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"Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in blood of his followers and sacrifices of his friends."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower



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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLAND

A British Protectorate comprising a group of islands in the West Pacific Ocean.

1907



1908-



1 P
CARMINE

Col. Brice Flies Confederate Flag In Solomon Isles

Somewhere in British Solomon Islands — (AP) — The Confederate flag hangs high at this island base.

It's some distance south—and west—of the Mason-Dixon line, but the Bonnie blue banner flutters airily as she did in old Georgia four score years ago.

She's the only flag in the Solomon Islands that's displayed 24 hours a day. She's the pride of a nest of Southerners who find themselves together in one office here—in the fighter command.

Commander of fighter planes in the Solomons is the title of Marine Col. William O. Brice. The colonel's office is known popularly as comconforsols—command Confederate forces in the Solomons. Only one enlisted man in the office, Staff Sgt. Fred H. Creed, is from the South, but he was admitted when he proved that he was from southern Ohio—Youngstown.

In navy parlance, Colonel Brice is the man who "made the air secure in the Solomons. He was in Guadalcanal from the start. His fighter planes gave the Japs some of their first and fiercest aerial whippings and are allowing the enemy no respite.

A World War flier who crossed the Atlantic in the early days of trans-ocean flying, Colonel Brice has been the commanding officer of the nation's two top fighter aces, Maj. Joe Foss and Maj. Gregory Boyington. The latter is missing in action.

1913



1 P
CARMINE

3 P
VIOLET
ON YELLOW

1914



2 P
GRAY



2 1/2 P
ULTRAMARINE

4 P
BLACK
AND RED
ON YELLOW

5 P
DULL VIOLET
AND
OLIVE GREEN

1923-28



1 1/4 P
SCARLET

3 P
ULTRAMARINE

1 S
BLACK ON
EMERALD
GREEN

RED