

Isidore was born in Sydney on 14th July 1876, the son of Maurice O'Connor Blake and Ellen N Blake, nee Loder. On 26th April 1899 Isidore married Pauline Mary White in Queensland.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a clerk, married, and gave his wife at 515 King St, Newtown, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul on the MATUNGA as a guard/escort for prisoners and was discharged as medically unfit (malaria) on 5th December 1914.

On 8th Jan 1915 he enlisted in A Company, 18th Battalion, regimental number 284, and sailed for Suez with the Battalion aboard the CERAMIC, leaving Sydney on 25th June 1915. He landed on Gallipoli on 16th August and was evacuated to hospital on 22nd October suffering from Asthenia (a chronic wasting) and returned to the UK.

On 17th March 1916 he boarded the ASCANIUS for return to Australia where he was discharged on 5th October 1916 as medically unfit.

Isidore died on 6th March 1948 and is interred at Rookwood Cemetery.