

## Clement Silas Anscombe – British Army in India 2

The 9<sup>th</sup> Lancers moved to Manchester in April 1888. There is no evidence that Clement Silas moved with them. What we do know is that by October 1889 the family were back in India as their daughter Gwendoline Winifred Elaine was born in Sialkot on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**Gwendolin Winifred Elaine Anscombe  
in the India, Select Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947**

Name:	Gwendolin Winifred Elaine Anscombe
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	18 Oct 1889
Baptism Date:	9 Dec 1889
Baptism Age:	0
Baptism Place:	Sialkot, Bengal, India
Father:	Clement Silas Anscombe
Mother:	Amelia Agnes
FHL Film Number:	510890

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So it is likely that at some point in late 1888 or early 1889 Clement Silas transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoon Guards as they had been based in Sialkot since 1885. This also ties in with the fact that when he was awarded his Long Service and Good Conduct medal in 1893 the inscription reads “3384 Tp S Maj C.S. Anscombe. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dgn Gds”. So at some point in the intervening period he had been promoted from sergeant to sergeant major.

1751.07.01	2nd (The Queen's) Regiment of Dragoon Guards	
1756	England?	
1760?	Germany	
1763	England?	
1793	Flanders	
1796	England	
1815	Belgium	
1815	France	Army of Occupation
1818.11	UK	
1857.07	at sea	
1857	India	
1857	Sepoy rebellion	
1859	India	
1870	England	
<1881>	Longford	
1882	Aldershot	
1884	Shorncliffe	
1885	India: Sialkot	
1893	Rawalpindi	
1895	Egypt	
1896	England: Shorncliffe	
1897	Leeds	
1899	York	
1901.11.18	at sea (embarked at Southampton)	ship: Orotava
1901.12	South Africa	
1902	South Africa	
1908	England: Hounslow	
1910	Aldershot	
1914	Ireland: Dublin	
1914	England: Aldershot	
1914.08.16	France and Flanders	1 Cav Bde. 1 Cav Div. BEF

### 2nd Dragoon Guards Postings

In 1893 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoon Guards moved from Sialkot to Rawalpindi. There is no further record that Clement Silas was in Rawalpindi but after his death in 1898 Amelia Agnes probably remained there with her children because it was at Rawalpindi that she remarried in 1903.

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However, it is almost certain that he remained in India and didn't transfer to Egypt with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoon Guards in 1895. The main evidence for this is that, according to the probate record for his will, he died at the military hospital in Cawnpore. By this time the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoon Guards were based back in England.

1923.	
<b>ANN</b> Harold of Alveston <b>Gloucestershire</b> builder died 28 February 1923 Probate <b>Gloucester</b> 16 May to Eliza Sarah Ann widow. Effects £2430 11s. 9d.	<b>ANNING</b> Arthur Richard of 4 Glenside Mannamead <b>Plymouth</b> died 17 August 1923 Probate <b>London</b> 27 September to Percival John Nicholls Taylor draper. Effects £9996 15s. 11d.
<b>ANNANDALE</b> Arthur Burnett of Forest Hill <b>Stonehaven</b> died 25 March 1923 Confirmation of Martha Napier or Annandale widow. Sealed <b>London</b> 15 June.	<b>ANSCOMBE</b> Clement Silas of The Cavalry Depot <b>Canterbury</b> died 21 August 1898 at the Military Hospital Cawnpore India Probate <b>London</b> 15 September to Amelia Agnes Baldwin (wife of Frederick William Baldwin). Effects £5.

There is also a Battery Sergeant Major C Anscomb in F Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery who was awarded the India Medal for action in Punjab Frontier 1897 – 98. I believe it is very probable that this is 'our' Clement Silas.

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**"F." BATTERY R. H. A.**

(Punjab Command)

*Roll of individuals entitled to the India Medal of 1895 with clasps inscribed "Punjab Frontier, 1897-98," "Malakand 1897," "Samana 1897," and Tirah 1897-98 under the terms of Army Order No. 77 of 1898, as amended by Army Order No. 96 of 1898.*

Regimental or Departmental number.	Rank.	Name.	Corps to which claimant actually belongs.	Corps or Department with which claimant served during the operations.	Whether already in possession of the India Medal 1895 (naming the clasp).	Entitled to Medal	Entitled to clasps.				Here note the clause or clauses of paragraph I of the Army Order under which the clasps are claimed.	Remarks
							Punjab Frontier, 1897-98.	Malakand 1897.	Samana 1897.	Tirah, 1897-98.		
<b>OFFICERS</b>												
	Major	F. L. Cunliffe, ...	"F." Battery R. H. A.	"F." Battery R. H. A.	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
	Captain	A. S. Tyndale-Biscoe, ...	Depot Battery R. H. A.	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
	Lieut.	G. F. Dixon, ...	"F." Battery R. H. A.	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
	Lieut.	G. Gillson, ...	Do	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
	Lieut.	R. St. C. Halman, ...	Deceased	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
<b>N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.</b>												
98659	Driver	Adams, J. ...	"F." Battery R. H. A.	"F." Battery R. H. A.	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
87052	Gunner	Aldred, W. J. ...	Depot Battery R. H. A.	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
2391	Battery Sergeant Major	Anscomb, C. ...	"F." Battery R. H. A.	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	
97716	Gunner	Avis, F. ...	Do	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(e)	

Clement Anscomb India Medal with Punjab Frontier 1897 – 98 clasp

It's also very likely that the cause of his death in August 1898 was either illness or injury sustained in the fighting on the Punjab Frontier. Cawnpore is a long way from Rawalpindi but maybe that was the best hospital to treat him at the time.

Another piece of supporting evidence is that Frederick William Henry Baldwin was also involved in the Punjab Frontier and also received the India Medal with Punjab Frontier 1897 -98 clasp. Frederick became Amelia Agnes's second husband in 1903 and was a Sergeant in the Commissariat Transport Department. It's quite likely that Clement Silas and Frederick knew each other and it is possible that Frederick was instrumental in getting Clement to hospital in Cawnpore.

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**COMMISSARIAT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.**

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Regimental or Departmental number.	Rank.	NAMES.	Corps to which the claimant actually belongs.	Corps or Department with which claimant served during the operations.	Whether already in possession of the India Medal 1895 (naming the clasp).	Entitled to Medal.	Entitled to Clasp.					Here note the clasp or clasps of the Army Order under which the clasps are claimed.	REMARKS.
							Punjab 1897-98.	Frontier 1897.	Malakand 1897.	Samana 1897.	Tirah 1897-98.		
<u>Warrant Officers.</u>													
Conductor ...	A. Denton ...	...	Comt. Transport Department.	Comt. Transport Department.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	...	...	Clauses (b) & (i).	
Conductor ...	S. F. W. Mathews	...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Yes (Chitral Relief 1895).	No	Yes	...	...	...	...	Clause (b).	
Sub-Conductor,	J. W. L. Young	...	Do. ...	Do. ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	...	...	Clauses (b) & (i).	
Sub-Conductor,	G. H. Pulleyn ...	...	Do. ...	Do. ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	...	...	...	Clauses (b) & (i).	
<u>Non-Commissioned Officers</u> <u>Departmental.</u>													
Sergeant ...	Baldwin, F. W. H.	...	Do. ...	Do. ...	No	Yes	Yes	...	...	...	...	Clause (b).	

Frederick William Henry Baldwin India Medal Award

So far I can find no evidence of where Clement Silas was buried. It's quite likely for health and logistical reasons he was buried in Cawnpore, but there is no evidence for that.