

Private Harold Mottashead 27071 Loyal North Lancashire Regiment died on 11/10/1916 aged 23. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

He was the son of Walter and Agnes Mottashead of 17 Carolgate, Retford

He enlisted in September 1914 with the 8th Loyal North Lancs but was with the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment when he met his death. On the 11th October the 17th Manchesters were a part of the 90th Brigade who were pushing towards La Barque and onwards towards Bapaume. It is likely that Harold was killed whilst moving up to the front to replace the 41st Division.

The Census of 1901 shows that his father Walter was employed as a Drapers Shopkeeper and aged 50 born in Retford. His wife Agnes and Harold's mother was 39 and had been born in the West Indies. In 1881 has Walter, unmarried, living with his widowed mother Charlotte (born 1821 in Clarborough) who was the inn keeper at the Red Lion on Carolgate in Retford.