

Donald George Alexander Stewart was born in 1913 or 1914 and educated at St Mary Abbots School, Kensington, London. After leaving he was employed by the Royal Borough of Kensington.

On 12th February 1937 Stewart joined 601 Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force at Hendon and left on 15th August. He joined the RAFVR on 6th March 1938 as an Airman u/t Pilot and began his flying training in Tiger Moths at 20 E&RFTS, Gravesend, soloing on 18th June. He did his flying at 15 E&RFTS, Redhill. Stewart joined the RAF on a short service commission on 5th December 1938 and began an ab-initio course at 5 E&RFTS, Hanworth. He soloed on a Blackburn BII the next day.

On 14th January 1939 Stewart went to No. 1 RAF Depot, Uxbridge for a short disciplinary course and on the 28th moved to 5 FTS Sealand. The month of August 1939 was spent on Furies at 9 Armament Training Camp at Porthcawl.

Stewart returned briefly to 5 FTS and on 2nd September he went on the Training Squadron, No. 1 School of Army Co-operation at Old Sarum, on Lysanders. From there he joined 613 Squadron at Odiham on 8th October 1939.



In May 1940 Stewart took part in dive-bombing attacks on Calais. In August he volunteered for Fighter Command and on the 22nd arrived at 7 OTU, Hawarden, where he converted to Spitfires. Stewart moved to 6 OTU, Sutton Bridge on 5th September and, after converting to Hurricanes, he joined 615 Squadron at Prestwick on the 23rd.

On 15th February 1941 the squadron flew a sweep to Holland. Stewart was shot down in Hurricane I P3231 into the sea off Flushing and was reported 'Missing'.

In April 1941 a body was recovered from the sea and was buried in Zeebrugge, Belgium as 'an unknown flyer'. After the war this was found to be Stewart, identified by a tailor's tab from his tunic. The tab had been kept by a member of the local gendarmerie.

He now lies in Adegem Canadian Cemetery.

