


Local Flier Wins Voted Air Medal

Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lt. Calvin H. Reasoner, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reasoner, 439 Rincon road, Richmond, has been an-



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nounced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, commanding general, Tenth Air Force.

Lt. Reasoner, who has been in the service 1½ years, has spent the past 6 months as a pilot with the famed Burma Banshees squadron of the 80th Fighter Group of the Tenth Air Force. He is credited with 103 missions and 214 hours of combat flying.

The lieutenant was a former student at Oakland, Calif., high school and was active in basketball.

His citation read in part: " . . . for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight. He has accomplished with distinction, as a pilot, more than seventy-five fighter combat missions over enemy held territory of northern Burma. In the execution of these flights he has with eagerness and vigour attacked enemy installations of material and troop concentrations, inflicting severe damage on these as well as bridges, airdromes and other communication facilities. These operations in which he has flown, constitute acts of extraordinary achievement in aerial flight and reflect the highest credit on the military forces of the United States."