

Dear Sir,

My name is Matt Scales. I am a historian in the Air Force Reserve currently assigned to the 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. As part of my job, I was researching the history of our flying squadron, the 357th Airlift Squadron and came across the story of a pilot who flew with our squadron in WWII by the name of Frank Dugger from Highland, Indiana. Searching further, I came across his obituary from February 1995 which listed some family members including Tim Dugger. A search of him led me to this website.

The 357th Airlift Squadron is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and this story I found of Frank Dugger from our days flying the B-24 intrigued me greatly. While I am disappointed I was unable to meet Frank, I was hoping to learn more about him for an article I would like to write about the event I came across in the squadron's history in our wing's monthly magazine. On January 5, 1944 he risked his life and stayed with an airplane many had bailed out of to save a fellow crew member who was unable to bail out. He crash landed the aircraft in the James River near Claremont, Virginia. Two men died in the crash but he and one other crew member lived.

I apologize for using the business contact for a more personal type request but I would love to learn more about Mr. Dugger if at all possible. Feel free to email me or call my cell phone at 205-908-5751. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Matt Scales