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**Francis & Frank Audley**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

Who were the Francis and Frank Audley in the list of people with the Audley surname who fought in WW1:

- **Francis Audley 8<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment #1050**  
**(His pension record exists)**
- **Francis J P Audley Royal Engineers #1440 & #488195**
- **Frank Audley Royal Navy & RAF/RFC #47657**
- **Frank Audley of the Mercantile Marine Reserve.**  
**A Ships Trimmer aboard Royal Mail Lines Ltd, "RMS Andes".**

Unfortunately some service records did not survive. (*Destroyed by fire in WW2*). So is he? He must have been alive at the time of the 1911 Census of England.

The 1911 Census for England & Wales gives the following people with the above names:

- {G6} **Francis Audley** (1861 – 1919) aged 40 in 1911 living in Liverpool
- {F71} **Francis (J. P) Audley** (1897 - 1959) aged 13 in 1911 living in Hanley, Staffordshire
- {U268} **Francis George Audley** ( 1866 - 1935) aged 44 in 1911 living in Sheffield
- {J73} **Frank Audley** (1898 – 1989) aged 12 in 1911 living in Birmingham

There is no reference to a Frank or Francis Audley in the 1911 Census of Ireland.

We also have the following people with the name either Frank or Francis.

- {G11} **Thomas Francis Audley** (1893 – 1960)
- {U168} **Thomas Frank Audley** (1898 – 1932)
- {V25} **Herbert Francis Audley** (1896 – 1963)

During WW1 the minimum and maximum age for conscription was 18 years and 41 years although this was increased to 51 in 1918.

**Discuss**

**Francis Audley 8<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment #1050**  
**(his pension record exists)**

As a pension record survives he is clearly {G6}

**Francis J P Audley Royal Engineers #1440 & #488195**  
**Royal Engineers Battalion: 466th (North Midland) Field Company**

From his name and initials he is clearly {F71}

More information about him is as follows:

*Frank Audley Age: 20 in 1917*

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*Royal Engineers Battalion: 466th (North Midland) Field Company*

*Sapper Service Number: #488195*

*Years' Service: 2 years*

*Months With Field Force: 1 year 8 months*

*Ailment: Gassed shell. "M". W.*

*Hospital Admission Index Number: 5477*

*Date of Admission for Original Ailment: 23/08/1917*

*Notes written in the Observations Column:*

*Hulbough. 21/08/1917. No. 58 Casualty Clearing Station.*

*From No. 5 Ambulance Train. To Rouen.*

*'Roman Catholic'*

*Notes written by FWR when Transcribing:*

*"See Con." noted in Date of Admission Original Disease column on source. W noted in Disease column = Wound, can be put forward as an eligible candidate to be awarded a wound stripe.*

*Archive Reference: MH106/1142 MH106/1142 can be found at The National Archives in Kew, and contains First World War Representative Medical Records of No. 18 General Hospital: 18/08/1917 to 19/08/1917. British and Colonial Other Ranks, R.F.C., R.N.D. and Operations.*

*No. 18 General Hospital at CAMIERS, FRANCE (12 U.S.A. Base) Ser: 4987-6967.*

### **Frank Audley Royal Navy & RAF/RFC #47657**

*(As we only have one person with Frank as his first forename this is clearly {J73})*

*More information about him is as follows*

*F Audley*

*(This person transferred into the Royal Air Force from the British Army. They enlisted as a civilian into the Royal Flying Corps between August and November 1916, and was appointed as a Class F Reservist.)*

*(Air Mechanic 1<sup>st</sup> Class in 1918 - Seniority Date: 01/02/18)*

*(Before transfer to R.A.F. from R.N.A.S. or R.F.C - Rank:- A. Mech. 1, Trade:- Fitter (Eng.).)*

*Royal Air Force Service Number: #47657      Service From Date: 01/09/16*

*Archive Reference: Air 78 6 2*

### **Frank Audley of the Mercantile Marine Reserve. A Ships Trimmer aboard RMS Andes.**

*He was aged 22 in 1915 therefore born 1892/3*

*Based on his age this person is most likely to be {G11}*

*Incident Date: 1918 Naval War Medal Roll: 1914-1920 Volume 47*

*Service: Mercantile Marine Reserve*

*Primary Unit: "RMS Andes" of the Royal Mail Lines Fleet*

*Archive Reference: ADM171-130 Collection: Royal Navy Medal Rolls 1793-1955*

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