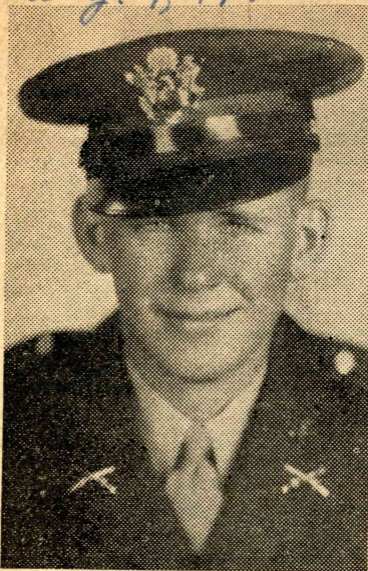


## Raymond Wagner Is Promoted To Captain

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wagner have received a letter from their son, Raymond, Jr., who is now serving in the China-Burma-India theatre of war, and in which he tells them of being promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to that of Captain.

While he appreciates the promotion he hopes he will not be there long enough to get another, and express desires for some of mother's fried chicken and a chance to again see the Jasper County Fair.

His letter follows:

23 July, '45

Dear Mother and All: — Well how is everybody in old Blue Jasper? Ha! I guess you all had a fine time at the fair this year. I would have liked to have been there. It has been a long time since I've seen a fair or anything else so far as that goes. I sure feel a lot better about the mail situation. I got 2 letters from you yesterday and 2 from Pat. Yours was dated the 9th and Pat's the 12th of July.

I guess you noticed that I'm a Captain in the Army of United States now. How about that? I was surprised myself, so don't think I knew it before. It really came as a surprise to me. It was dated July 16th, only 10 months and 25 days since I was promoted to 1st Lt. That's not bad for here. I was only recommended for it just 3 weeks ago. I guess I'm one of the youngest Captains in the Infantry. So that is something. You don't get a promotion every day in this man's army. Anyway I hope I'm not here long enough to get the next one.