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2/15/16	Plum for	Chapman
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NAME: CORNS, LESTER O.

SERIAL NUMBER: 34 176 45-5-

GRADE: T/sgt.

REPORTED AS CASUALTY

194

INFORMATION DESIRED FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Last organization to which assigned when reported a casualty.

4 27th Bomb Sq. AA F. 107. U S Army.
5- - 5-43. ^{Front} Rept. C. C. 315 Sub 2nd

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PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
AC/AS, PERSONNEL, ROOM 4310

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Historical

CASE R-821

TYPE OF PLANE: B-17F SERIAL NUMBER OF PLANE: 42-29481

ORGANIZATION: 427 Bomb. Squadron 303 Bomb. Group (H)

TYPE OF MISSION: Bombing

LOCATION OF CRASH: Twenty five miles west of Wilhelmshaven, Germany (AT SEA)

DATE: 15 MAY 1943

CREW	Jaques, Chester D.	0-728875	1st Lt. (sk)
	Carlson, Robert C. A.	0-731021	2nd Lt.
	Corns, Lester O.	34176455	T/Sgt.
	Clapshaw, Keith L.	39387102	S/Sgt. - AV 1577 (sk)
	Kirkpatrick, Ward W.	19056037	S/Sgt.
	Morrison, Warren G.	35417581	S/Sgt.
	Ryan, Clayton W.	32041087	Sgt. - (sk)
	Holder, Alvin D.	0-729856	2nd Lt.
	Bradshaw, John P.	0-791556	1st Lt. AV 154 (sk)
	Vasel, Warren T.	32260619	Sgt.

CIRCUMSTANCES: The plane was hit by enemy fighters 25 miles west of Wilhelmshaven, Germany, heading east toward Scharhorn Island with one of the engines smoking. It was also reported that one parachute was seen to open as the plane dived into a cloud to evade enemy fighters, it was never seen or heard from again.

(above taken from S. R. & D. file No. 806)

*27 miles English (my map)
south of Tortino,
north of sea*

Name: CORNS, LESTER O. (T/4) 34176455

2A. 14 June 44

1. Visi - Status DED. (16 May 44) Eur. Area.
ELLIOTT-10 July 44.

2. Casualty File:
A. Unit: Air Corps. 427th Bomb Sq. 303rd Bomb Grp.
B. Date of Casualty: 16 May 44.

C. Circumstances: 75 miles west Wilhelmshaven Germany.
A crew member aboard an aircraft which disappeared over
the North Sea, while on a bombing mission to Wilhelmshaven
Germany. In line of duty, not result own misconduct. Duty status,
on air combat mission. B-17 F Aircraft # 42-29481

D. List of Message & Shipment Nos:
141055-S.
177073-C-1X

E. Cross reference to 704 (only if not in Mail & Message)

3. Message & Shipment Nos:

A. Crew List:
✓ Jacques, Chester D. 072882 } Morrison, Warren G. 35417581
✓ Carlson, Robt C.A. 0731021 } Ryan, Clayton W. 32041087
✓ Corns, Lester O. 34176455 }
✓ Clapshaw, Keith L. 39387102 }
✓ Kirkpatrick, Ward W. 19056087 }

B. Review: none.
Finding of death. Public Law 490.
Status Review and Det. #806