

Thomas was born in Wellington, New Zealand in 1881, the son of William Gray and his wife Susanna, nee Whitehead. His father died in 1895 when Thomas was just 13 years old. On 11th August 1914 he enlisted in D Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a bushman and gave his wife, Doris May Gray at 5, Brodie St, Paddington, as his next of kin. Thomas returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 7th March 1915 he enlisted in the Machine Gun Section of the 12th Light Horse, regimental number 664, and left Sydney on 12th June 1915 aboard the SUEVIC. He was transferred to the 1st Light Horse and taken on strength on Gallipoli on 21st August 1915. Thomas was a very unwell man probably caused by cerebral VD. He was evacuated from Gallipoli to Mudros and then went from there to Gibraltar on the CALEDONIA on 9th October 1915. He left Gibraltar on the REGINA D'ITALIA on 6th December 1915 for the UK.

On 3rd March 1916 he was back in Alexandria and on 9th March he transferred back to the 12th Light Horse. He was again admitted to hospital on 16th September 1916 and discharged on 13th December.

On 8th Jan 1917 he transferred to the Anzac Provost Corps and on 27th June 1918 a Medical Board recommended his discharge and return to Australia. He was admitted to the Mental Hospital in Cairo on 1st July 1918 and after refusing to speak or eat he died on 18th September, the cause of death listed as Acute Melancholia.

Thomas is buried in grave 211, Military Cemetery, Cairo and is remembered on Panel 185 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.