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# Lehigh, Lafayette, Rutgers SEPT 17 1943 Grads To Meet In England

## Unique Reunion of Middle Three Men Planned by Bethlehem Army Officer

It is not unusual for the alumni of the Middle Three colleges to hold a reunion but never before has such a reunion been held so far from the alma maters as when the alumni of Lehigh, Lafayette and Rutgers who are now stationed in Great Britain, gather in London, Saturday, September 25.

Most of the credit for this old fashioned rally of Middle Three men, goes to Captain Harry A. Harchar, of 316 West Fourth Street, Bethlehem, according to Robert Herrick, Lehigh alumni secretary.

A graduate of the class of 1939, Captain Harchar is on the staff of the "Stars and Stripes" the American Army newspaper in England. In spite of his duties at this post he has maintained an active interest in the work of the Lehigh Alumni Association. His wife, the former Miss Helen Clymer, is now residing with her parents at 519 Sixth Avenue.

Because the men in the armed forces are always eager to meet former classmates and fellow-alumni, a college registration service was proposed for the London area. Captain Harchar undertook the organization of this service and encouraged the newspaper to serve as a clearing house for college alumni addresses.

### UNIQUE VENTURE

This venture met with such hearty endorsement that a joint dinner of Middle Three alumni in London was proposed. Enroute now to the leaders of this reunion are photographs, movies, banners, recordings and whatever will lend a college flavor to the meeting. An enthusiastic response to the meeting is reported on the part of the 2053 Lehigh alumni now serving in the British Isles.

So far as Captain Harchar is concerned the "Middle Three" dinner will be only the first step in a program designed to keep all college alumni in touch with each other while on foreign duty in this theatre. It has been decided by Army authority to have registration of college men by the "Stars and Stripes" College Registration Service made through the mail, thus extending the scope of the service to all soldiers in every part of the British Isles in addition to those who visit London. This step will also decentralize information so that no security regulations will be violated.

All former college men in the Theatre will register with the "Stars and Stripes" by mail and the newspaper in turn will consolidate the names of these men and



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send the list by colleges to each man who is registered, revised lists being sent out from time to time as new names are added. Committees representing each college will be organized and they in turn will plan informal dinner meetings open to both enlisted men and officers at which there will be informal discussions, movies, song fests and, in general, recreation which the "Stars and Stripes" defines as "just having a good time."

### MAY RESULT IN CLUB

In the future, if some club or organization is found which will be open both to enlisted men and officers and which will be under military supervision, Captain Harchar hopes to establish a registration center for all college men regardless of rank.

The College Registration Service is one of the activities being sponsored by the Lehigh Alumni Association as a special service to its men in foreign fields. A bi-weekly news letter to all service graduates is now in its second year and the Alumni magazine is circulated free to reading tables at Army camps throughout the country. Two functioning service alumni clubs have been formed by Lehigh men at the Aberdeen Proving Ground and at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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