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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

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WWI casualty
Moler, Carl Albert
1890 KS – 1918 France

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 MOLER CARL ALBERT
 Pvt Co I 165 Inf
 Arnett Okla
 No 2 515 071 Died 7/28/18
 Born 5/26/91
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OKLAHOMA. INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Moler, Carl A.	2,515,071	Pvt	Co I 165 Inf	July 28/18

Carl A Moler

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHW-JFP7>

HERE ARE U. S. TROOPS IN TWO IRISH HOSPITALS

(By Associated Press.)

Londonderry, Feb. 9.—Following are the names of sick or injured Americans confined in two hospitals in one Irish port:

WARREN A. BLACKMAN.
CARL E. NYS.
GEORGE S. McLEAN.
WILLIAM POPE.
JOHN F. RINGS.
H. A. SAWYER.
WILLIAM H. VENABLE.
E. W. BLAKER.
HARRY BENEDICT.
GEORGE E. SCHEARTZ.
JULIUS LEWIS.
R. L. EUSTIS.
SIDNEY E. LANDRUM.
VIRGIL BREWER.
GLEN B. DENISON.
CHARLES C. STODDARD.
WILLIAM J. LEE.
— GLOVE (G. R. GOVE).
EARL HICKLEY.
PAUL COSAHIES.
WALTER B. YALINNES.
WESLY L. M'CAULEY WALKER.
F. PURDY FRY.
CHARLES R. POLLEY.
JOHN N. STINSON.
JOHN L. BONE.
CARL MOLER
OTTO P. HODGE.
CHARLES L. BILLINGHAM.
W. E. ABLE.
WILLIAM CHRISTIANSON.
RIDER L. LEER.
ARCHIE M'CRACKEN.
LEWIS P. CARLISLE.
WILLIAM E. LANCASTER.
MARK T. GIBSON.
LEWIS D. BAKER.

CARL L. DISOUKE.
SAMUEL H. EDDINS.
HARRISON BATES.
SILVA HENSLEY.
HALLIE M. HOSELTON.
LEE V. LASHUA.
JOHN F. M'DONNELL.
WILLIAM FRANCIS MATHAIS.
SIDNEY ROBERT HAL...
CLARENCE T. NEASHIM.
REX C. ORSER.
LAWRENCE NATHANIEL RILEY.
HERBERT D. TAYLOR.
JOHN KUMOROWSKY.
EDWARD JAMES PETERMAN.
ROMAN SANDAVAL.
GUSS JOHNSON.
OLIVER COLE.
CHARLES HORNECKER.
CLARENCE JOHNSON.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS PINE.
GEORGE A. STURLEN.
ROY HOUSTON REDDING.
WITHAM B. CURTIS.
JOHN R. PHEGLEY.
GEORGE RICHARD BAKER.
JAMES C. M'ADAMS.
CHARLES SMITH.
ROLAND EDWARD DUNCAN.

LADIES \$1000 REWARD! I positively guarantee my "Monthly Compound" safely relieves some of the longest, most obstinate, abnormal cases in 3 to 5 days. No harm, pain or interference with work. Mail \$1.00 Double Strength \$3.00. **NO CASH REF.** Write today. M. D. B. SOUTHWORTH REMEDY CO., KANSAS CITY, MO.

"Denver (CO) Post" 10 Feb 1918 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/153778943/person/132034145830/media/5fafaf85-8f02-44f9-bf70-7dced25fc42e?_phsrc=hFB37099&_phstart=successSource

MOLER, Carl A., Arnett.

American Soldiers of the Great War -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61470/images/7399-3-16-0244?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=66294>

station was filled with mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters and sweethearts, other relatives and friends who held only the memory of the warm handclasp and the tear-dimmed eyes of the departing soldier boys. It was a scene that will never be forgotten by relatives, soldiers and friends.

Following are the names of the young men who were called:

Henry George Fritzler, Carl Albert Moler, Fred Tuttle, Homer Floyd Geren, Francis G. Weidner, Roscoe P. Beum, Edwin Lee Drake, Curtis Alexander Ernest, Samuel Liston Chaney, Arthur Leslie Gilbert, Joseph Fletcher,

(the list continues)

"Arnett (OK) Leader" Friday 5 Oct 1917 p 1

ARNETT CITIZENS HON- OR FALLEN HERO

Another of Arnett's heroes who fell in action in Europe was paid the highest honor that could be his due Thursday, when the business houses closed and hundreds of Ellis County people followed the body of Carl Albert Moler, to the Cemetery, where the flag draped casket fresh from the battle-fields of France was tenderly laid to rest beneath the soil of his beloved land, for which he had given his life, there to sleep awaiting the final call of eternity.

Private Carl Albert Moler was born in Chautauqua County, Kansas, on May 27th, 1891, and died on the battlefields of France on July 28th, 1918, at the age of 27 years, two months and 1 day. In writing this brief sketch in tribute to this brave boy how well are we reminded of that noble text; "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith," as it seems only a few days since Carl bid good-bye to those of us with whom he had been associated so long, and one cannot but remember the gay farewell as he sped away to the training camp. He knew full well that some of those who were going would never return, and to such wonderful courage and sacrifice we, for whom he made this supreme sacrifice, can but bow our heads in silent tribute.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock by Rev. Camp, of Shattuck, following the services the funeral cortege led by a group of ex-service men wended it's way to the DeBolt cemetery where the casket was gently lowered in it's final resting place.

Life:

Carl Moler went to Woodward Sunday to play ball with the Red Sox team.

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 7 May 1915 p 5

Carl Moler went to Sims Tuesday evening to haul bundles through threshing.

Harmony news - "Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 16 Jul 1915 p 4

Carl Moler sold Fred Woods a calf last week.
C. E. Noll is having Mr. Koons to make him a well at present.
Geo. Myers and Carl Moler are still working with the threshers.

Harmony news - "Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 27 Aug 1915 p 5

George Stuckey and Carl Moler helped C. A. Conner build a feed rack Monday.

Harmony news - "Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 24 Nov 1916 p 4

Bloom Gregory and Carl Moler left for training camps Tuesday night.

Harmony news - "Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 5 Oct 1917 p 4

HOMER GEREN WRITES FROM CAMP TRAVIS.

Camp Travis, Texas.

Dear Mother and All:

I received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you. This leaves me well and I hope it finds you all the same. The weather has been a little cool, and it rained here recently.

Well, mother, you asked me about the country. I have not been a mile from my barracks since I landed here. I have not been up town, not out of camp. As I come down on the train I looked at the country, but don't think much of it. It is rocky—rocks are all over the fields. The ground is of a black gumbo and sticky. The crops out south and east of Amarillo, Texas, was all I seen on the trip. There is sure some fine country in that part of the world. I have not

seen a cow since I left the train coming down here.

If Jim Knox has not left yet, you tell him to be sure and hunt me up for it seems more like home to meet some one you know. Carl Moler of Arnett, Fred Tuttle of Fargo, and Frank Wiedner of Gage are here in Battery A. Say, mother, when father goes to Arnett I wish he would see Mr. James, editor of the Arnett Leader, and have him send me the Leader, and I will make it right with him. I suppose pay day will come about the first of the month. I have not had any trouble getting my mail, and if you will watch the address it will come all right.

What did they ever do with that fellow near Harmon that shot his hand partly off? Has Bud Parvin left yet? John Care is here in camp. I have not seen him since we landed here, but am going down and see him. I will try and get my picture taken this afternoon, but it will be two or three weeks before I can send any home.

Dinner time.

Good-bye to you all.

Homer F. Geren,
Battery A, 343 F. A., Camp
Travis, Texas.

CARL MOLER WRITES FROM CAMP TRAVIS.

Dear Father and Sister:

We are not working very hard today. This morning we went out horseback riding and jumped a few hurdles that were about four feet high. First we jumped them with our feet in the stirrups and then out of the stirrups with our hat down in our face and the reins loose. The lieutenant then gave us a lecture, tried to jump the hurdles, and fell off. Of course we all laughed. This provoked him, and he jumped them four or five times.

We had quite a time yesterday foot-racing, boxing, jumping and wrestling. We also had a foot ball game.

There were two balloons up over head this morning and three aircrafts. They are a frequent sight here and I am getting use to them. They fly very high, sometimes so high that you can hardly see them, and then they will turn over and over, just like a bird with a broken wing, and then they will fly straight as a string out of sight. They make considerable racket, worse than a Ford car in a mud hole.

Homer Geren has the measles. They are a different kind of measles, and don't make one very sick. There are two boys here who have lost their power of speech on account of this disease. It is called the German measles here. I have not seen Homer for three weeks, so I don't know how he is getting along.

C. A. Moler.

C. A. Connor, Freeman Quimby and Wm. Reddick, called at the CAPITAL OFFICE this Thursday morning to have a box wrapped which they were sending to Carl Moler, at Camp Travis. This is the way to show the boys you appreciate them.

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 14 Dec 1917 p 1

Carl F. Moler, of Arnett, and a member of Battery "A" 343rd. F. A. has been transferred to Camp Travis Detention Camp.

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 11 Jan 1918 p 1

Carl Moler, of near Arnett, is another of Ellis county soldiers who is reported missing on the illfated Tuscania. Mr. Moler was one of the first draft who left here early in the fall.

"Shattuck (OK) Monitor" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

Two other Ellis county boys Arthur F. Austin, of Catesby, and Floyd Watkins, of Chaney, were aboard, the ill fated transport. Both have been reported safe. Carl Moler, is also reported among the list of injured, but it is not known whether he is the Carl Moler of Arnett, but it is the general opinion that it is another Carl Moler.

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

Robert Moler, of east of town, received word the first of the week, from his son, Carl Moler, one of the Ellis county boys, who was aboard the transport, Tuscania, which was sunk some weeks ago by a German submarine. The letter stated that Carl was hurt when the ship was sunk, but was alright again except for a slight case of the mumps. Carl is now in Scotland, but the letter stated he would be "Somewhere in France" when next heard from.

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 8

Notice To Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF Carl A. Moler,
deceased late of the, County
of Ellis State of Oklahoma,
Deceased.

All persons having claims
against said Carl A. Moler
deceased are required to pre-
sent the same, with the
necessary vouchers to the
undersigned, duly appointed
and qualified Administrator of
the estate of said deceased, at
his office in the City of Arnett,
County of Ellis, and State of
Oklahoma, within four months
of the date hereof, or the same
will be forever barred.

Dated the 3rd day of April
1937

O. E. Null
Administrator
April 8 15

"Fargo Statesman & Ellis County Statesman" (Arnett OK) Thursday 8 Apr 1937 p 5

Notice of Settlement of Account - Adm

State of Oklahoma, } In County
Ellis County, } Court

In the Matter of the Estate of
Carl A. Moler, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that O. E. Null the duly appointed and qualified Administrator of the estate of Carl A. Moler, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said Court His Final account and report of his administration as such administrator and praying for distribution of the balance in her hands; and that Tuesday the 31st day of August 1937, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the City of Arnett in said County, has been duly appointed by the said Court, for the settlement of said account, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be approved and distribution made as prayed for.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 10th day of August 1937.

Ben F. Barnett, County Judge
August 13-20

"Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 20 Aug 1937 p 4

Father:

AGED CITIZEN DIES AT HOME NEAR ARNETT

Robert Moler, age 83 years died at his home five miles east of Arnett, Thursday morning, October 8th, following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Moler has resided in this section for about twenty-five years. He is survived by one son and three daughters, one son, Carl A. Moler died in France during the World War.

Funeral services will probably be held Saturday afternoon. Final arrangements will be delayed awaiting word from Mr. Moler's children.

Obituary of father Robert Madison Moler – "Ellis County Capital" (Arnett OK) Friday 9 Oct 1936 p 1

Obituary

Robert M. Moler was born in Madison county, Indiana in 1861 and passed away at his home near Arnett, Oklahoma October 8, 1936 at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 3 days.

When a small child he moved with his parents to western Kansas.

He was united in marriage with Olive Porter who preceded him in death in 1907. To this union were born six children, two of whom preceded him in death, Walter who died at the age of six years and Carl who was killed in France. He leaves to mourn for him; one son John Moler of Caney, Oklahoma, three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Schwind of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Sylvia Hester of Prague, Oklahoma and Mrs. Lola Crissup of Selman, Oklahoma, eighteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one brother, three sisters and a

host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Arnett, Saturday, October 10, 1936 and were conducted by Rev. F. D. Camp.

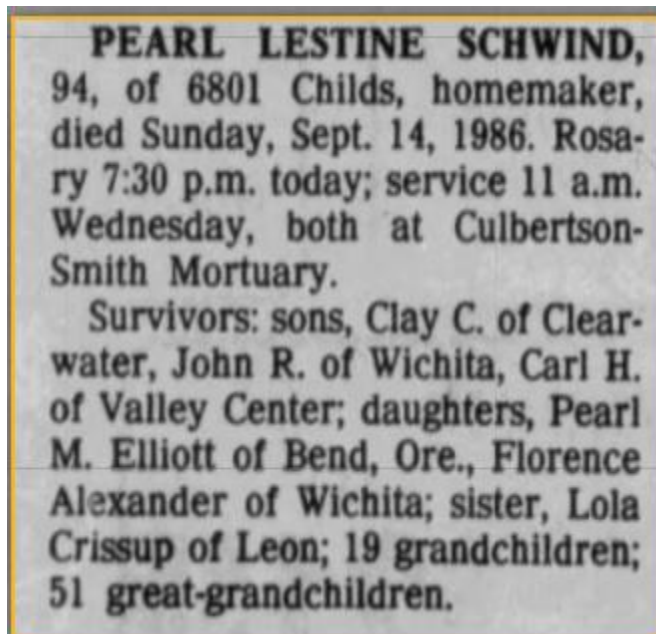
"Fargo Statesman & Ellis County Statesman" (Arnett OK) Thursday 8 Apr 1937 p 5

Mother:

Mrs. Olive Moler, wife of Robert Moler, died Tuesday and was interred Wednesday at Greenwood cemetery. Her age was 44 years and she has been suffering from heart trouble for some time. Funeral services were held at the home near Alpha, by Rev. Herrod, of Kiel.

"Kingfisher (OK) Times" Thursday 28 Feb 1907 p 5

Siblings:



Obituary of sister Pearl Lestine Moler Schwind (1892-1986) – “Wichita (KS) Eagle-Beacon”
 Tuesday 16 Sep 1986 p 12

Name: Carl Albert Moler

Name variations: Caryl

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 2,515,071

Entered service from: Arnett, Ellis OK

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Carl A. Moler

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Robert M. Moler, RFD 2, Arnett TX

Body returned from war on: "Wheaton" arriving 2 Jul 1921 Hoboken NJ

Body listed on return ship as: Carl A. Moler

Rank on return ship: pvt, Co. I, 165th Inf.

World War I draft registration (1917): as Carl Albert Moler - b. 26 May 1891 Elk KS; res: Arnett, Ellis OK. Single. Farming for self at Arnett OK. Tall & stout.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed.

Born 26 May 1891

Died 28 Jul 1918

Address: Arnett OK

Rank/unit: private, Co. I, 165th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 27 May 1890 Washington, Washington Co KS (Find A Grave) - or - 26 May 1891 Elk KS
 (WWI draft & Veterans Administration Military Index)

Died: 28 Jul 1918, Villers-Sur-Fere, Departement d l'Aisne, France (killed in action at the Battle of the Ourcq, which occurred about 60 miles northeast of Paris, France)

Find A Grave record: 122718675 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Arnett, Ellis OK

Cemetery: Debolt

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Oklahoma Pvt 165 Inf 42 Div

Father: Robert Madison Moler, 5 Jul 1862 Jefferson Co. IN – 8 Oct 1936 Arnett, Ellis OK. Son of Isaac Newton Moler (a Civil War soldier for the Union, from IL) & Elizann Henrietta Imel. Buried in Debolt Cemetery, Arnett, Ellis OK.

Find A Grave: 76733891

Mother: Olive White Porter, 28 Aug 1866 IL – 26 Feb 1907 Lincoln Co. OK. Daughter of John Burnham Porter & Sarah Ann McClure.

Prior to marrying Robert Moler, Olive had a daughter, Mary A. Porter. Mary gave birth to a daughter Gladys I. Porter before marriage. Gladys was raised by Robert & Olive & used the surname Moler. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Kingfisher, Kingfisher Co. OK.

Find A Grave: 84799130

Parents' marriage: 1886

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Carl was born between John and Pearl.

- Walter Moler, 26 May 1886 Washington, Washington Co. Ks – 1892 Kingfisher Co. OK. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Kingfisher, Kingfisher OK. F: 122719120
- John Isaac Moler, 31 Dec 1888 Washington, Washington Co. KS – 14 Dec 1964 El Centro, Imperial CA. Married in 1921 to Leona Irene Bales Armstrong (later Wagnon), 1900-1975, buried as Wagnon in Debolt Cemetery, Arnett, Ellis OK, F: 127848761. Leona was the daughter of Lewis Franklin & Delilah C. Bales. She had married in 1918 to Fletcher Wade Armstrong (1897-1952), then in 1921 to John Isaac Moler, then in 1940 to Burl Franklin Wagnon (1902-1974). John is buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Imperial, Imperial Co. CA. F: 122684441
- Pearl Lestine Moler Schwind, 19 Apr 1892 Washington Co. Ks – 14 Sep 1986 Wichita, Sedgwick KS. Wife of Henry Frederick Schwind (1893-1959, F: 90051325). Buried in Resurrection Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. F: 67020627
- Sylvia Bertha Moler Hester, 13 Sep 1894 Kingfisher, Kingfisher Co. OK – 24 Jan 1984 El Centro, Imperial CA. Wife of Oscar Stanley Hester (1888-1954, F: 84756143). Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, El Centro, Imperial Co. CA. F: 84794628
- Lola Elizabeth Moler Crissup, 8 Apr 1898 Loyal, Kingfisher OK – 3 Nov 2001 Leon, Butler KS. Married 15 Nov 1918 to Roy George Crissup (1902-1988, F: 21001030). Buried in Leon Cemetery, Leon, Butler KS. F: 15828671

Half-sibling: born to his mother Olive Porter before her marriage to his father Robert Moler

- Mary A. Porter Rasp, 4 Mar 1881 IL – 10 Jul 1971 Kingfisher Co. OK. She had a daughter Gladys before her marriage to Bert Rasp. Gladys was raised by Robert & Olive Moler & used the surname Gladys. Wife of Bert L. Rasp (1874-1957, F: 65789351). Buried in Kingfisher Cemetery, Kingfisher, Kingfisher OK. F: 65789358

Adoptive sister: born to his half-sister Mary A. Porter before her marriage to Bert Rasp

- Gladys I. Moler, Aug 1899 OK – 1913 OK. Lived with her grandmother Olive Porter Moler & Olive's husband, Robert Madison Moler. Buried in Debolt Cemetery, Arnett, Ellis OK. F: 122766994

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

1918 newspaper reports usually indicate Arnett is in TX not OK.

“Arnett (OK) Leader” Friday 27 Jul 1917 p 1 – Ellis County OK needs 103 men for the draft examination & has called twice as many. Among them, Carl Albert Moler.

“Gage (OK) Record” Thursday 16 Aug 1917 p 4 – among those who passed the draft examination at Shattuck OK was #38 Carl Moler (listed 11th among the men named).

“Ellis County Capital” (Arnett OK) Friday 5 Oct 1917 p 1 – the 3rd contingent of Ellis County men to fill the draft quota left on Tuesday for Camp Travis, San Antonio TX. Among the 48 who left was Carl Abbot [sic] Moler.

“Durant (OK) Daily Democrat” Friday 11 Oct 1918 p 2 – the American Expeditionary Forces casualty list today listed 91 deaths, among them Pvt. Carl A. Moler, Arnett OK, killed in action.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Otter, Kingfisher OK – conducted 27 Jun 1900 – difficult to read/mistakes might have been made

Robert M. Moler, 38 IN, Jul 1861, parents b. IN, married 14 years, farmer

Olive W., Moler 33 IL, Aug 1866, father b. OH, mother b. IL, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living [wife]

Mary A. Porter, 19 IL, Mar 1881, parents b. IL, single, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living [stepdaughter]

John I. Moler, 16 KS, Dec 1889, father b. IN, mother b. IL, at school [son]

Carl A. Moler, 9 KS, Mar 1891, father b. IN, mother b. IL, at school [son]

Pearl L. Moler, 7 KS, Apr 1893, father b. IN, mother b. IL, at school [daughter]
 Sylvia B. Moler, 4 OK, Sep 1895, father b. IN, mother b. IL, at school [daughter]
 Lola E. Moler, 3 OK, Apr 1898, father b. IN, mother b. IL [daughter]
 Gladys I. Moler, 9 months, Aug 1899

On the same page as the beginning entry of the family are listed Olive's parents, John S. Porter (70 OH) & Sarah A. Porter (62 OH) & a stepdaughter, Lucy E. Lovejoy (25 IL).

1910 Reserve, Kingfisher OK

Carl A. MOLAR, 18 KS, single, father b. IN, mother b. IL, farm laborer, general farm [hired man]
 Living with Harrison J. & Maggie Adams & their 2 sons

1910 Benton, Ellis OK – widowed father & siblings

Robert Moler, 48 IN, widow, parents' birthplaces left blank, farmer, general farm

John, 21 KS, laborer, home farm

Pearl, 18 KS

Sylvia, 15 OK

Lola, 13 OK

Gladys, 11 OK [daughter]

For all children: parents b. IN