

## Newly-Arrived Flyer Downs Six Zeros in Debut Over Munda

Princeton Man Leads  
In American Attacks  
Netting 29 Jap Planes

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WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES  
ON GUADALCANAL, Dec. 24 (De-  
layed).—Maj. Donald Yost, a 31-  
year-old newcomer from Princeton,  
N. J., was the outstanding figure in  
the collection of 29 Japanese Zero  
planes during raids of the last two  
days on the enemy's Solomon Island  
base of Munda, New Georgia.

Maj. Yost, a Princeton University  
graduate, arrived only a week ago  
and didn't see the enemy until he  
met six Zeros near Munda yester-  
day. In a few minutes he had shot  
down two of them, and chased three  
others off the tails of his mates' dive  
bombers.

Then this morning he shot down  
four more in 10 minutes, making a  
two-day bag of six.

"I just tangled around with them  
while," said Maj. Yost, using his  
hands and arms to explain combat  
movements.

(A Washington naval announce-  
ment Christmas Day said United  
States airmen had destroyed a  
total of 24 planes during the  
Christmas eve attacks on Munda.)

**Thwart Air Base Building.**  
The Japanese are trying to build  
a new airfield and base at Munda,  
but our dive bombers, fighters and  
Flying Fortresses have been ham-  
pering them daily, sometimes two  
or three times a day.

This morning Marine and Army  
pilots flying Douglas dive-bombers,  
Grummans and Bell Airacobras  
dealt the heaviest blow in two weeks  
against Munda when they surprised  
and destroyed 22 Zeros. The dive  
bombers got approximately 16 either  
on the ground or just taking off,  
and our fighters knocked out six  
in the air.

The Japanese first were seen try-  
ing large-scale air operations over  
Munda yesterday, and the Amer-  
icans promptly went up and shot  
down seven Zeros and hacked  
chunks out of the enemy field. We  
lost three fighters yesterday.

Pilots returning from this morn-  
ing's raid said terrific explosions,  
flares and smoke resulted when they  
dropped their bombs in the midst  
of the milling Japanese planes on  
the ground. Some enemy planes  
were only a few feet in the air when  
they were blasted, and crashed.

The United States airmen believed  
they had sighted a new type of Zero  
plane—a large one with square  
wingtips, they said.

Maj. Yost had one close call in  
today's scrap when he and an enemy  
pilot headed straight toward each  
other spurring bullets. He said they  
missed each other by a few feet,  
and "the Jap left bullets in my  
engine and wing."

**Downs 2 Zeros in Debut.**

Another newcomer, Lt. Kenneth  
Kirk, Jr., of Barre, Vt., shot down  
two Zeros this morning. Lt. Kirk  
has been flying all types of air-  
craft including seaplanes for six  
months in this area, but it was the  
first time he was up against a Zero.

Low-flying American pilots have  
discovered another Japanese trick  
of pouring oil in small depressions  
on their runway so that from the  
air and in photographs the field  
appears to be full of craters.

The Japanese plan at Munda ap-  
parently is to establish fighters  
there so that enemy bombers flying  
down from Rabaul, New Britain,  
can pick up a fighter escort at that  
point to strike at Guadalcanal.

But our devastating attacks on  
Munda are making this impossible  
so far.



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youngsters; but they didn't interfere with his dreams of becom-  
ing a sailor. He attended the  
Naval Academy, was commis-  
sioned and now is Capt.  
Thomas Leigh Gatch, com-  
mander of a battleship cred-  
ited with destroying 32 Japan-  
ese planes that attacked a  
flotilla of which his craft was  
a unit. The woman probing for  
a splinter was Mrs. Sarah  
West, mother of Tommy's  
friend, Oswald West, who later  
became Governor of Oregon.  
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sons and board members, according  
to Miss Alice Leigh Byars, chairman  
of the association.

Dr. Griffith spent five years as  
head of the Liverpool (England)  
University Settlement House and also  
served as professor of political  
science at Harvard University and  
Syracuse University.

## Claimant to Iran Throne Drops Dead in London

By the Associated Press.  
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