

# Lieutenant Don Whitehurst Is <sup>Aug. 10,</sup> 1945 Killed in Accident

**Young Air Force Pilot Met Death in Germany on July 26, Presumably in an Airplane Crash**

Lieutenant Don T. Whitehurst was killed in an accident in Germany on Thursday, July 26, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Whitehurst of northwest of Newton, learned Monday night in a telephone conversation with his wife, Mrs. May Whitehurst, who resides in Boston, Massachusetts. She had received a notification from the War Department, Monday.

While no details were in the message from the War Department, it is presumed that his plane had crashed. He was a pilot officer with the Ninth Air Force and had been engaged in transporting troops between Germany and England.

So far as known he is the first member of the armed forces from Jasper county to meet death in Europe since VE-day.

## **Leaves Little Son**

Besides his parents and his wife, Lieutenant Whitehurst is survived by a year old son, David Neil, who is with his mother in Boston; three brothers and three sisters, Corporal Glen Whitehurst in France, Private Homer James Whitehurst in Luzon, Wac Sergeant Ruby Whitehurst, Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, Mrs. Anice Kyle of Roxana, Mrs. Mildred Henderson of Tolono, and Billy Lee Whitehurst at home. One brother, Neil, preceded him in death several years ago when a car plunged off the Yager bridge east of Sainte Marie.

He was graduated from the Newton Community high school with the class of 1939, and had been in the service since 1943, receiving his training at Maxwell field, Montgomery, Alabama, and Blytheville, Arkansas.

Memorial services will be held at Fairview church six miles northwest of Newton near his home, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. A. O. Jacobs, will be in charge, and Jasper post, American Legion will assist.