

Dear Jack,

Apologies for the delay in answering you. I have been gone, busy, or under the weather. Enjoyed the picture of SMOKEY BARON No. 2. Next tuesday Matt Kambrod is taking me out to John Zugswherts farm for lunch and I cant wait to show it to them. Many times when John and I didnt have to run an operation, Matt and I would sneak off and fly the smoke ship for the operation. Never took a bullet in the cockpit but replaced a lot of tail booms on the smoke ship. Iwas lucky , I could have been on the mission DaveyCockett flew. Good to hear he is doing alright . He would have replaced me as C.O. of the 269th in a little over a week if he hadnt been hit.

Look forward to seeing you and the 188th guys next summer . let me know when and where,(understand the afternoon of July 3 is planned.

Your museum effort sounds interresting, I am ccurrently working with the new Army Aviation Historian at Ft. Rucker, Jim Williams, as he improves that museum. Do you have an E- Mail address. I would like to give him your name as a reference as it sounds like you two may have a mutual interest. My E-Mail address is jhmerryman@starpower.net.

All the best  
Jim

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P.S. I remember the name John Comer. Where was he assigned?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Merryman".