Sgt. To Wed Garonne Sweetheart



S/Sgt. William W. Howe

Who would have ever thought that S/Sgt. William W. Howe of 3rd Battalion S-4 would meet his bride-to-be when his outfit moved into the little village of Garonne, Belgium during the bitter Battle of the Bulge, but that's the way cupid works.

It all happened when Howe's Battalion set up it's C. P. in the house where Miss Gaby Winkin lived. The Sergeant and Miss Winkin, who speaks very good English, didn't get to do very much talking, because the troopers were still pretty busy giving the Jerries a hard time. In fact, it wasn't until the fourth day when the family was preparing a big Christmas celebration, complete with a tree and all the trimmings for the boys, that he found out what her name was. But leave it to the Krouts to spoil everything and the Red Devils had to move out.

Before they moved out, Miss Winkin came up to Sgt. Howe and asked him to take her brother with them, because he was a Maquis and the Nazis already had him on their list. Howe agreed, knowing what would happen to the boy if the Germans got him, and besides, how could he refuse such a lovely girl? Five days later the Red Devils again took the village and in a few days love was blooming for Sgt. Howe and Miss Winkin. Duty called once more and the troopers had to move on, but since then, Howe has been spending all of his leave time in Garonne. On his last visit there in August he popped the question to the lovely Miss, and the couple will be married on October 27 by the Burgomeister of the village.

Sgt. Howe will get a seven day furlough for the occasion, and will be accompanied by Don Walton who will act as best man.

When time permits the couple will make that happy voyage to the States and live in Springfield, Mass., Howe's home town.

The Red Devils wish you all the luck in the world Sgt. Howe, and know you and your bride will be very happy together.



Miss Gaby Winkin