

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 4th 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.

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CERTIFIED EXTRACT OF A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO:-			
NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME
GROOM	Richard James	BRIDE	4th Pioneer
Surname	ROLFE	Maiden Surname	SCADDEN
Christian Name	Richard James	Christian Name	Florence Mabel
Address (at time of Marriage)		Address (at time of Marriage)	
Ridge, Hillmarna.		Ridge, Hillmarna.	
Occupation		Occupation	
Age	29	Age	25
Condition	Single	Condition	Spinster
Name, Address and Occupation of Father		Name, Address and Occupation of Father	
John Rolfe General Labourer		John Scadden Road Foreman	
Registration District: Hillmarna			
Marriage solemnized at: Zion Hill Chapel, Tisbury according to the rites and			
Ceremonies of: Independent Victoria by License			
Married by: J. Chamberland		Date of Marriage: 2/12/17	
Registrar's Reference (i.e., Entry No., etc.): 25			
Verified by General Registry Office			
Extracted from Marriage Certificate by: 24 numbers Date: 20/9/18.			
Certified correct and checked by: J. DENBY TAYLOR			
Checked with Records: J. DENBY TAYLOR			
Defence advised by List No. Date: 2/12/17			

Marriage Certificate.

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