

Wagner II, Carl  
Paul

**Carl Wagner III  
Arrives in States  
On USS Essex** <sup>OCT 3</sup> 1945

After 17 continuous months' duty in the Pacific combat zone, Carl Wagner, II, seaman 1-c., arrived in Puget Sound Navy Yard recently aboard "one of the fightingest ships in the U. S. Navy," the aircraft carrier USS Essex.

Seaman 1-c. Wagner enlisted Oct. 1, 1942, and after completing his boot training in the Great Lakes, was assigned to the Essex and has served continuously with her since. He is a graduate of Franklin Junior High School and before enlisting was employed by the Goldberg Florist Shop.

Wagner's carrier, the first of her class built and commissioned after Pearl Harbor set a formidable list of firsts in naval history. Chief among them is her record for operating combat aircraft for 79 consecutive days during the occupation of Okinawa, a feat unequalled by carriers.

Carl has a brother also serving in the Navy, Paul J. Wagner, R. M. 3-c. He completed his training at Bainbridge, Md., and other bases and was assigned to an L. C. I. serving in Alaska. He is at the Philadelphia Navy Yard at present. They are the sons of Carl F. Wagner, Sr., 1118 Tacoma Street.

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