

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
G-2 SSS APO 758.

26 Feb., 1945

TO: Mr. E.E.Hamilton.  
SUBJECT: Wehrpass of Josef Hoffmann, Operation FEDALA.

Dear Ted:

Herewith the Wehrpass made under the above name for our most excellent recruit whose real name is [REDACTED] by the Bach Unit in London. He has 14 separate objections to it as per the attached list which he typed. I think we must ask you to make him a new one. He is supposed to fly the last night or two of this moon, which ends 7 Feb. Meanwhile he is going to see his wife in Arles today, and will be brought back as soon as his papers are ready. So will you look things over and cable me what day you can have them filled out. He is being photographed before departure, so you should send down the grommets, machine and necessary stamps to attach it here.

The principal task is to add lacking info to the London pass, and I append the suggestions as discussed with him, numbered according to his own typed list of objections.

1. On p.22 promote him to Obergrenadier on 15-4-43 and to Gefreiter on 1-10-43. He was then in 3 Komp. Gren. Rgt. 21, a part of the 17 Inf. Div. This div was transferred from South Russia to France in the summer of 1942 and returned to Russia in Feb 1943. It had heavy losses in Taganrog in the summer of 1943. See p.22, WP of KAPONIG herewith. He must of course have Gefreiter on 1.2, p.26.

2. He is indicate k.V. on page 5 and discharged as D.U. on p. 26. Should there not therefore be a note on p.34? In reality he has serious liver trouble, anemia and stomach trouble. He suggests ~~xxxxxxx~~ an entry like that on p.35 of ROTH herewith, where "L" means Leiden. I don't know the numbers of his ailments, but maybe you do (they are on the list taken from the notebook you picked up at the Kaserne, a copy of which I sent you, and another copy of which is in a folder marked Intelligence in my closet at P). Or you may know a hospital at Strassburg who could tell you. This entry can be in pen, and should be dated about 17-1-44. A second such entry a little later, as with ROTH, would do no harm. Below should be a final medical exam like the bottom one of ROTH's, but dated 9-2-44 with stamp of Genesenden-Kompanie, Gren. Rgt. 21. See p.25 of MARKLOWSKI's WP herewith for model. The discharging authority on p.27 should be this same Genesenden-Kompanie, with signature and stamp of Hauptmann u. Kompanie-Fuehrer as on MARKLOWSKI's....if you think that such an authority can grant Entlassungen, or whether it should be granted by a Heeresentlassungsstelle as is done in some cases. I don't know much about D.U. discharges, but would guess that the Gen.-Komp. is competent. Anyhow, I should put in stamp as on p.26 of REINERS' WP herewith, saying, however, "...aertz. Behandlung erforderlich (omit nicht) D.U.", and with name of Gen. Komp. Gren. Rgt. 21 instead of Landesschuetzen-Ers.-Batl. 6. Also a stamp as on p.27 of REINERS, but with pen entries as follows:

1. 1 Dienstuntauglichkeit
- 2 29-2-44
- 7 Nuernberg
- 8 ~~Nuernberg~~ Wehrmeldeamt Nuernberg I
- 10 D.U.

The issuing unit should of course be Gen.-Komp. Gren. Rgt. 21.

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- This takes care of his objection #3 on espionage.
4. On p.30 add in ink, as on p.22 of KAPONIG, "vom 4.5.43 bis 9.8.43 Kämpfe in Sudrussland."
  5. On p.34 add in ink "Eintritt 17.1.44 unheilbares inneres Leiden Austritt 9.2.44", with stamp of Gen.-Komp., Gren Rgt.21. Notation in different hand from first medical exam in para.2 above.
  6. Answered by 2 and 5 above.
  7. Answered by 2 above.
  8. His objection sustained.
  9. As on p.27 of KRUMBACH's WP herewith, add a Wehrsold stamp on p.28 or 29 (entries on these pages should of course be in chronological order) a Wehrsold stamp with date 23-2-44 for Wehrsold and Naturalverpfl. Date of stamp itself 23-2-44, issued by Gen.Komp.Gren Rgt. 21.
  10. On p.41 add stamps as follows, as on p.41 of KERNER's WP herewith:

Anmeldung	Wehrmeldeamt	NuernbergI	29-2-44
Ab	"	"	7-4-44
An	"	Breslau	12-4-44
An	"	NuernbergI	25-2-44

Abmeldung Breslau is omitted on purpose at his suggestion, due to present conditions there.
  11. On p.5, in space below K.V., add a signature as on p.5 of KRUMBACH's.
  12. I have no late books to verify this, but he says to enter in ink on p.47 "Kommissarisch Nachuntersucht-Zustand unverändert-Besserung ist nicht zu erwarten. Standort-Lazarett Breslau II" with signature and stamp "Oberstabsarzt."
  13. I have never see a red Entlassungsschein, and he is willing to forego it. We must, however, remake the attached white one made in London, changing Grenadier to Gefreiter and the stamp from Gren.Rgt.21 I Btl. to Gen.-Komp. I don't know whether you have any blanks, and am cabling London this PM to send you some. This of course will affect your estimate of completion date.
  14. On p.3 change "Teresa" to "Theresa".

There may be duplications, even errors, in this letter; it is complicated by my own ignorance of the subject, so make changes if you think best. He has been over it with me. Anyhow I am sure you can do a lot better than London. The main thing is to do it right, together with the Wehrpass in his own name as per my second letter herewith, even if he has to wait till next moon to take off.

Yours very sincerely,

George L. Howe/c'

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