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Subject: Re: Photographs and films

GREETINGS FROM SUNNY SAN DIEGO.

DEAR ROBYN,

THANKS FOR THE NOTE AND ALL THE INFORMATION. I AM EXCITED TO TALK TO DIRK ABOUT FILM RESTORATION.

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT SNUGGY, THE WONDER DOG. THIS WAS BEFORE MY TIME, BUT AS MOM TOLD IT, SNUGGY DIED OF RABIES FROM A FOX THAT WAS CIRCLING HER. MY BROTHER, FRANK B. WHALEY, TOLD ME LAST WEEK THAT HE RECALLED THE DOG AND FOX TUMBLING OVER A CLIFF IN FULL FIGHT AND HITTING THE ROCKS BELOW WITH THE FOX HITTING FIRST, RESULTING IN THE FOX'S DEATH. SNUGGY SHOWED NO BLOOD OR BITE MARKS AND THEY FELT REASONABLY SHURE HE WAS NOT INFECTED. SEVERAL WEEKS LATER HE BEGAN TO SHOW SIGNS AND THE VET IN NOME TOLD DAD TO DESTROY HIM.

THIS WAS MY FATHERS BEST BUDDY AND HAD SEVERAL THOUSAND HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME WITH DAD. HE REFUSED TO DESTROY SNUG AND TOOK HIM BACK TO THE MINE WHERE THEY CARED FOR HIM TO THE END. THIS LITTLE DOG NEVER SHOWED ANY HOSTILITY, BUT MY BROTHER SAID "HE GAVE HIM A WIDE BERTH JUST THE SAME". MOM NURSED HIM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE HE FINALLY SUCCUMBED.

MY BROTHER ASKED IF YOU COULD SEND HIM COPIES OF THE TAPES YOU SENT TO ME. HE IS STILL FLYING, OUT OF PALMER NOW, AND IS ALSO QUITE A SOURCE FOR EARLY AVIATION INFORMATION. DAD TAUGHT HIM TO FLY AT AGE 14 AND HE HAS BEEN FLYING EVER SINCE. HIS ADDRESS IS FRANK B. WHALEY

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THANKS AGAIN,
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