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Thomas Audley
1st August 2020

Who was the Thomas Audley in the list of people with the Audley surname who fought in WW1:

Thomas Audley (1885/6 - ????)

Awarded the 'Silver War Badge'

Military Unit; Rank & Service Number

British Army, Worcestershire Regiment, Private, #23257

Enlisted 5th September 1914

Discharged: 26th May 1916 aged 30

Reason for discharge; discharged on medical grounds having been wounded or taken seriously ill.

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 & Wales This first list gives the following people with the above names in the 1911 census that cannot be the person above

- {???} Thomas Audley aged 73 in 1911 census of Prudhoe, Northumberland; whilst this person has not been identified he would not have seen service in WW1 due to his age.
- {AA49} Thomas Audley aged 49 in the 1911 census, of West Derby Liverpool. Unlikely to have seen service in WW1 due to his age.
- {AA108} Thomas Audley aged 46 in the 1911 census Toxteth Park Liverpool unlikely to have seen service in WW1 due to his age.
- {AA131} Thomas Audley aged 5 in the 1911 census of Toxteth Park Liverpool unlikely to have seen service due to his age
- {AB17} Thomas Audley aged 50 in the 1911 census of New Brighton Cheshire he died in 1916. Unlikely to have seen service due to his age
- {AB19} Thomas Alfred Audley aged 17 in the 1911 census of New Brighton Cheshire. He died in 1914
- {AB24} Thomas Audley aged 61 in the 1911 census of Walton on the Hill, Liverpool, Lancashire he died in 1914 did not see service in WW1
- {AB37} Thomas Henry Audley aged 30 in the 1911 census of Walton on the Hill, Liverpool Already accounted for in WW1 combatants list
- {F24} George Thomas Audley aged 49 in the 1911 census of Hanley Staffordshire. Unlikely to have served in WW1 due to his age.
- {G11} Thomas Audley aged 18 in the 1911 census, of Rice Lane Workhouse Liverpool, He is accounted for in the WW1 combatant records as Frank Audley His full name was Thomas Francis Audley.
- {N34} Thomas Samuel Audley aged 1 in the 1911 census of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Did not serve in WW1 due to his age..

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- {V28} Thomas Charles Audley aged 38 in the 1911 census of Wivelsfield Sussex already accounted for in WW1 combatant list

This second list gives the following people with the above names in the census that could be the person above

- {AA47} Thomas William Audley aged 29 in the 1911 census of Wavertree, Liverpool.
- {AA78} Thomas Audley aged 27 in the 1911 census, of Toxteth Park, Liverpool
- {N143} Thomas Albert Audley aged 29 in the 1911 census of Gomersal, Yorkshire
- {QH24} Thomas Audley aged 30 in 1911 census of Biggleswade, Bedfordshire

In the 1911 census of Ireland called the following people called Thomas Audley are recorded but they are unlikely to have served in WW1:

- {F103} Thomas Audley aged 44 of County Antrim. He would not have served in WW1 due to his age.
- {F104} Thomas Audley aged 8 of County Antrim. He would not have served in WW1 due to his age.
- {M36} Thomas Audley age 67 of County Galway. He would not have served in WW1 due to his age.

In the 1911 census of Ireland called the following people called Thomas Audley are recorded but they are likely to have served in WW1:

- {M42} Thomas Audley aged 37 of County Galway

other possible candidates in the Audley Study are:

- {E14} Thomas Audley (1871 – 1939) Already accounted for I WW1 Combatants
- {J164} Thomas Peter Audley (1869 – 1946) Emigrated to Canada before WW1.
- {U168} Thomas Frank Audley (1898 – 1932) Already accounted for I WW1 Combatants

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

Discussion

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Based on the above information he could be any one of the following people but none of them fit in with the above persons age given in his 'Silver war Badge'

- {AA47} Thomas William Audley (1882 - 1962)
- {AA78} Thomas Audley (1883 - 1869)
- {N143} Thomas Albert Audley (1881 - 1953)
- {QH24} Thomas Audley (1880 - 1973)
- {M42} Thomas Audley (1874 - 1949)

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