

**"A" Frau Paul.doc-G-114kb**  
**Arbeitsgruppe Taskforce Baum**

**Memorandum about a conversation**

**Conversation with: Mrs. Christel Paul borne Hoppe. Daughter of colonel Richard Hoppe.**

**Address: Frobeniusstrasse 22**

**Zip code + Town: 97762 Hammelburg**

**Phonenumber: 0049-9732-7483**

**Interrogator: Staff sergeant Martin Heinlein, auditor: Arthur Hurrlein.**

**Heinlein: Mrs. Paul can you tell me why your father shot himself on April 06. 1945?**

**Frau Paul: My Father believed to have failed with the defense of the camp (OFLAG XIII-B)**

**Heinlein: Can you tell something of the career of your father?**

**Frau Paul: Before 1935 he was with the 100.000 men army of the Republik of Weimar (first democratic government after the „Kaiser's abdication " at the end of WW1) and he was active as a policeman. 1935 he was transferred to the „Wehrmacht" and became Adjutant on TrÜbPI (troop exercise ground) Hammerstein in Posen/Westpreussen (after WW2 became Polish territory) I can't remember the different office posts, but I do remember the towns. We were in Greifsberg in Pommern, in Deutschkrone, then he was transferred to the Infantry Regiment Nr. 17 in Braunschweig, this Regiment was part of the (SS-Totenkopfdivision /death's head division). With this regiment my father had to go to the front. I am sorry , I can't tell where that was. There he became very sick, one kidney had to be removed. Since then, he no longer was able for combat duty, and that made him very ill humored, because he was a soldier with heart and soul. Then he got an employment at the TrÜbPI in Alten Grabow near Magdeburg. In 1943 we changed over to TrÜbPI Hammelburg. In the first days of April 1945 the camp was evacuated and my father had to move to Grafenwoehr. When he said goodbye I made him e bit angry, because I insisted so much, to accompany him, but he left us all behind.. That was the last time, that I saw my father alive and till today I can't get over it.**

**When the Americans came for the second time, we had to evacuate our house (today it is the Jaegerkasino = Hunters casino) only with a few necessities. A few days later when I returned to the house, I found the personal and also partly official things and credentials of my father scattered in the yard .I entered the yard and collected some of the things,.**

**I was caught by military police and imprisoned for one week in the town-jail of Hammelburg.**

**Mrs. Paul gave me the following documents:**

**1. The March 29. 1945 combat-report of her father.**

2. A letter from the Adjutant of her father (report about the death from Colonel Hoppe)

Remark: All evidences (letters) my be published.