

Surname	Holden
Forename	Harold
Initials	H
Age	23
Honours/Awards	
Date died	20/09/1917
Rank	Second Lieutenant
Regiment	The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	1 st /4 th Bn.
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	New Irish Farm Cemetery
Grave Reference	XIV. C. 6/7.
Further Information	Son of Thomas and Florence Jane Holden, of 16, Hillside Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire. Native of Liverpool. Educated at Wallasey Grammar School. Killed whilst leading an attack in France when he was hit by a shell.
	 A black and white portrait photograph of a young man, Harold Holden. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark, high-collared military uniform. The photo is grainy and has a sepia-toned quality. The website address "www.historyofwallasey.co.uk" is printed in white across the top center of the image.

News Report

Wallasey Journalist's Son Killed

Mr. T. Holden, of Hillside Road, Wallasey, a well-known Liverpool journalist, has suffered bereavement through the death of his son, 2nd. Lieut. Harold Holden, who has fallen in action.

Lieut. Holden, who belonged to the Loyal North Lancashire Regt., was educated at Wallasey Grammar School, and on the conclusion of his studies joined the staff of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company. After the outbreak of war he was first among those to answer the call, and he enlisted over two years ago. He was trained at the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps, London, and subsequently was commissioned in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Two months later Lieut. Holden was drafted to France, where he saw much fighting. He was home on leave recently, and returned to his duties

in high spirits and full of confidence. Lieut. Holden, in addition to social qualities, was a great athlete, and very popular among all his comrades. He was an active worker in connection with the Young People's Society at the Wallasey Wesleyan Church.

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How Lieut. Holden Died

With regard to the death of Second-Lieutenant Harold Holden, of the Loyal North Lancs., who fell gallantly in action, his father (Mr. Thomas Holden, of Hillside Road, Wallasey) has just received from the commanding officer of the battalion a letter expressing grief at the loss of Lieutenant Holden. The C.O. adds:- "His battalion was attacking a strong point when he was hit by a shell and killed. He was a brave boy, always cheerful and willing, and I shall have difficulty in replacing him. His men were most devoted to him. Please accept my sincere sympathy."

References and Acknowledgments

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