

Clement Silas Anscombe – Marriage

The 9th Lancers remained in the Kandahar area for some time after this and finally left Afghanistan for good on 25th November 1880 and headed for their new quarters at Ambala where they arrived on 13th December.

For his involvement in the Second Afghan War Clement Silas was awarded two medals:

- Afghanistan Medal 1878 – 1880 with 3 clasps; Charasia, Kabul & Kandahar
- Kabul to Kandahar Star 1880

These would have been awarded to him in a special parade in April 1882.

When in April, 1882, Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Bushman, who had been appointed to the command on Lieutenant-Colonel Cleland's death on August 14th, 1880, paraded the regiment to present to those who had earned them the medals for the second Afghan War, 293 officers and other ranks came forward to receive them. Of these 255 were also decorated with the bronze star awarded to all those who had participated in Roberts's famous march from Kabul to Kandahar.

Extract from 'The Ninth Queen's Royal Lancers 1715 - 1936'
by Major E. W. Sheppard

The catalogue entry for Clement Silas's medals says that he joined the 2nd Dragoon Guards as a sergeant on 16th October 1880. I think this is partially incorrect as there are several clear indications that he was still with the 9th Lancers until at least 1888. However, it is quite feasible that he was promoted to Sergeant after the battle at Kandahar and he did transfer to the 2nd Dragoon Guards, but that was several years later.

The regiment remained in Ambala until October 1885 and during this time Clement Silas got married to Amelia Agnes Mulcahy.

MARRIAGES Solemnized at *S. Paul, Ambala*

| WHEN MARRIED. | | | NAMES OF PARTIES. | | Age. | Condition. | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the time of marriage. | Father's name and surname. | By banns or license. | Signatures of the parties. | Signatures of two or more witnesses present. | Signature by whom married. |
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| Year. | Month. | Day. | Christian. | Surname. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1884 | Jan | 28 | William Henry | Ensett | full | Bachelor | Sergeant | Marawal | George Ensett | Banns | William Henry Ensett | I. M. K. K. K. | Rev. A. V. Moore |
| | | | Sarah Jane | Hobson | 15 | Spinster | | Ambala | Michael Hobson | Banns | Sarah Jane Hobson | M. J. Hobson | Chaplain |
| 1884 | Feb. | 7 | Edward Charles | Ensett | full | Bachelor | Colonel | Patiala | Edward Ensett | License | Edward Charles Ensett | Walter A. Robinson | Rev. A. V. Moore |
| | | | May | Langford | full | Spinster | Capt. | Ambala | John Crawford Langford | License | May Langford | L. B. Smith | Chaplain |
| 1884 | Feb. | 9 | Clement Silas | Anscombe | full | Bachelor | Sergeant | Ambala | Silas Anscombe | Banns | Clement Silas Anscombe | H. J. Bantley | Rev. A. V. Moore |
| | | | Amelia Agnes | Mulcahy | 17 | Spinster | | Ambala | William Mulcahy | Banns | Amelia Agnes Mulcahy | Rev. A. V. Moore | Chaplain |
| 1884 | Feb. | 14 | Thomas | Green | full | Bachelor | Station Master | Ambala | John Green | Banns | Thomas Green | I. M. K. K. K. | Rev. A. V. Moore |
| | | | Marjaret | Whealy | full | Widow | | Ambala | James Edward Harrison | Banns | Marjaret Whealy | Albert J. Ross | Chaplain |
| 1884 | March | 24 | John | Macartney | full | Bachelor | Captain | Rohawal | William Macartney | License | John Macartney | I. M. K. K. K. | Rev. A. V. Moore |
| | | | May | Anscombe | full | Spinster | | Ambala | Thomas Anscombe | License | May Anscombe | Rev. A. V. Moore | Chaplain |

Marriage of Clement Silas Anscombe & Amelia Agnes Mulcahy

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From his marriage record it is evident that he is still with the 9th Lancers and by this time he had been promoted to Troop Sergeant Major. In 1813, cavalry regiments introduced the troop sergeant major to replace the quartermaster as the senior NCO of a troop. This meant he would have been in charge of a troop of 25 to 30 men.

I could find no information about Amelia Agnes before her marriage, apart from the fact that her father was William Henry Mulcahy. With a name like Mulcahy she was probably of Irish origin. Also as she was only 17 when she was married it's probable that she was born in India.

Clement and Amelia's first child, Harold Clement, was born at Ambala on 25th October 1884

| WHEN BAPTIZED. | | | SAID TO BE BORN. | | | Child's Christian Name. | Sex. | PARENT'S NAMES. | | Abode. | Quality, Trade or Profession. | Signature by whom Baptized. | |
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| Year. | Month. | Day. | Year. | Month. | Day. | | | Christian. | Surname. | | | | |
| 1884 | Oct | 24 | 1884 | Sept | 16 | Herbert James | son of | Amos James and Alice | Wheat | 5 | Ambala | Sgt J/a R.A.A. | Robert Hume Asst. Chaplain |
| 1884 | Nov | 5 | 1884 | Oct | 16 | John | son of | Frederick James and Evelyn Louisa Frances | Forrest | 5 | Ambala | R.A.A. | Frederick V. Knox Chaplain |
| 1884 | Nov | 12 | 1884 | Oct | 25 | Harold Clement | son of | Clement Silas and Amelia Agnes | Anscombe | 5 | Ambala | Troop Sgt. Major 9 th Lancers | Robert Hume Asst. Chaplain |

Exd. Moss
Registrar

I Frederick V. Knox do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Registers of Baptisms kept at St. Paul's Church, Ambala, as therein entered and made between the 1st day of October and the 31st day of December, 1884

Witness my hand

January 6th
1885

Frederick V. Knox

For Off. Secretary to the Govt. of the Punjab

Harold Clement Anscombe Birth & Baptism

In October 1885 the regiment left India, sailing from Bombay in the troopship Crocodile, sister ship to the Euphrates, on 28th October.