

GLIDE FIRST, JETS LATER.

Who wouldn't be an R.A.F. apprentice, being taught to glide at Halton, near Aylesbury? Theory is learned on the ground.

The instructor Flight Lieutenant goes up with each apprentice in a Sedbergh Trainer, making sure the youngster's thoroughly familiar with the controls. If they make the grade they may one day fly jets, but to get a practical grip on the theory of flight, there's nothing like going up in a glider. And what a thrill it is, from the moment the winch operated towline gets moving. There's no engine to help; nothing but wind, air currents and the skill of the flyer.

There are twenty apprentices on the course just now. If they qualify for glider certificates it will help them to obtain cadetships or direct commissions.