## **STOKE ASH TM 11535 70391**

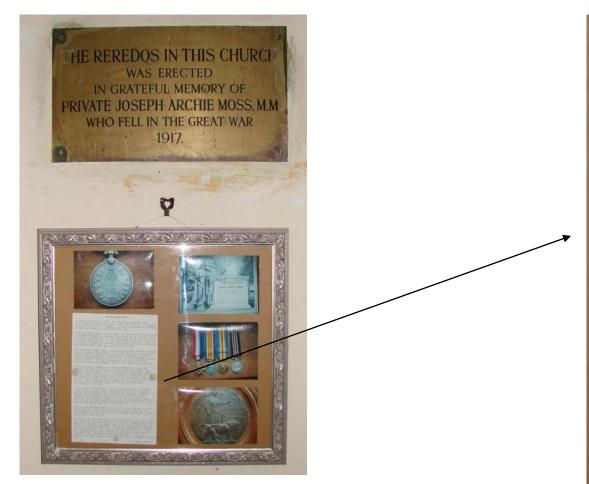
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WW1	Casualties	Awards	Rank	Number	Service	Unit	Age	Parish	Conflict	Date	Notes
Joseph		Military	Private 25044	250441	Durham Light	1st/6th	20	Stoke	WW1	19/07/1917	On his birth registration he is recorded as Joseph Archer and
Archer		Medal	Tiivate	230441	Infantry	Bn.		Ash	VV VV 1		was commonly called Archie

## **WW2** Casualties

None recorded



## In the churchyard at Stoke Ach stands an obeliak, the inscription on which has been almost obliterated. Few people realise that this is a memorial to the only coldier from the village who died in the First Vorid Var. 250441 Private Joseph Archie Mome (known as Archie) emlisted at Bickop Auckland in the 6th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, probably not at the beginning of the war as he did not have the 1014 Star. He may have been a sniper. There is no known citation for his Military Modal but it was gazetted on 18 July 1015. The next day he was killed. The battalion diary says: "About 4am a heavy barrage started on the Brigads front and on our right growing in intensity. Communication trenches benharded with shrapnel. Trench mortars benharded our trenches about 4.30am Barrage ceased about 5.15am." Of the Private who had just died after winning the Military Modal there is no mention. He was 24. Archie's family background can be summarised thus. His mother, who may have been an Abbott, married a Mose, wan widowed and married a Lock. She had four daughters (Sarah hispite, Janie and Folly) and two mone (Archie and Toni & Chak had four mone (Bob, Henry, Fred and George). They sillived in a cottage in the Carneer, the aliey-lake off The Street. Sarah and Bob were killed in separate road accidents on the Also. I have been in touch with several descendants, including Gerald Lock, Archie Lock (named after his medal-winning uncle) and Ins Mome's son Geoffrey and daughter Daphin Banham. Geoffrey Mosm, who lives at Stutton south of Ipswich, has Archie's medale and let me photograph them. As well as the Military Medal he gained the islating Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. I still do not know what Archie did to win the MM; do not know was the only one who sid not return. The village was locky when you consider the death icll from the surrounding area in the Military Medal he gained the faithough the diary mentions the Lolyou Valley two days previously); and I have no picture of him. Of the 44 m