

Thomas was born at Guyra on 17th May 1887, the son of James Joseph Eather and his wife Millicent Sarah, nee Bath. On 11th August 1914 he joined D Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a bank clerk (with the Commonwealth Bank) and single, giving his father, then a Senior Sergeant with the NSW Police at Casino, as his next of kin.

On 4th Feb 1915 he transferred to A Company, 3rd Battalion AN&MEF and, on 18th Feb was promoted sergeant whilst on duty in the Treasury. On 1st April 1915 he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant and then Lt on 1st November 1915. He was appointed Acting Treasurer and on 13th Jan 1916, whilst on leave, he married Alice Williams at St Augustine's Church, Yass.



On 17th April 1916 he was appointed Hon Captain and then promoted Captain on 1st March 1917. On 18th November 1918 he relinquished his appointment as Treasurer and was appointed Auditor General.

Thomas left Rabaul on 31st Jan 1919 aboard the MELUSA, arriving in Sydney on 18th Feb. His commission with the AN&MEF was terminated on 13th May 1919 when he was transferred to the Reserve of Officers. On 31st March 1942 he was placed on the Retired List.

Thomas' two brothers, William Francis and John James both received commissions in the AIF, William returning to Australia as a Captain with the 47th Battalion, and James as a Lieutenant with the General Infantry Reinforcements.

Thomas and Alice had four sons and 2 daughters and Thomas died in Fitzroy on 1st November 1944.