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- 1. VISAS DONKEY
- 2. WAEGNER, HEINZ KARL PAUL GERMAN
- JUNE 3, 1919 FRANKFURT/ODER, GDR
- RETIRED
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- WAEGNER, HEINZ
- 03JUN19 GER

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3. APPLICATION RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 21, 1987.
4. CONOFF INTERVIEWED WAEGNER ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1987. WAEGNER HAD APPLIED FOR A VISITOR'S VISA TO TRAVEL TO HONOLULU AND LOS ANGELES ON THE LAST LEG OF AN AROUND THE WORLD TRIP HE WILL BE TAKING WITH HIS WIFE THIS WINTER. WAEGNER WAS A MEMBER OF THE WAFFEN SS, FIRST SS PANZER DIVISION, LEIBSTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER, 1ST AUFKLAERUNGS ABTEILUNG, FROM SEPTEMBER 1939 TO THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.
5. HE HAD A YEAR OF BASIC TRAINING (GRUNDAUSBILDUNG) IN BERLIN FROM SEPTEMBER 1939 TO SEPTEMBER 1940. HE SERVED IN GREECE FROM SEPTEMBER 1940 UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THAT CAMPAIGN, WHEN HE WAS SENT TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE HAD PERSONALLY WITNESSED OR PARTICIPATED IN ANY ATROCITIES DURING HIS SS SERVICE, HE RESPONDED THAT HIS UNIT WAS AN ELITE CORPS AT THE VERY FRONT LINE OF BATTLE AND THE TROOPS WERE HIGHLY DISCIPLINED. HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE INSTANCE OF A MEMBER OF HIS UNIT ASSAULTING A CIVILIAN; A SOLDIER RAPED A YOUNG WOMAN AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED. PRISONERS OF WAR WERE ALWAYS SENT TO THE REAR AND HE SAID HE NEVER SAW OR HEARD OF A PRISONER OF WAR BEING EXECUTED OR MISTREATED BY MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT.
6. FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE INVASION HE WAS SENT TO THE WESTERN FRONT WHERE HE SUFFERED A BROKEN ARM AND CONCUSSION AND SPENT FOUR WEEKS IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE. AT THE WAR'S END HE WAS IN HUNGARY NEAR PLATTENSEE. HE WAS MARCHED TO WESTPHALEN AND PROCEEDED TO HIS HOME TO DISCOVER HIS WIFE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY RUSSIAN SOLDIERS. UPON HEARING OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED AGAINST JEWS AND OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS DURING THE WAR YEARS, HE SAYS HE AND HIS COMRADES WERE DEEPLY PAINED AND ASHAMED.
7. AS A FRONT-LINE SOLDIER MR. WAEGNER SAYS HE HAD ACCESS TO VERY LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN OTHER LOCATIONS, AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE HEARD RUMORS CONCERNING THE TOTENKOPF DIVISION, HIS OWN ROLE WAS STRICTLY THAT OF A COMBAT SOLDIER IN A UNIT THAT WAS CONTINUALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE THEY WERE MOST NEEDED. HE REITERATED THAT THE UNIT WAS VERY STRICTLY DISCIPLINED.
8. MR. WAEGNER SERVED AS ADJUTANT IN 1943-44 AND COMPANY COMMANDER OF A HEAVY INFANTRY COMPANY OF 60 TO 80 MEN IN 1945. DURING THE ARDENNES OFFENSIVE, HE REMEMBERS, HIS COMPANY COMMANDER'S NAME WAS KNITTEL. IN GREECE AND RUSSIA, HIS DIVISION COMMANDER WAS MAYER AND THE LEIBSTANDARTE CHEF WAS DIETRICH.
9. HE MARRIED HIS SECOND WIFE HANNE-LORE HANOLDT IN

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1946. HE LIVED IN WEST BERLIN AND LATER IN WILLICH IN WEST GERMANY. HE WAS NEVER ACCUSED OF ANY WAR CRIMES AND SAYS HE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THE RUSSIAN BORDER GUARDS WHEN TRAVELING IN EAST GERMANY. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS OF COURSE ASHAMED NOT TO HAVE REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE THIRD REICH, BUT HE WAS A COMBAT SOLDIER AND WAS NOT PERSONALLY GUILTY OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 31604

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