

other navigation aids for fixing. In order to safeguard the aircraft Flying Officer Carter allowed the radar operator to obtain one snap fix before crossing the coast, and this enabled the aircraft to be accurately positioned for a landfall in weather conditions which by this time had reduced the cloud ceiling to 1,000 feet. Shortly after this the aircraft again entered cloud, and a controlled descent through cloud to a height of 800 feet was made. It was in these adverse conditions that at 22.21 hours Flying Officer Carter safely landed his aircraft at the airfield. Flying Officer Carter has flown only 300 hours since his appointment to captaincy, but throughout the incident he displayed exceptional skill in handling his aircraft under most difficult circumstances. He inspired complete confidence in his crew and saved a valuable aircraft.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.*

Flight Lieutenant Samuel Vallis McCoy, M.B.E. (503365), Royal Air Force.

For courage and devotion to duty when alone and armed only with a stick he successfully tackled and apprehended five intruders on Cluntee airfield.

*Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.*

2786812 Leading Aircraftman Royston John Brown, Royal Air Force.

For skill and bravery during a Target Towing Sortie in a Beaufighter aircraft, when he leaned from a hatch at the bottom of the fuselage and severed a jammed drogue cable, so preventing possible damage to the aircraft and injury to its crew.

*Air Ministry, 3rd December, 1957.*

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

*Appointment to commission (permanent).*

*As Flying Officer (Branch List):—*

550033 Warrant Officer George Roger McGill McFarlane (550033). 17th Oct. 1957.

*As Pilot Officers (Branch List):—*

1393996 Master Pilot John Alfred Claydon (1393996). 17th Oct. 1957 (seniority 1st Mar. 1956).

4035052 Sergeant Patrick George Morten (4035052). 17th Oct. 1957.

*Flight Sergeants.*

17th Oct. 1957.

579038 Donald Frederick Gardner (579038).

3032296 Patrick Charles Grayland (3032296).

3031691 Geoffrey Edward Grimdale (3031691).

3039144 Albert George Edwin Lawrence (3039144).

1623554 Geoffrey Horace Maples, B.E.M. (1623554).

1497080 Gordon Austin Partridge (1497080).

1609181 Arthur Albert George Ridge (1609181).

579288 William Michael John Wellen (579288).

*Transfer to a permanent direct commission (scheme A).*

*As Flight Lieutenants:—*

Samuel Frederick Ryder (3508415). 1st July 1957.

George Cecil Dobson (4038992). 24th Sept. 1957.

*As Flying Officers:—*

Cyril George Fawtrelle (3507065). 22nd Aug. 1957.

Philip George Martin (3136843). 25th Sept. 1957.

*As Flight Lieutenants (Branch List):—*

Louis Bernard James Conway (3032837). 15th Jan. 1957.

Bruce Rowbotham (1606213). 30th July 1957.

Gerald David Charles Clarke (1897747). 5th Sept. 1957.

*As Flying Officer (Branch List):—*

Malcolm Morrison Young (579410). 30th July 1957.

*Appointment to a direct commission (scheme B).*

*As Pilot Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

*Sergeants.*

17th Oct. 1957.

3509590 Kenneth Ravenscroft (3509590) (period of service to count from 6th Mar. 1951 and extended until 25th June 1966).

585469 Ian Evelyn Sinclair-Day (585469) (period of service to count from 7th Aug. 1952 and extended until 12th Mar. 1967).

*As Acting Pilot Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

28th Aug. 1957.

Peter John Humphrey Blackgrove (505600) (period of service to count from 11th Jan. 1957).

Stuart Graham Pearce (505601) (period of service to count from 20th Mar. 1957).

*Transfer to a direct commission (scheme B).*

*As Flight Lieutenant (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Bernard Mingaye (592266). 20th Sept. 1957 (period of service to count from 25th Feb. 1951).

*As Flying Officers (twelve years on the active list and four years on the reserve):—*

Gerald William Riffin (3512618). 15th Aug. 1957 (period of service to count from 27th Mar. 1952).

John Edward Nicholas Merry (2734385). 17th Sept. 1957 (period of service to count from 29th Sept. 1954).

*Appointment to commission (national service).*

*As Acting Pilot Officers:—*

*Aircraftmen 2nd class.*

17th Oct. 1957.

5039719 Alexander Mackenzie Crawford (5039719).

5047366 Barry Malcolm Pegg (5047366).

*Regrading.*

*The undermentioned Acting Pilot Officers are regraded as Pilot Officers:—*

14th June 1957.

P. C. Keeling (5011335).

D. G. Sullivan (4190418).

25th Oct. 1957.

P. D. Dargan (5026102).

B. Lockyear (5026090).

20th Nov. 1957.

A. A. Appleton (5027658).

H. E. Brunt (4185821).

J. D. Denham (4185817).

P. J. Driscoll (505139) (seniority 24th May 1957).

G. J. Griffiths (5027413).

C. H. Hilditch (2608135).

R. T. Howell (4185815).

G. Innes (5028616).

J. Ivelaw-Chapman (2774741).

D. G. K. Longman (3150285).

R. B. MacLuskie (5026806).

B. G. Montgomery (5026262).

R. H. J. Morris (4185202).

A. C. Newman (5023413).

D. Ordidge (2727847).

A. W. Price (588145).

P. J. Vallance (5026633).

B. Williams (5026978).

*Adjustment of period of service.*

*The period of service of the undermentioned Flying Officers is adjusted to eight years on the active list with effect from the dates stated:—*

A. R. Stewardson (3510061). 25th Apr. 1951.

A. W. E. Johnston (504166). 26th Apr. 1954.

*Promotion.*

*Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant:—*

D. E. Jackson (4081440). 25th Sept. 1957.

2nd Oct. 1957.

J. L. Martin (4082605).

C. G. Reith (4082622).

D. B. Taylor (3511504).

F. Bridgland (4082618).

N. C. Lee (3511624). 16th Oct. 1957.

D. S. Burden (4032549). 23rd Oct. 1957.

30th Oct. 1957.

E. W. Brown (4090282).

J. C. Hayday (3508008).

J. G. Butler (3507988). 7th Nov. 1957.