

## Rolph Hammel

Rolph Hammel was born on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1912, in Karlsruhe. Hammel was involved with the Hatikya youth movement (a Zionist movement). In 1932 or 33 Hammel had to do military service. Hammel stayed in the army for a year. He moved to Strasbourg (France) and worked for a time in a hardware store before starting his own faucet and fixtures business in 1937-38. Hammel was allowed to remain in France because he had inherited citizenship from his mother who was French. During the war Hammel was in Toul. He worked in the Air Force then in the DCA (Defense Against Airplanes). In his interview, Hammel talks a lot about the treatment of Jews in France during the war.