



Distinguished Flying Cross  
Recipient:

Birth: May 17, 1920

Death: February 18, 2010

**Ralph G. Gillham**

Branch: U.S. Army Air Corps

Theatre: WWII

**Citation:** Under the provisions of Army Regulations and pursuant to authority contained in Headquarters Eighth Air Force letter of 1 June 1944, subject "Awards and Decorations", the *Distinguished Flying Cross* is awarded to Ralph G. Gillham, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, 535<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 381<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Bombardier of a B-17 airplane on a number of bombardment missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Gillham, fighting from his gun position, has warded off many enemy attacks and has materially aided in the success of each of these missions. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Gillham on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.