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1LT Chester T. Pickering
Class 52-43

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Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Johnson County, Iowa

Status: DNB June 5, 1944



1LT Pickering was a student in Advance Navigation Class # 44-11 at Ellington Army Airfield, Texas. He and four other men died aboard a Lockheed RA-28A Hudson twin engine aircraft # 4246983 involved in a mid-air collision near Marksville, Louisiana.



**LIEUT. PICKERING
IS KILLED IN PLANE
CRASH IN LOUISIANA**

Iowa City, Ia.—Lieut. Chester T. Pickering, 25, was killed when two airplanes collided Monday afternoon near Baton Rouge, La., according to word received Tuesday morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pickering, 815 North Dodge street.

Lieut. Pickering, an aviator, was stationed at Ellington field, Genoa, Texas. He received his commission in October, 1943, at Camp Gruber, Okla.

He was born March 10, 1919, graduated from the Iowa City high school and attended the University of Iowa before entering the service in June, 1942.

The widow, the former Helen Jackson, whom he married last March; his parents; three sisters and three brothers, survive. Mrs. Pickering will arrive here from San Antonio, Texas, and the body will be accompanied by a military escort.



Buried in Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa