

Walp, William V.

Local Sailor Helps Return Jap Submarine

William V. Walp, Radioman 3/C, helped bring the 5,500-ton cargo-carrying Japanese submarine I-401 from Tokyo harbor. Walp and his sailor buddies learned from the Japs how to operate the vessel. With typical American ingenuity they were quick to learn by sign language the location of valves, lines, etc.

The sub, with a complement of 220 officers and enlisted men, was built for carrying cargo and planes. A huge hermetically sealed door on top of the sub swings out sideways by hydraulic power. Inside is a huge cargo hold which contains space for three seaplanes. A double-tracked ramp leading from the cargo hold and extending to the bow served as launcher for the planes.

Walp's home address is 628 South Bergen Street, this city.

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