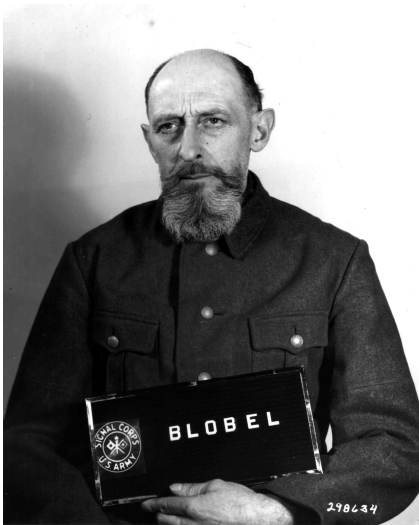


Paul Blobel (1894-1951)



Architect, SS Standartenführer (standard leader)

1912: Mason and carpenter;

1920: Qualification as an architect

1930-33: jobless; 1933: Solingen city administration

1931: NSDAP; 1932: SS; 1934: SD officer

1938: Manages the securing of materials from destroyed synagogues in Solingen, Wuppertal and Remscheid

1941: Leader Sonderkommando 4a - murdered about 60,000 Jews in 6 months; leader of the massacre of 33,771 Jews in Babi Yar

1942: Order from Heinrich Müller, head of the Gestapo: The new "Sonderkommando 1005" is to remove the traces of the mass murders. Jewish forced laborers have to pull corpses from open mass graves and burn them

1943: Blobel also sets up a Sonderkommando 1005 unit in Lemberg; Jewish forced laborers from forced labor camp Janowska are selected as "death brigade"

1948: Sentenced to death by hanging in the "Einsatzgruppen-Prozess" (10.4.)

1951: Execution in Landsberg/Lech on 7.6.1951

»After a week's training by the constantly drunk Blobel, the 'exhumation' and burning of the corpses on huge pyres began around mid-July. It was organized on the basis of the division of labor. A group pulled the remains of the murdered from the open mass graves with iron hooks and carried them with stretchers to the pyres, which were up to ten metres high, poured tar and petrol over them and set on fire. The task of the 'fire chief' was to keep the fire going with long pokers, petrol and oil. The 'counter' had to keep a tally of the 'figures' ... and ... report the result in the evening ... The 'ash column' also sifted the ashes of the burned people for valuables, crushed the remaining bones and scattered the remains in the area ... Soon the "death brigade" came up with up to 2,000 "figures" and eight kilos of gold a day, which the SS men cashed in.. « (Sandkühler, p. 277f.)

Sources: Angrick, „Aktion 1005“; Sandkühler, „Endlösung“ in Galizien; Pohl, Ostgalizien; Yones, Juden in Lemberg; Hilberg, Vernichtung; Kuwalek, Belzec; Klee, Personenlexikon