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EDITORIALS

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On May 19, President Roosevelt awarded the Medal of Honor to Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle for leading a squadron of Army bombers on a highly successful raid on Tokyo the month before.

To those who have watched, with great pride, the grand personal record which has been piled up by Jimmie Doolittle during his long and active career of flying—this latest award comes as no surprise. However, his trip to Tokyo has a particular significance for those interested in air law in that it again draws attention to the quality of courage and imagination that will not accept no as an answer. Air law, like the bombing raid on Tokyo, has been carved out of seeming impossibilities.

For this latest reminder, and for an unexcelled personal achievement in military aviation, our hats are again off to Jim. Low flying over Japan customarily requires a waiver—but we offer advice of counsel in case of any repeated events of Jap dusting—without benefit of Nipponese waiver!

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