





AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Major James Maitland Stewart, O-433210, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Deputy Leader of a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February, 1944. Having been briefed for instrument bombing with condition that should visual bombing be possible the deputy leader would assume command, the formation proceeded to the target, meeting heavy enemy fighter opposition. When the target was reached, it became apparent that visual bombing was possible and *Major Stewart* smoothly assumed the lead position.

In spite of aggressive fighter attacks and later heavy, accurate antiaircraft fire, he was able to hold the formation together and direct a bombing run over the target in such a manner that the planes following his were able to release their bombs with great accuracy. The courage, leadership and skillful airmanship displayed by *Major Stewart* were in a large measure responsible for the success of this mission. Entered military service from California.

By command of
Lieutenant General Doolittle.





This photo of Major Jimmy Stewart was taken by my father's flight engineer/top turret gunner, George Snook. George asked Major Stewart to pose for this photo opportunity in front of the control tower at their air base in Tibenham, England in February of 1944. Stewart obliged him and posed for this shot. It is a rare picture, not often seen of the actor turned bomber pilot.



Jimmy Stewart receiving the Air Medal from Major Paul Schwartz



