Dear Paul,

Well, it was a great surprise when I received your phone call regarding events that took place so many years ago. Of course those years have always brought ford memories and I have periodically looked through my book of memories. I will always remember my first Instructor "Red" and am sorry that I could never find him. I thought he lived in Pa. I have talked about him many times and can still see him coming across the namp.

Well, what happened to me. I completed my training at Spence Fld. Macon, Ga. Was assigned to become an Instructor, then transferred to Troop Carrier in Texas. My desire to fly fighters prompted me to volunteer for Twin Engine Fighter, which I thought was a P-38. However I wound up in a B-26 outfit in Bunksdale Fld., Ala. From there we were assigned to Crews nort Flew overseas via Greenland and Iceland to assive just in time for "D" Day in England. Flew 49 Missions and outside of some Flak holes in the plane came through the Wan in fair shape. I stayed in the Air Force Reserve for over 27 years, with a variety of assignments, and netired as a LtCoL in 1983. My civilian career was with the navy and I actived from the position of Civilian Personnel Director. We have a farm up in Damascus, Pa., and that is our hobby. We travel back a forth during the year, summer and winter. We usually make about 2000 bales of hay and have a gurden that feeds the local population there and here in N.J. My wife is Lenone from N.J. and she is with me on most projects. I have been attending the Reunians of our 585th Bomb Squadron for quite a few years now and we have a great time. We have been in Fal., No., Calif., Nort. Colo. Ohio, and will be in Payton this year and next year in Md. Martin is having a celebration on the 50th Anniversary of the first B-26, and it is expected that a few people will show up.. Coon of Gala enclosed. Am also enclosing a copy of an article from Air Force Mag. regarding a mission that I was on. We lost some great guys. Also enclosed is a picture of a model B-26 that a friend gave me to assemble.

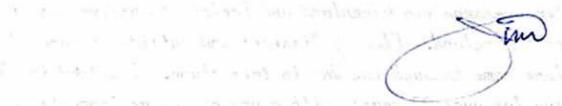
Be the good Lond willing and we do not have a conflict with our Reunian, I will sume try to get to Ga. I think it is great to renew acquaintenances and recall the many good thinks that have happened over the years.

I, m sorry that I do not have information on any of the other guys that I trained with at Doualas. We seemed to go a Lot of different ways after we left there. I corresponed with both Joe and Odom for a period of time. Then of course knew that we lost both of them during the battle of the Buldge. Odom never graduated for Douglas and was a Gunner at time of his death.

Well, I'm Looking forward to spring and enjoying the weather and all the things that go with the blossoms. If you ever get the opportunity to come east, give us a call. You have the phone number here (201) 892-9232 and in Pa. it is (717) 224-6349.

thank you again for thinking of and taking the time to get in touch with all of the guys.

Our Best of You, Your Wife and All,





HERE IS THE ORIGINAL BZ6 IN FRANCE - WITH JIM