

FIRST OF THE NEW FEW

Flying Officer Peter Perry; at 23, captain of a Valiant. The new R.A.F. policy is for young men to fly the V-Bombers of Britain's deterrent force. Hence, 23-year-old Peter Perry now finds himself the first young captain of a Valiant. It cost £100,000 to train him. Fighter planes have always needed youth at the control arm. Now V-pilots are being selected from airmen little more than three years out of training school. What a wonderful opportunity for those who've got it in them to take it.

For Peter's wife, Sylvia, with a 2-month-old son, and such a husband, life is very good. Captaincy has come to the young pilot because he made the grade in the most intensive training course the R.A.F. could devise, plus personal qualities of a high order - keen intelligence, self-reliance, love of responsibility among them. They don't entrust an aircraft costing a million pounds to any but the best type of man. Perry gets 13-hundred and 90 pounds a year; more to come with each stage of promotion. In the footsteps of the immortal few who saved us in the Battle of Britain are the New Few, their worthy successors.