

201 Lt Adair

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY NINTH FIGHTER SQUADRON
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
A.P.O. 629

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Silver Star.

TO : Commanding General, Tenth U. S. Air Force, A.P.O. 465
(Thru Channels).

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, War Department, Washington, D. C., 8 August 1932, Second Lieutenant PHILIP R. ADAIR, 0728534, A.C., is hereby recommended for the award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943.

2. On this date Lt. Adair as pilot of a P-40B-1 type fighter did singly attack a formation of 24 enemy bombers and 40 enemy fighters and did successfully destroy one fighter. His first attack was instrumental in breaking up the enemy formation sufficiently to affect their bombing accuracy and cause some of the formation to release their bombs before they arrived over the target. Lt. Adair repeated his attacks until his plane was so damaged that further combat was impossible. The gallantry and courage displayed by Lt. Adair in combat and the determination that was required of him to successfully land his damaged plane is worthy of the highest traditions of the Army Air Force.

3. Lt. Adair was born 15 April 1920, his home town is Walters, Oklahoma. Lt. Adair's next of kin are Mr. and Mrs. John S. Adair, Walters, Oklahoma.

4. Since commission of this act Lt. Adair's service has been honorable.

JOHN SVENNINGSBY,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.