



**Isaac Malcolm Lidstone**

**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

**Regimental No. 3487**

**World War I**

**Born:** 05 March 1898

**Died:** 24 Dec 1983 (Florida, USA)

**Place of Birth:** Salmon Cove, Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Noah and Bertha Lidstone

Isaac travelled to St. John's probably by train from the station in Clarke's Beach in mid-February 1917 and enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on 19 February 1917.

His attestation (enlistment) papers describe him as being 5' 7 ½ " tall, weighing 135 lbs, being of fair complexion, with light hair and blue eyes. A school teacher by trade, single and Church of England by faith.

Isaac's military service career, which lasted about two and half (2 ½) years is quite difficult to following since there are no written entries by date, location or events. The timeline of his service has been reconstructed from actual regimental orders as they appear by date.

Some points of note are:

- Isaac was wounded
- He rose in rank from private to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
- He was paid a war service gratuity of \$459.00 upon discharge

His service record as reconstructed:

1. 19 Feb 17: Enlisted at St. John's
2. 19 Jul 17: Promoted to L/Cpl (Lance Corporal)
3. 04 Feb 18: Embarked Southampton for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) in France
4. 15 Apr 18: Admitted to #7 Canadian general hospital Etaples, France with GSW (gunshot wound) to left wrist, severe
5. 25 Apr 18: Promoted to Sergeant from acting Sergeant
6. 06 Sep 18: TOS (taken on strength) of battalion and posted to "C" Coy (Company)
7. 10 Sep 18: Furloughed from Perham Down Camp from 04/09/18 to 10/09/18 (five day leave)
8. 04 Oct 18: To join the officer Cadet Battalion, Trinity College at Cambridge
9. 24 Jan 19: Transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Hazeley Down Camp, Winchester, England.
10. 11 Mar 19: Commissioned as Honourary 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

11. 30 Mar 19: Discharged

Isaac was discharged and according to his medical had a permanent disability. The severe gunshot wound to his hand had healed fine, but it left him as described by the doctors as “Cannot use hand for any kind of manual work.”

Upon release from service, Isaacs whereabouts become a mystery. What is known is that he married Olive May Downton on 24 July 1928 at St. John’s.

Records indicated that Isaac died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1983 in Florida, USA at the age of 85.