



Charles A. Lindbergh and his plane after the historic hop.

Here's Jimmy Stewart as Lindy in movie of his flight.



the Lone Eagle

by Peer J. Oppenheimer

predecessor, the Army Air Corps. Lindbergh joined in 1924, and was a captain when he flew the Atlantic. He is now a brigadier general in the Air Force.

Stewart joined the Air Force as a private in 1941 and came out in 1945 with a colonel's rank, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and an Oak Leaf Cluster. He is still active in the reserve.

During the war, Jimmy flew across the South Atlantic—a shorter hop than Lindbergh's—from Brazil to Africa. It took him

and his crew in a four-engine B-24 just 14½ hours—a far cry from Lindy's single-engine flying time of 33½ hours!

Make-up experts on the Warner Brothers lot didn't have too much trouble making Stewart look like the Lindbergh of 1927. They took some 20 years off his appearance, bleached his hair, and changed the part in it.

With their common love for flying and physical resemblance, it's easy to see why Jimmy Stewart was the perfect choice to play the Lone Eagle.



Lindbergh's plane was product of his own ideas; Stewart portrays the flier poring over drawings.



Stewart re-creates Lindbergh's lonely hours as his plane drones over Atlantic Ocean.

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