

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, 1944

Only Surviving
Soldier Son to
Be Sent Home



S. Sgt. Kenneth E. Howard... he'll be home soon.



Pfc. Charles Howard... the second battle casualty in his family.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. HOWARD, 1414 N. King ave., who already have had two sons killed on the battlefield, soon will have their only surviving soldier son home again.

That was the news which came from the war department yesterday. Sgt. Kenneth E. Howard, who is attached to an infantry unit overseas, will be given permanent duty in this country.

ONLY LAST Thursday the war department notified the Howards that Pfc. Charles S. Howard, who has been missing in action since July 7, 1944, in the European area, had been killed.

The other son, Pfc. Ronald L. Howard, died Jan. 30 in Italy. The war department's action is in accordance with the policy recently adopted by the army whereby the sole surviving son of a family which has lost two or more sons in defense of their country shall be retained in or returned to the United States for permanent assignment.

SGT. HOWARD was battling in the Philippines on Leyte Island when his parents last heard from him. He also has seen action in the Aleutians and the Marshalls and has been cited for heroic achievement. He was wounded in the Marshalls.

So that their son would be returned to this country the Howards had asked Representative Louis Ludlow to intercede for him before the war department order was issued.

"It's wonderful if it's true," Mrs. Howard said when she heard her son was coming home, "but I don't suppose we will be convinced until Kenneth walks up the front steps."

Wins Her Wings As Stewardess

MISS BETTY FREEMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Freeman, 8105 Allisonville rd., has earned her wings as an American Air Lines stewardess after graduating from training school in New York.

She is now based in Chicago, making the run to New York via Indianapolis.

Miss Freeman — After her graduation from Shortridge high school, Miss Freeman attended Butler university and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

GI BROTHERS MISS REUNION AT DOCKS

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 6 (U.P.) — Samuel McLean, machinist's mate stood leaning over the rail of his ship in a British Isles harbor watching American soldiers disembark from another vessel and thinking how nice it was to be going home after 22 months overseas duty.

On arrival at his home here, he learned that among the disembarking soldiers was his brother, Sgt. Howard Milburn McLean, whom he had not seen in almost two years.

COMPETITION GROWS IN CITRUS INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (U.P.) — The California-Arizona citrus industry is facing rapidly increasing competition from Florida and Texas.

In 1930 the two Western states produced 71 per cent of the crop, in 1939 only 55 per cent, and by 1940 their tonnage had dropped to 47 per cent of the nation's citrus crop.

FIRE TRUCKS BURN

DRYDEN, N.Y., Dec. 6 (U.P.) — Firemen stood by helplessly early yesterday when the village hall went up in flames. Their two fire trucks and other equipment were inside and couldn't be reached.

PASS COMPENSATION BILL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (U.P.) — The house yesterday passed and sent to the White House a bill to increase the government compensation paid to the widows and orphans of the first world war.

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Sons Carry On



Herbert E. Benson... farewell to railroading.

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WASHINGTON CALLING

Review of Year's Predictions Reveals Good and Bad Shots

By RUTH FINNEY
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. — For the third time "Washington Calling," the weekly column written by the Washington staff of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, celebrates its birthday and does it according to custom, by taking a sharp look at its record in calling shots and spotting trends.

This year, by way of contrast with the political posturers, "Washington Calling" begins with a confession that it has often been wrong.

For instance it predicted, just about a year ago, that Mountbatten was ready to undertake naval action on a large scale to recapture Burma. Of course he did assemble a fleet which was later taken from him for the European invasion!

On Jan. 1 we made bold to scan the year 1944 and predict that the war in Europe would be over by election day, that the Little Steel formula would be liberalized within three months, that Secretary Wickard would quit, that John L. Lewis would take his miners back into the A. F. of L., that the Nazis would destroy Paris, Rome, Brussels and Bucharest as they retreated.

By March we were predicting the fall of France in 1944. April saw us conceding control of the House of Representatives to the Republicans. As late as July we said Governor Dewey wouldn't try to swing around the circle during his campaign. And late in September we were guilty of predicting bushels of apples in two days. Mrs. Bailey is 83 years old and the mother of 15 children — 12 of whom are alive.

and we shall now proceed to point with pride. Here, with chapter and verse, are some of the things we said correctly:

Dec. 4, 1943. "Odds favor a Roosevelt-Churchill effort to persuade Stalin to make peace with Finland."

Dec. 11. We pointed to Bulgaria as the likely place for a break-up in the Balkans to start.

Dec. 18. "Betting here is that Russia is pressuring Poland to concede its eastern half to Russia in exchange for East Prussia, the Polish Corridor, and Memel."

Jan. 1. Roosevelt will bow to Democratic politicians and banish Hopkins before the nominating convention. (At least he wasn't there.)

Same day, we predicted a violent end for Hitler in 1944 — and it almost came true, didn't it?

Jan. 15. "Odds are against a break with Argentina and Bolivia, though we're apt to tighten the screws economically. . . . War contract negotiation law, up for modification in the Senate next week, will be retained with minor amendments."

Jan. 22. "Likely choice for House post-war fact finding body is Rep. Colmer." He was appointed.

"Opposition to Lend-Lease revising civil aviation law is piling up. Indications are that it will not get out of the house rules committee."

And hasn't.

March 11. "Look for a pact between Tito and King Peter of Yugoslavia, as a result of British pressure."

March 18. "Look for senate to approve permanent promotion of Gen. Patton. . . . McKellar's anti-TVA amendments will be checkmated in the house. . . . That's the end of the humble pie."

under investigation by justice department, probably will face indictment soon. They're expected to come from San Antonio grand jury."

March 25. "Joe Martin is likely to do a repeat as permanent chairman of the Republican national convention."

April 1. Battle for the Philippines may start as early as December, we said, and added that state definitely whether the Senate shall or shall not decide on use of United States troops to help quell aggression in the post-war world."

Sept. 2. "Betting here is that Americans will storm through Germany before Russians do. . . . Some young congressional Democrats are wearing rose-colored glasses now — they think the tide has already turned in P.D.P.'s direction."

Sept. 8. "Don't look for the Dumbarton Oaks peace plan to be adopted. . . . State definitely whether the Senate shall or shall not decide on use of United States troops to help quell aggression in the post-war world."

Sept. 16. "Disregard rumors that Henry J. Kaiser will take over War Mobilizer Brynes' job."

Sept. 23. "Further cut in the production of premium grades of motor gasoline is in the offing." This was confirmed just two days later.

Oct. 7. "Big developments are brewing in the Pacific — Watch for the Jap fleet to come out and fight before winter ends." The big drive for the Philippines started next day.

Oct. 28. "Democratic Publicity Director Paul Porter is rumored as White House choice to succeed Fly as chairman of the FCC." This was confirmed two weeks later.

Nov. 4. "You can discount predictions that the soldier vote will be a decisive factor in the election. . . . Don't bet your shirt on the House going Republican. It's most unlikely unless Dewey wins."

Official inspection of war in Europe may be voted by house military affairs committee when congress reconvenes." (They left last week.)

Nov. 26. If Gordell Hull decides to retire, "Undersecretary of State Stettinius would have the inside track" (for appointment as secretary). Confirmed two days later.

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