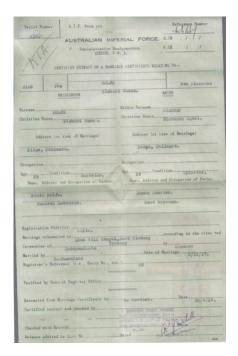
## **Private Richard James Rolfe**

Richard was British born (Berkshire 1888) and emigrated to Queensland, Australia where his sister had married an Australian farmer. He enlisted in Sept, 1916 and arrived in Fovant in November the same year with the 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneers. They were hutted in Sutton Mandeville Camp. He met and fell in love with Florence Mabel Scadden from Ridge, probably at one of the dances put on in the YMCA hut.

In Sept. 1917 he set out for the war in France leaving a pregnant fiancée. In December he was granted leave to return and marry Flo in Tisbury Zion Chapel. Then back to France and war.



In September 1918 he was killed in action knowing that he had a baby girl waiting for him in Ridge.



Marriage Certificate.

Thanks to Mrs Deirdre Martin, Flo's grand daughter, Richard's step g'daughter, for story and photos