

This condolence letter written by Richard Hooper. Glenn met Richard (Dick) Hooper while stationed in Salt Lake City, UT. The "Squinty" he mentions at the end of the letter, was a nickname for Ruth Cross.

From: Richard Hooper – 569th Bomb Squadron (H) APO 559 c/o PM N.Y., NY.

To: Mrs. Whitacre and Family

Date: August 24, 1944 - England

Dear Mr. Whitacre

I received your letter several days ago and have delayed in answering it in hopes I would hear from you again. I sincerely hope that you – all have received better news by the time this gets to you. I can't begin to, or even attempt to, express my feelings – I was indeed very sorry to hear about Glenn.

But it's like you say - it takes quite a while for the news to come out about the fellows that have gone down. Some of the fellows here are reported missing and a month or so turn up at some place. I know that somehow or some way "Whit" is okay and you will receive some word soon.

From your letter I place Glenn in the 15th Air Force in Italy. I was there a couple of weeks ago on my second shuttle run. I know Glenn was in a different type of aircraft than I'm in and as you say most of his missions were around the region you spoke of. He and I must have had our first run on the same day, and I have as many as he does. Mine have been over Europe, where I cannot say.

I met Glenn in S. Lake and considered him one of my best friends, although there is nothing I can do to lessen the sorrow or worry, don't hesitate to call on me. As you know, some of us have to pay the full price - I suppose that is Gods will. And you'll ask yourself "why"? I asked that when my brother was shot down by the Japs last year. I haven't found the answer yet. If God is willing everything will turn out alright.

Again, I want to express my sorrow and sincerely hope and pray Glenn is safe. Please write me when you hear any news. To you and your family and friends I send my deepest sympathy – and to "Squinty".

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