

# MEMORIES OF QUENTIN MACPHAIL SHIPPEE

## The Battle of the Ruhr

The Battle of the Ruhr of 1943 was a 5-month long campaign of strategic bombing during the Second World War against the Nazi Germany Ruhr Area, which had coke plants, steelworks, and 10 synthetic oil plants. Although the Ruhr had always been a target for the RAF (Royal Air Force) from the start of the war, the organized defences and the large amount of industrial pollutants produced that gave a semi-permanent smog or industrial haze hampered accurate bombing.

## No. 247 Squadron RAF

No. 247 Squadron was formerly a squadron of the Royal Air Force. It was also known as No.247 (China British) Squadron in recognition of the donations made by the British colonies, at the outbreak of the Second World War. The squadron was heavily involved in air operations during the Second World War.

## Quentin MacPhail Shippee's History

Quentin M. Shippee, born in 1921 in Central Butte Saskatchewan, and immigrated to the United State. His mother divorced his father when he was 3 years old. He moved to Canada with his mother, and lived at 4643 Sherbrooke St. West. His father remarried twice, but his mother never married again.

He submitted the application form to join the army when he graduated from Westmount High School. He joined the Royal Canada Air Force, and became a pilot. His rank was SGT Flight Sergeant, and he served in the 247 R.A.F. . He participated in the battle of Ruhr, and died in active service on March 19th, 1943. He was flying at a height of 300 feet, he spun off a "turn" and lost control of his aircraft, crashing it into an orchard, yards short of Aqueduct village and close by Windmill Farm. He steered his plane away from Madeley and the Court Foundry before the plane crashed. He is buried in St.Cuthbert's churchyard in Donington.

