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The Days and Flights of a World War II Squadron Leader

BETTY'S TROOPER ARRIVED on September 8, 1942. "What should I do?" she asked Bud, her husband. "Just do just what you've been preparing for and waiting to do." "Yes, of course," Betty held a twin-engine aircraft wing and an instrument wing. She had 1,201 flying hours in her logbook. The following morning, she embarked on what became the greatest adventure of her life.

What a treat! This is a book for everyone—not just for pilots or history buffs. You will be climbing into the cockpit with an impressive lot of pilots, in some of WWII's most amazing stories. Reading Betty Gillies's story, I gained a perspective of the world of aviation during WWII from the women who stepped up to fill their cockpit.

—Susan Jenkins

Pilot, Author, and Captain of Southwest Flight 1380, April 17, 2008

Kudos to Sarah Byrn Rickman for *Betty Gillies: WAFS PILOT*. Gillies was a trailblazing woman who volunteered to do a dangerous job with determination and incredible bravery. Carefully researched, historically sound, her story shows us what strong women can do.

—Susan Witter, Author

Author of *The General's Women* and *Living History*

Betty Gillies—WAFS squadron leader Nancy Love's second in command—performed the women ferry pilot's WWII role. Pre-war, as 9th president, Betty fought for a permanent pilot's organization. Post-war, she chaired the All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race in its growth years. Betty's dedicated leadership defines women's aviation today.

—Jacqueline Berry, Pilot

Chief, Amelia Earhart Memorial Pilotschap Fund, The Women's News, Inc.



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