

## Günther Kahlenberg (1916-1945)



Plumber, Criminal Investigator, Criminal

Born on 15.11.1916 in Berlin.

Apprenticeship as plumber

1936-38: "General Göring" Regiment

1939: in February transferred to the border police in Grünberg (Silesia); from September 1939 deployment in occupied Poland

1941-1944: Security police officer in the Generalgouvernement, longer assignments in Stanislau and Drohobycz: Oberscharführer and criminal assistant at the Drohobycz SiPo field office. Extensive appropriation of looted property from Jews

A driver of the SiPo Drohobycz, Eduard Jurkschat, characterises him thus: Kahlenberg *"was a dangerous fellow. I saw that he had been involved in shooting. I was on the road with him a lot and also witnessed his violence."* (Interrogation Jurkschat, 14.1.1965, in: LASH Abt. 352.4 Bd. 1734, Bl. 1326)

1945: Operations in Italy

07/1945: Return to Berlin (East); arrests; giving false personal details and places of residence, escape

11/1945: Seriously injured in an armed robbery and died on 17.11.1945 in a hospital in Herne. Death certificate issued in the name of Günter von Platen.

1946: Posthumously his true identity is established

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A file of the LG Bochum 4 Kls 51/46 for street robbery against Schellberg et al. shows that

*»the former member of the security police of Stanislau and Drohobycz, Kahlenberg, Günter, born 15.11.1916 in Berlin alias von Platen, Günter, graduate engineer, resident in Wewer near Paderborn ... died on 17 Nov. 1945 in the Sankt-Marien-Hospital in Herne as a result of a bullet in the neck ...«* (Note crime commissioner Ponthöfer, Dusseldorf, 30.7.1967)

Sources: Bundesarchiv, Personnel files BDC; LASH Abt. 352.4 vol. 1737, pp. 2155-2157; vol. 1760, Personnel files Kahlenberg; vol. 1731, p. 414; vol. 1734, p. 1326