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Who is Arthur Audley, service number 9164
who fought in WW1?
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The person of interest is:

- **Arthur Audley**
Royal Warwickshire Regiment Service Number #9164
He should not be confused with {J55} Arthur James Audley service number 3343 who is a different person

So is he?

Unfortunately his service records does not survive. (*Destroyed by fire in WW2*). However it would appear that he was injured twice as he is reported twice in the War Office Daily Casualty lists

- Incident Details: War Office Daily List No. 5417; Report Date: 15/11/1917
Report says under Royal Warwickshire Regiment Audley 9164 L-Cpl A (Birmingham)
- Incident Details: War Office Daily List No.5600; Report Date: 24/06/1918
Report says under Royal Warwickshire Regiment Audley 9164 L-Cpl A (Birmingham)

He was also awarded the 'Meritorious Service Medal

- The London Gazette (published Friday 14th June) issue 30705 page 7135 records him as 9164 L/C A. Audley, R. War. R. (Birmingham). Where R. War. R. = Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
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He must have been alive at the time of the 1911 Census of England and the 1911 Census for England & Wales gives the following people with the above names:

- {J12} **Arthur Taylor Audley** (1878 - 1934) living in Burnley aged 32 in 1911
- {J55} **Arthur Audley** (1883 - 1916) living in Birmingham aged 27 in 1911 He is Arthur James Audley service number 3343.
- {T88} **John Arthur Audley** in St John at Hackney, London aged 29 in 1911
(Discounted because of first name)
- {U115} **Arthur Audley** living in Birmingham aged 28 in 1911
- {U143} **Arthur Audley** living in Birmingham aged 2 in 1911
(Too young for service in WW1)

There are no references in the 1911 Census of Ireland to an Arthur Audley

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In addition to the above individuals we also have:

- {J28} **Arthur Stokes Audley** (1859 - 1936)
- {U154} **Arthur Audley** (1889 – 1916} living in Birmingham
- {U197} **Harold Arthur Audley** (1896 – 1959)
This person is on the website pages under the letter H

Discussion

Who was Arthur Audley (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) Service No #9164 Private?

His medal card linked to his silver war badge indicates that he enlisted in the Army 9th August 1908

The above information {Casualty lists} suggests he a resident of Birmingham. And was wounded in June 1918.

The following is a list of candidates for the above person and gives the reasons, where appropriate as to why they cannot be the above person.

- {J12} **Arthur Taylor Audley** (1878 - 1934) Rejected as resident of Burnley
- {J28} **Arthur Stokes Audley** (1859 – 1936) Possible candidate
- {J55} **Arthur James Audley** Rejected as he is Arthur James Audley service number 3343.
- {T88} **John Arthur Audley** Rejected as resident of London and first name
- {U115} **Arthur Audley** Possible candidate
- {U143} **Arthur Audley** Rejected as too young to fight in WW1
- {U154} **Arthur Audley** Rejected as died in Birmingham in 1916
- {U197} **Harold Arthur Audley** This person is on the website pages under the letter H

So of the above individuals he is either:

- {J28} **Arthur Stokes Audley** (1859 – 1936) who would have been 56 years of age at the outbreak of WW1 (too old for war service). or
- {U115} **Arthur Audley** (1884 – 1924) who would have been 30 years of age at the outbreak of WW1 (most likely). The suggestion from his Silver War badge is that the above soldier with the service number 9164 joined the army on 9th August 1908 Q3 1884 which would mean he would have had his 24th birthday. My concern is that {U115} is recorded in the 1911 census as a Brass Caster in a Chandalier manufacturer, which indicates he was not in the army in 1911.

Conclusion; He is possibly {U115} but his record in the 1911 census raises an issue.

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