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Has Many Awards

He joined the corps two days after Pearl Harbor and when he was discharged because of recurring malaria in January he wore the Presidential Unit citation, the silver and bronze stars for major engagements, the Purple Heart, the American and Pacific theater ribbons and the American defense rib-

He was with the group led by Carlson and James Rossevelt, then also a Lt. Col., when the Second battalion stormed Makin Island, deep in the Marshall-Gilbert group, on August 17, 1942, wiping out 300 Japs for 18 marines lost in battle and 12 drowned in the surf.

Whole Battalion Cited

His group citation, awarded by General Alexander Vandegrift, now corps commander, was made after the raiders' historic 30-day foray behind Japanese lines on Guadal-canal from Nov. 4 to Dec. 4, 1942, when they lived on captured sup-plies and killed 800 Japs with a loss of 16 marines dead and 18 wounded. Vandegrift cited the entire battalion in the first such action since the garrison of Wake was dec-

orated en masse.
O'Connor recalls Col. Carlson's famous Chinese phrase which served the raiders as a slogan and battle cry—Gung Ho—with the comment that he thinks it might be a good thing to bring along and apply to the home jubs, even at OPA; gung for work and ho for harmony.

## **lowa Loses** Farm Land In New Flood

Washington—(P)— Government crop officials said today several hundred thousand acres of rich river bottom land in Iowa probably has been lost to crop production this year as a result of a new flood that inundated sections of that state the past-week-end.

This is the second time this spring that some of the land has been doded. Officials said that by the time much of the land has dried it will be tea late to alent communication. out, it will be too late to plant corn and other crops for which it had been intended.

Despite the possible loss of some

midwestern farm land because of flooded conditions, crop specialists of both the agriculture department



AMERICA'S BIG FOUR VISIT BATTLEFIELD-U. S. army France to see progress of battles on the beachheads. Left to nest King, General Dwight Eisenhower, and Gen. George B. lew 14 1944 from NEA.)

## Allies Entrenched Front Line Is Now



HONORS—First Lieut. Leroy A. Ruder of Nekoosa, Wis., a fighter pilot with headquarters at an Eighth armly air force fighter station in England, wears not only the air medal, representing 10 sorties over occupied Europe, but also the first, second, and third Oak Leaf clusters. Lt. Col. Donald W. Graham, commanding officer of the P-51 Mustang base, made the pre-sentation at an outdoor ceremony in which 59 other fighter fliers in which 59 other fighter filers from this group were decorated. At the time this bulletin was released from England, Ruder had two German/ships to his credit, and haved in the kill of two others. He is the 50n of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruder of Nakoses of Nekoosa.

## Tire Restrictions Are Still Tight, Says District OPA

Unfounded rumors regarding of both the agriculture department and the weather bureau say the beneficial effects of the abundant spring rainfall on unflooded lands will more country to receive many applications. Beyond the period of the payond the period for the payond the period of the period for the period of the period

BY DEWITT MACKENZIE The allied position in the fi and fluid · battle of the Cher peninsula has improved steadi witness the extension of their from sixty miles to about 10 ing the past three days despi termined resistance.

Extend Its Depth General Montgomery is exh all the skill and initiative have made him famous. Righ the start he has used every of the great strength at his d not only to lengthen the from more important, to extend its from those dangerous beach gain strategic points so as pare for the main counter which still is to come. As a we appear to be in good sh

meet this crucial test. In connection with this an waited Nazi counter assau get the highly interesting rep Marshal Rommel, who is cor ing the Nazi field forces for fense of Hitler's Atlantic w had a clash with his boss, I Von Rundstedt, an fold-guan sian of the square-head schtold that Rommel-a genius and a man of quick : wanted to fling reserves i peninsula as fast as possibl to catch the allies off bal: the beaches. Von Rundster servative strategist, preferre bourg represented the mai thrust.

The probabilities are that lerite command could have considerable forces to the p at the outset of the landin as Rommel is said to have ed. Had this been done have created a tough situa the allies.

Monty Knows Rommel

Of course, such an early was exactly what Montgon pected from his old opponer