

Harchar, Harry A.

## Local Soldiers Recall Home

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Two Bethlehemites who were close friends before war took them both overseas enjoyed an exciting, unexpected meeting recently in London, according to a V-mail letter received this morning by Mrs. Charles A. Klein, of 426 Carlton Avenue.

Sergeant Charles A. Klein, formerly of the history department at Liberty High School, shipped overseas last Fall as sergeant technician third class. He has since been stationed in England. On a three-day leave in London, he called Major Harry A. Harchar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harchar, of 316 West Fourth Street. Major Harchar is now one of the editors of Stars and Stripes and has been stationed in France and England for almost three years.

Both these young servicemen were active together in Scout work while they lived in Bethlehem. Major Harchar was a member of the Kiwanis-sponsored Troop 27. After graduation from Lehigh University, he attended the National Training School for Scout Executives in New York City and was appointed to serve on the Health and Safety Service of the National Council of

Boy Scouts in New York City. Prior to entering the armed forces he became field Scout executive in Omaha, Neb.

Sgt. Klein first entered Scouting activities as a member of Troop 8, which was sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Later he became Scoutmaster and chairman of the leadership training committee.

Major Harchar is the father of a three-year-old daughter, Helen, born just prior to his departure overseas. His wife, the former Helen Clymer, is a resident of this city. Sgt. Klein, whose wife is the former Dorothy Kurtz, is the father of a two-year-old son, Charles, Jr.

After two hours of reminiscing, "Harry" showed "Charles" the site that formerly served as Allied headquarters where he often saw General Eisenhower, and one of the areas recently hit by a V-2 bomb.

"What an infernal weapon that is!" Sgt. Klein wrote. "You can't hear or see it coming, but you can certainly see its after-effects—whole sides of buildings are ripped away and the view presented is one of chaos."

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