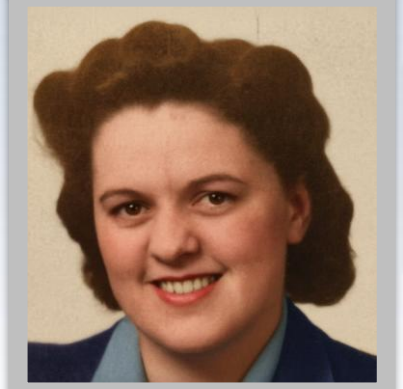


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W.– Sheila Marion Tointon

8 May 1944. Contract Terminated by ATA, 17 Jun 1944

Cadet



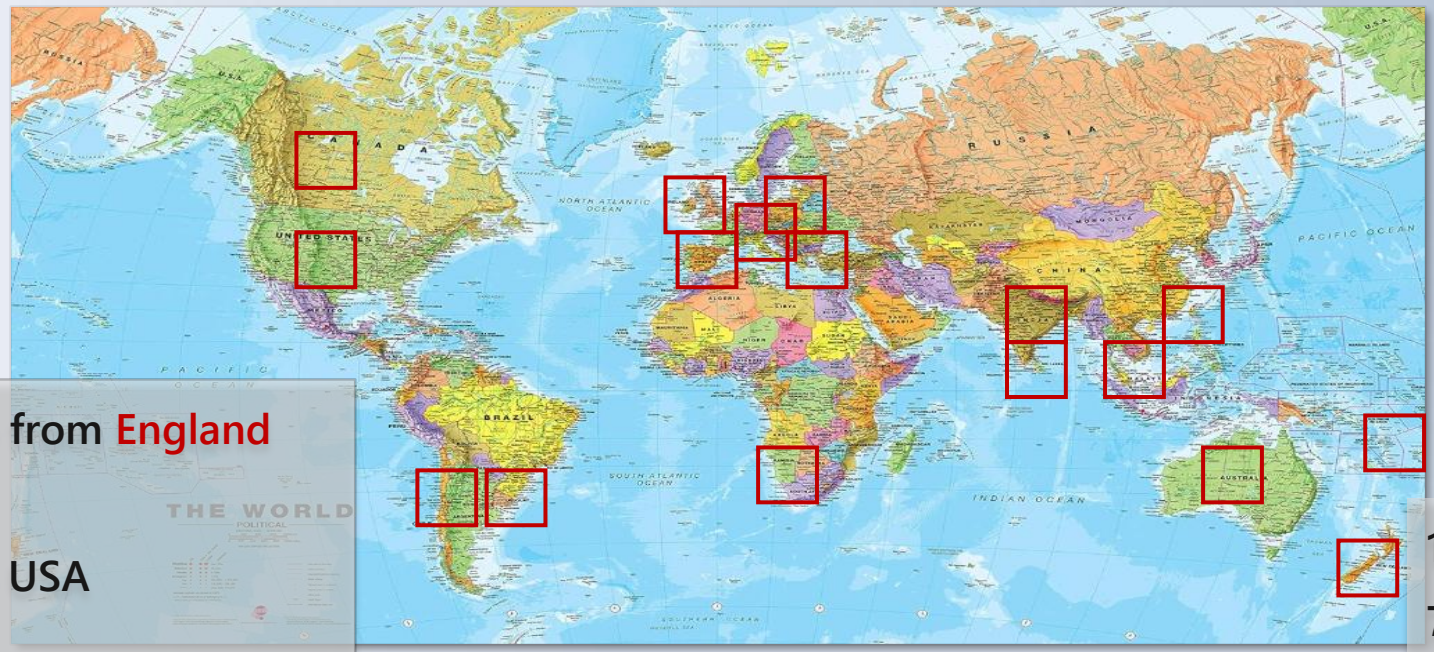
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W.– Heather Marion Lott

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ATA Women – Where were they from?



128 of them were from England

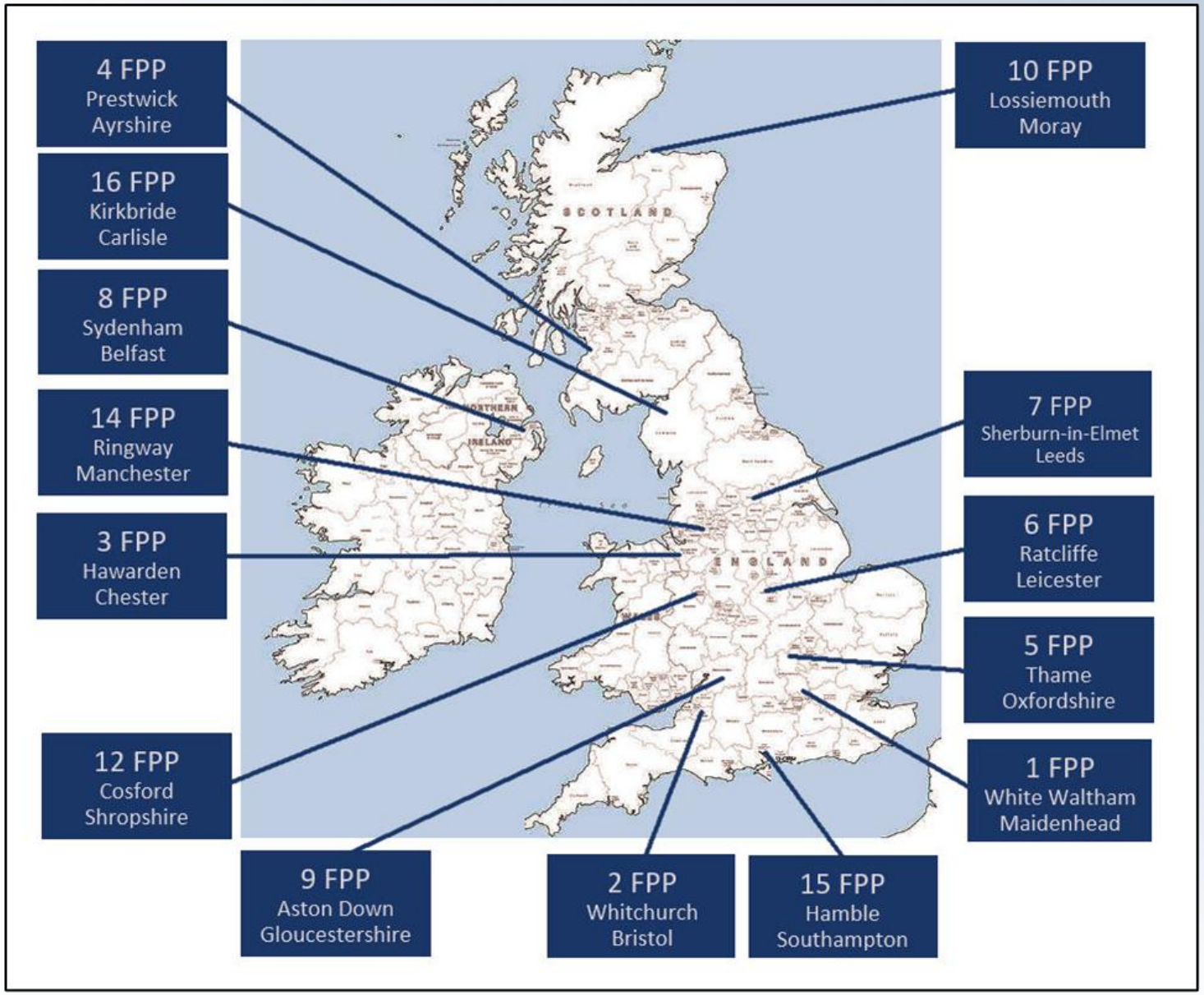
30 were from the USA

18 were 'British, born abroad':

- 1 born in Argentina
- 1 born in Cyprus
- 1 born in Fiji
- 2 born in Hong Kong
- 5 born in India
- 2 born in Singapore
- 3 born in South Africa

- 11 from Canada
- 7 from Scotland
- 5 from New Zealand
- 4 from Australia
- 4 from Poland
- 4 from South Africa
- 3 from Wales
- 2 from Eire
- 2 from Holland
- 2 from Northern Ireland
- 1 from Ceylon

ATA - Ferry Pools



Hamble (15 FPP) and Cosford (12 FPP) were designated as all-women ferry pools, although the women were also based elsewhere.