

Thomas was born in 1893 at Redfern, the son of Richard and Emily Ann Beaman. He enlisted in F Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and stated that he was single, a pipe moulder by trade and gave Mary Bearman, at Blacktown Post Office, as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th January 1915 having served 181 days.



On 21st April 1915 Thomas attempted to enlist in the AIF, regimental number 1517, but was classified "Home Service Only" and was discharged "Services no longer required" on 14th December after only 211 days service.

Thomas again enlisted in the AIF on 1st Feb 1915 as part of the 24th Reinforcements of the 2nd battalion, regimental number 7214. He left Australia aboard the OSTERLEY on 10th Feb 1917, disembarking at Plymouth on 11th April 1917. He arrived in France on 23rd August 1917, transferring to the 36th Battalion.

On 13th October 1917, at Passchendaele, he was wounded, receiving a gunshot wound to the left hand. He was admitted to the 3rd Western General Hospital, Newport, not returning to his unit until 11th March 1918.

On 30th April he was transferred to the 33rd Battalion and shortly afterwards, on 23rd May, he was again wounded at Villers-Bretonneux and admitted to the Red Cross Hospital at Taplow, UK. On resumption of duties he was transferred to the 34th Battalion, joining that unit in France on 27th September 1918.

On 16th Nov 1918 he was appointed Lance Corporal and on 4th July 1919 returned to Australia aboard the WILTSHIRE, arriving in Sydney on 19th August. He was discharged on 27th September 1919.

In 1926 he married Dorothy Edith Rogers at Newtown.

Thomas died at the Repatriation Hospital, Concord on 31st July 1970.