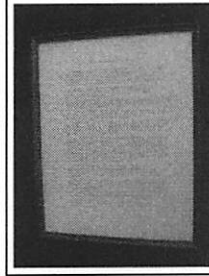


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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County of ~~Fairfield~~ RICHLAND

Township of _____

City of COLUMBIA, S. C.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURT

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD WILLIAM OSCAR BRICE, JR.

3. Boy or Girl Boy 4. Color or Race White 5. Nationality American

6. DATE OF BIRTH December 10th. 1898, at 7:50 A. M.
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. Full FATHER 8. Name MOTHER
name William Oscar Brice before marriage Rachel Buchanan Thomps
on

I, Walter W. Lewis, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Fairfield County, South Carolina, the same being a Court of record, and having by law a seal, and being the official custodian of vital statistics for Fairfield County, do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern, that pursuant to, and as provided by Act No. 107 of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1939, and as amended, providing for the registration of births of citizens born in said State, there is on record in the office of the Clerk of Court for said County the required proof of the birth of the above registrant from which the above statistical data was obtained, and I further certify that the above date of birth, place of birth, and other information concerning the birth of the said registrant is true and correct as copied therefrom.

GIVEN under my Hand and Official Seal of Office at Winnsboro, South Carolina, this
6th day of August A. D., 19 42.

Walter W. Lewis

Clerk of Court for Fairfield County
South Carolina

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLAND

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

1907



1908



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CARMINE

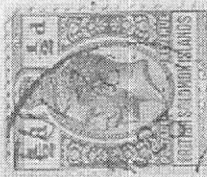
1913



1 P
CARMINE

3 P
VIOLET
ON YELLOW

1914



2 P
GRAY

2½ P
ULTRAMARINE

4 P
BLACK
AND RED
ON YELLOW

5 P
DULL VIOLET
ON YELLOW

1923-28



1½ P
SCARLET

8 P
ULTRAMARINE

1 S
BLACK ON
EMERALD
GREEN

RED

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 as gaily 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 hails from Winnsboro, the seat of Fairfield county, South Carolina. You don't have to have a Southern accent to work under Colonel Brice but it helps.

The colonel's office is known popularly as comconsols—commander of Confederate forces in the Solomons. Only one enlisted man in the office, Staff Sgt. Fred H. Creed, is not 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.

H. Star
Gen.
W.O. Brice

← flying aces



William B. Brice Jan 1943

Cullum No. 13366 • Dee 16. 1944 • Died in Sehlausenbaeh

The story is soon told! *William Boyce Brice*, son of Eugene Douglas Brice and his wife, Laura J. Brice; born in Winnsboro, South Carolina, August 14, 1919; graduated from Mt. Zion Institute, June, 1936; spent two years at Erskine College; entered United States Military Academy and graduated in January, 1943; killed in action, Germany, December 16, 1944.

In high school he was most popular among both teachers and pupils, receiving the medal for Best All Round Boy in school; at West Point was a member of Fishing Club, Boxing, and Pistol Marksman, attained the high rank of Cadet Captain, was on the Board of Governors, First Class Club and also held the honor of "Mule Rider". His friends among the Cadets-and they were legion-called him "Willie B.", and men give nicknames only to those they love. After graduation, he entered the Service of the United States as a Second Lieutenant, choosing the Infantry; training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and stationed at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, whence he was sent overseas in October, 1944; on December 16, 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge, he met a soldier's death in action.

Such is the all too brief story! It tells so little-is so cold and formal. Behind the facts, to those of us who knew and loved him, is the true reality-the fresh young life, the courage that knew no shadow of turning, the honor that never failed, the ability that gave promise of so much "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend". I who write these lines knew him "from his youth up" I was his Superintendent of Schools for eleven years, from his first grade through High School, in a small town. I know what I do speak. I never saw him do an ungenerous act or fail in that courtesy and courage that marks a gentleman, a gentleman born and a gentleman bred. William Boyce Brice came of good South Carolina ancestry. He fought, therefore, as a matter of course. He was "true to the instincts of his birth, and faithful to the teachings of his father". In "the short, sharp, agony of the Field", in a foreign land, he sealed his loyalty with his life.

-G. F. Patton

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6th Regiment, SC Volunteers

A Re-enactment of Events Involving Major Thomas William Brice and His Friend (and his former slave) Isaiah Moore

Where: Concord Presbyterian Church
Woodward, SC (Fairfield County)
10 miles north of Winnsboro on Hwy. 321

When: Sunday, November 7, 2004 @ 10:30 a.m.

Details: The 6th Regiment, SC Volunteer re-enactors from Chester/Lancaster will be conducting a re-enactment honoring the remarkable story of Confederate Major Thomas William Brice of Woodward and one of his close friends (and his former slave) Isaiah Moore. The story of their lifelong friendship is extremely interesting and can serve as a positive role model for race relations in the south. Moore went off to battle with Major Brice and is credited with saving his life after he was severely wounded. Years later, on his death bed, Moore asked to be buried as close as possible to Major Brice, his lifelong friend and former master. Today, Brice and Moore are together in death as they were in life.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at 10:30 am, the re-enactors will march to the Concord Pres. Church. The re-enactors will conduct the 11:00 am worship service. After church, there will be a military ceremony in the church graveyard honoring Major Brice and Isaiah Moore. Wreaths will also be laid on their graves. They will have men and women playing various roles of community members they have researched. This should be an interesting event to watch. All are welcome to attend.

Go to Library of Congress site for the 1936-7 slave narratives for a story told about Isaiah Moore:

http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=mesn&fileName=143/mesn143.db&recNum=144&itemLink=D?mesbib:36:./temp/~ammem_b2gE