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NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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NG-AFOTP

SUBJECT: Proposed Insignia for 194th Fighter Squadron, SE

TO: The Adjutant General
State of California
P. O. Box 1139
Sacramento 14, California

With reference to NG-AFOTP 5th Indorsement, 23 October 1951, to letter from the 194th Fighter Squadron, 22 September 1951, subject as above, there is attached the approved and registered emblem for subject unit. Following is a brief description and significance of the emblem and the unit history:

SQUADRON EMBLEM: On a light blue disc, edged yellow, a griffin, wings elevated, black, wing shaded white, beak and talons yellow, eye and tongue red, emitting flames of fire, and standing on a cloud, in base, proper.

The design will face to the front when used on aircraft.

BLAZON

On a disc azure, bordered or, a griffin, sable wings elevated, shaded argent, beak and talons or, eye and tongue gules, emitting flames of fire and standing on a cloud in base proper.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The griffin is a mythical creature, one-half lion and one-half eagle. It is renowned for its aggressiveness in battle and for the keenness and courage displayed in its defense of cave or castle. The griffin, emitting flames, and with flashing talons and beak, screaming defiance at those who would encroach upon its domain, is emblematic of the like qualities of the 194th Fighter Squadron, SE.

HISTORY:

The 409th Fighter Squadron (presently the 194th Fighter Squadron, SE) was activated 28 October 1943 at Hamilton Field, California. It was extended Federal recognition 21 March 1949.

There is no record of any unit citations, battle participation honors, or other awards bestowed upon this unit.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:



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2 Incls:

- 1 - Dwg, proposed emblem
- 2 - Official painting, subj emblem