### The military career of Heinrich Hagen

### Soldbuch page 1 & 3 (page 3 declares the correctness of page 1)

The soldier Heinrich Hagen got the "Soldbuch" No. 754 (issued on june 8th 1940 at Neumünster XV, Reinfeld/5 ) in the range of an "Unteroffizier". He served at the "Pionier Ersatz Kompanie 269".

During his service he was advanced three times:

- September, 1st 1942: Feldwebel
- October, 1st 1942: Leutnant of the reserve
- September, 1st 1944 Oberleutnant of the reserve

On his dogtag was the number 506, the blood group "0" and the size of his gasmask was 2.

### Soldbuch page 2

Hagen was born in Klein Wesenberg on February, 27th 1915. He was a protestant and in his civil life he worked as a merchant.

He was 1,84 m tall with a strong body and a wide oval face. His haircolor was darkblond and he had no beard. The color of his eyes was green-blue.

He had scars on his right leg. His shoes size was 29.

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The last Wehrmacht-department which was responsible for Hagen was the W. M. A. Bad Oldesloe. From Bad Oldesloe he had the following stops during his service:

- Fieldtrain, Kompanie 352
- Train reserve bataillon 3 in Hanau:

This unit was founded on April, 1st. 1940 in Hanau and belonged to the 159th division, garrison IX.

- Deputy commander of the garrison IX
- 2nd/ Infantery reserve bataillon 6 in Lübeck.

This unit was in action to save the occupied Denmark.

### Soldbuch page 5

On page five You'll find information of the nearest relatives of Unteroffizier Hagen. It's his wife, Waltraud Lach living in Trenthorst ,over' Bad Oldesloe and his mother, the widow Minna Hagen living in Klein Wesenberg.

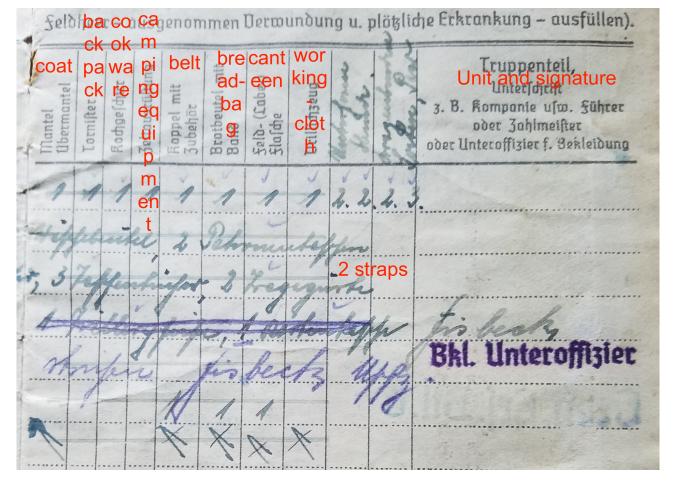
### Soldbuch pages 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11 (page 10 is missing)

On this pages You'll find a schedule when and what kind of equipment Hagen received. The words I didn't translate are replaced items of the translated things above.

On page 8 are only notes of new shoes respectively new soles without one exception above: He got 470,—RM pay.

On page 9 You'll see the different vaccinations and the date of it and on page 11 a stamp which confirms "fit for the tropics".

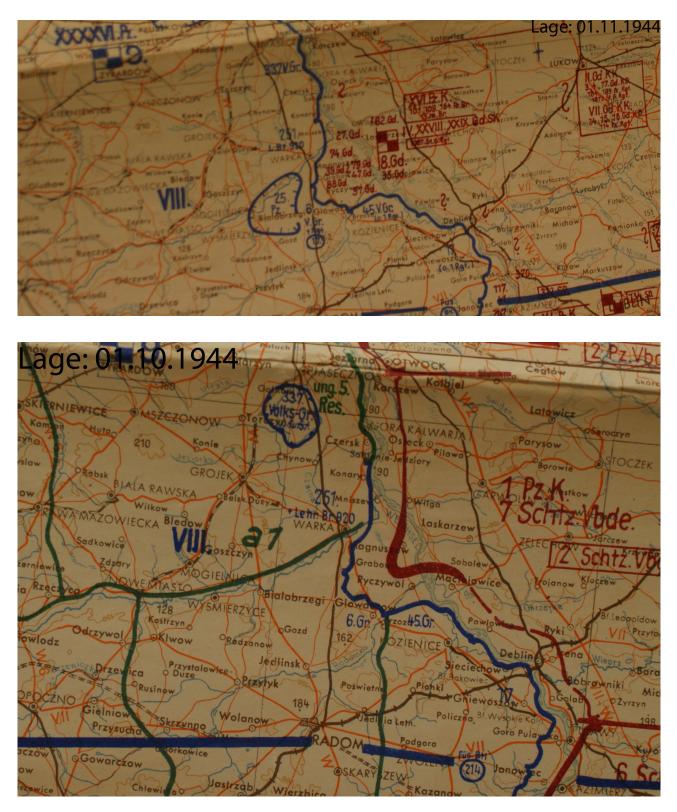
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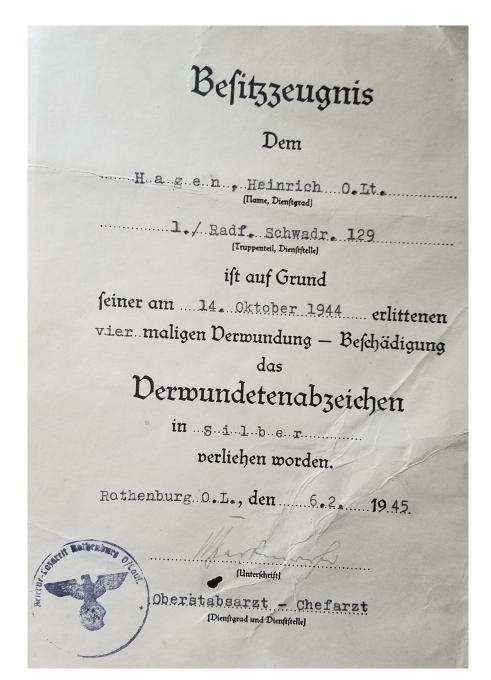
# Page 12 & 13

Heinrich Hagen was wounded and hospitalized to the motorized field-hospital 251 on october, 15th 1944. This unit belonged to the 251st infantery division (anti tank unit) which fought during this time at the Warka-bridgehead at the river Weichsel (pictures). It belonged to the VIII Armycorps, 9th Army. The commander was Generalleutnant Werner Heucke.



On November, 25th 1944 Hagen was wounded again. He was hospitalized to the motorized warhospital 904 (surgery). On December, 5th 1944 he was transfered to the reserve hospital Rothenburg O/L where he arrived on December, 6th 1944. On February, 2nd 1945 he was transfered for rehabilitation to Travemünde. Travemünde is near Lübeck, his last stop, where he arrived at the hospital on February, 16th 1945. There is no notice when he was discharged there.

Strange is the date of the certificate of the "woundbadge in silver" ( 4 injuries). It says "Rothenburg" and February, 6th 1945. During this time, according to the notice in the soldbuch, he had to be in Lübeck, not in Rothenburg. The unit on this certificate is the 1st/ Bike Squad 129. Actually I can't find anything about this Squad. But the bicycle-unites where formed during the end of the war because of the absence of fuel.



## Page 14 is missing, page 15

Different signatures dated:

- Lübeck, 22nd, February 1943 Gren. reserve batailon 6.
- Lübeck, 1st, December 1943
- In the field, 1st, September 1944

The Bataillon 6 was send to the Netherlands on September 1944 for coastal defence. Maybe Heinrich Hagen took part on this action before he was sent to the Warka-bridgehead (Page 12 &13 of the Soldbuch, page 5 of this article).

### Pages 16, 17, 18 are missing, pages 18, 19 and 20

On the pages 18,19 and 20 are only receipts of the pay he recieved. The sentence on page 18 above explains the paragraph to justify the pay.

#### Page 21

Awards:

"Iron Cross" first class on February, 6th 1945 in Rothenburg.

Under that notice a reciept of 222, - pay.

### Page 22

Further awards:

- War merit cross second class with swords on September, 1st 1941.
- "Iron Cross" second class on March, 3rd 1942
- Eastmedal on July, 30th 1942
- Woundbadge in black October, 26th 1944





Interestingly, the notice of the wound-badge in silver (see page 6 of this article), isn't noticed in the soldbook!



# Page 23 & 24

You'll find the furlough of Heinrich Hagen on this pages.

- August, 26th 1940 September, 16th 1940 to Klein Wesenberg. Furlough at Home.
- January, 20th 1940 Februaray, 14th 1941 (mistake?, it should be 1940) to Klein Wesenberg. Furlough at Home.
- May, 1st May, 16th 1942 to Klein Wesenberg. Furlough to rest.
- September 29th October, 6th 1942 to Klein Wesenberg. Special-Furlough.
- April, 29th 1943 May, 15th 1943 to Klein Wesenberg. Furlough to rest.
- October, 19th 1943 November 14th 1943. Furlough of the year/ Furlough for marriage reasons.

### **Example Bicycle-Unit:**



