

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

Clement Silas was born in 1858 the son of Silas Anscombe and Sarah Pryor. His father, Silas, worked for the London Brighton & South Coast Railway (LB&SCR), initially as a porter at Lewes and then worked his way up to be a First Class Head Guard on the London Bridge – Croydon – Epsom line. He was promoted to be a guard in 1859 which is presumably when the family moved to Croydon. In the 1861 record of Silas's career with LB&SCR we can see that his wage was £1/8/- a week and he was paying 2/6 a week rent. So his take home pay was £1/5/6 or £1.27½ which would be equivalent to £156.20 in today's money.

London Bridge

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of					
<i>Croydon</i>											
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, Deaf, and Dumb
		Inhabited	Uninhabited (U.S. or R.)				Male	Female			
217	Glaucoster St.	1		James Ede	Head	Mar	51		Bookbinder / Journeyman	Sussex - Leamington	
				George Ede	Son	Mar	17		Labourer	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				John Edwin Ede	Son		14		Scholar	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				Ann Edgington	Widow	Mar	62		Domestic Servant	Surrey - Wandsworth	
218	Q ^o	1		William Kroker	Head	Mar	43		General Labourer	Surrey - Croydon	
				Mary A. Q ^o	Wife	Mar	41		-	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				Emma L. Q ^o	Daughter		13		Scholar	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				William Q ^o	Son		12		Q ^o - Q ^o	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				Henry Frost Q ^o	Son		10		Q ^o - Q ^o	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				John Q ^o	Son		6		Q ^o - Q ^o	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				George Q ^o	Son		3		Q ^o - Q ^o	Q ^o - Q ^o	
219	Q ^o	1		Willie Anson	Head	Mar	28		Railway Guard	Sussex - Chichester	
				Harriet Q ^o	Wife	Mar	27		-	Q ^o - Lewin	
				Element S. Q ^o	Son		3		Scholar	Q ^o - Q ^o	
				Lucia S. Q ^o	Daughter		1 year		-	Q ^o - Newick	
				Edison Ryan	Boys	Mar	18		Railway Porter	Q ^o - Lewin	
220	Q ^o	1		Thomas Deacon	Head	Mar	24		Railway Groom	Sussex - Sevenoaks	
				Sarah Ann Deacon	Wife	Mar	21		Laundress	Surrey - Croydon	
				Walter Ling	Widow		3		Scholar	Q ^o - Croydon	
				Lucia Deacon	Daughter		11 months		-	Q ^o - Ewell	
221				Mary Ann Greville	Head	Mar	22		Laundress	Sussex - Longport	
				Henry John Q ^o	Son		10		-	Surrey - Croydon	
222				Mary Deacon	Head	Mar	57		Laundress	Sussex - Hailsham	
				Henry Deacon	Son		14		Draper's Grand Boy	Q ^o - Witley	
6	Total of Houses...	14		Total of Males and Females...				1579			

Silas Anscombe 1861 Census

In the 1861 census Silas and his family are living in Gloucester Road, Croydon conveniently close to East Croydon station. Presumably the house was owned by the LB&SCR and the rent of 2/6 a week was subsidised. Sarah's younger brother, Gideon, was also living with them.

But then Silas died of Tuberculosis in 1865. This would have left Sarah in a very difficult financial situation, added to which she was pregnant with their third child, Elizabeth Emily. It's quite possible

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she went back to live with her family in Newick, Sussex for a while. Certainly in the 1871 census Elizabeth Emily was living with Sarah's mother in Newick.

If they did live in Sussex for a while they were back in Croydon by 1869 because Sarah also joined the LB&SCR as a ladies waiting room attendant at Crystal Palace station. She resigned from this post in July 1872 shortly after her second marriage to William Plowman. It looks as though this type of role was used to support women whose husbands had died while in the service of the LB&SCR because the husband of the lady who replaced her had been killed on the South London Line.

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		James Hobbs	Shoat Squashman	July 1850	Edw. J. Bostley.	20	17.	4/6 1/2	14.														
Reigned	Anscombe Brooker	Sarah Lamb	Waiting Room	Oct. 1879	Brighton Company	25	5.										Reigned 26/7/72						
				Aug 1877	Wife of Anscombe Brooker and son of Sarah Lamb	14 1/2	5.																

Sarah Anscombe LB&SCR 1870

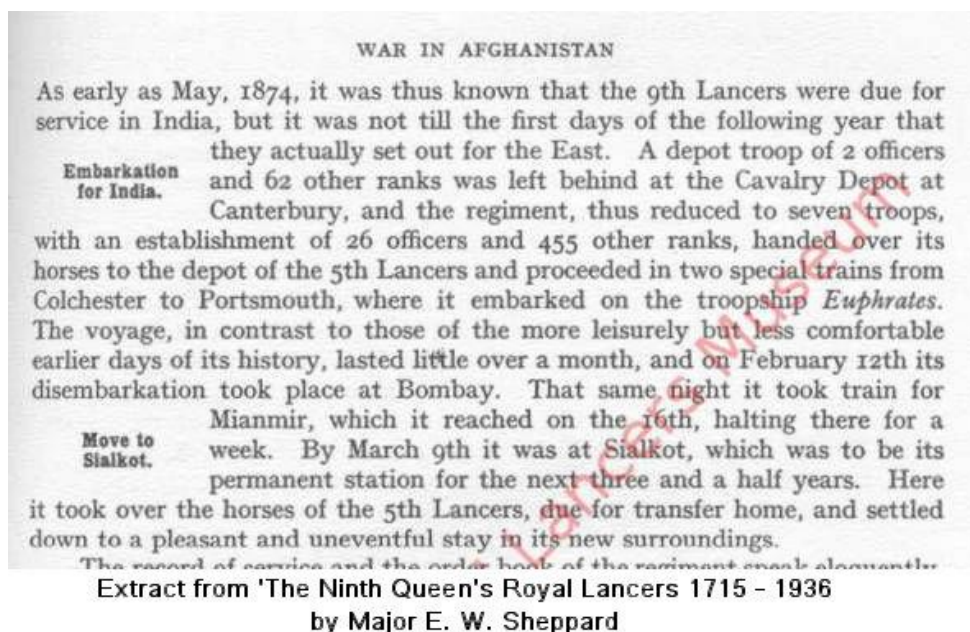
Then Clement Silas joined the LB&SCR in November 1870 at East Croydon and was based at Queens Road, Peckham station as a booking clerk. It would seem that in order to get a job with the LB&SCR you needed to have a recommendation from a company or professional person. Clement Silas's recommendation was from W H Smith & Sons who ran book and newspaper stalls on most stations. Maybe he had already had a job as a newspaper boy with W H Smith.

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	168	Kastner Edward	Shunter	July 1861	Edw. J. Bostley	20	17/-	1/11/72	14/-								Removed to Southampton 11/11/70			
113	169	Reynold White	Bookkeeper	April 1863	Edw. J. Bostley	34	17/-	1/11/72	14/-								Removed to Southampton 11/11/70			
191		Burner	Bookkeeper	April 1869	Edw. J. Bostley	15	15/-										Removed to Southampton 11/11/70			
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Clement Silas Anscombe Booking Clerk at Queens Road, Peckham

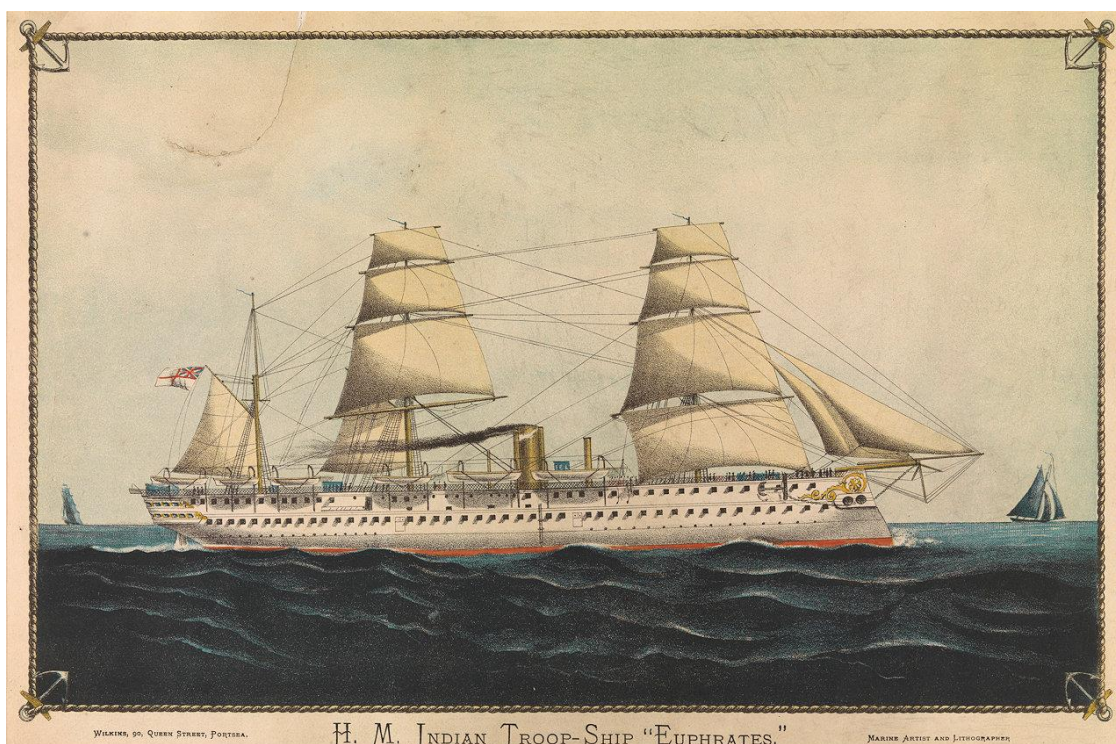
In the LB&SCR folio his age is given as 14 but this is almost certainly incorrect because his birth was registered in 1858 and the 1861 and 1871 censuses give his age as 3 and 13 respectively. It is more likely that he lied about his age in order to get a job. It would have been difficult to survive on his mother, Sarah's, wage. She was paid the princely sum of 5/- (25p) a week, that's the equivalent of £30 at today's prices. In comparison her 12 year old son was paid 12/6 (62.5p), equivalent to £74 today. So the family of Sarah, Clement Silas and his sister Lydia were living on the equivalent of £100 a week.

In the 1871 census they are living in Overton's Yard in Croydon. This would have been significantly less salubrious than their house in Gloucester Road. At the time Overton's Yard was in an industrial area of Croydon. The Overton after which the yard is named was the owner of a brewery. There was also the gas works and a flour mill close by.



From Major Sheppard's book we can see that Clement Silas would have been based initially in Colchester. Then, in early 1875, he went by train to Portsmouth to join the troopship *Euphrates* to sail to Bombay in India. There is an assumption here that he was not part of the depot troop left behind in Canterbury, but I think it reasonable to assume that as a new recruit he would be part of one of the troops sent to India. Later on we know that he was part of "C" Troop.

The *Euphrates* was one of 5 ships iron-hulled vessels which had a single screw, a speed of 14 knots, one funnel, a barque-rig sail plan, three 4-pounder guns, and a white painted hull. Her bow was a "ram bow" which projected forward below the waterline. She was operated by the Royal Navy to transport up to 1,200 troops and their families from Portsmouth to Bombay. The return trip via the Suez Canal normally took 70 days.



Clement Silas arrived in Bombay on 12th February 1875 and by March 9th he was based with his regiment in Sialkot, then in Bengal, India now in Pakistan. The regiment remained in Sialkot until mid-October 1878 when it formed part of the Peshawar Valley Field Force set up to confront Russian influence in Afghanistan in what became known as the Second Afghan War.

During the last thirty years the steady and menacing approach of Russia towards the northern and western frontiers of Afghanistan had caused anxiety to the British Government and to the authorities in India. The Russo-Turkish War of 1877 and the diplomatic intervention of Great Britain to prevent the victor's occupation of Constantinople led to strained relations between the two Powers, and it was feared that Russia might endeavour to exercise counter-pressure by intervention in Afghanistan, which had recently been racked by a series of murderous dynastic conflicts. Shere Ali, the successful candidate, rebuffed in his efforts to obtain British support against his internal and external foes, turned to Russia for aid, and agreed to receive a mission at Kabul. The Viceroy, Lord Lytton, at once demanded that a similar favour should be accorded to a British envoy, and, despite the Amir's dissuasion, sent a party to the frontier, where it was stopped and forbidden to enter the country. This insult was the occasion of the Second Afghan War, which broke out in November, 1878.

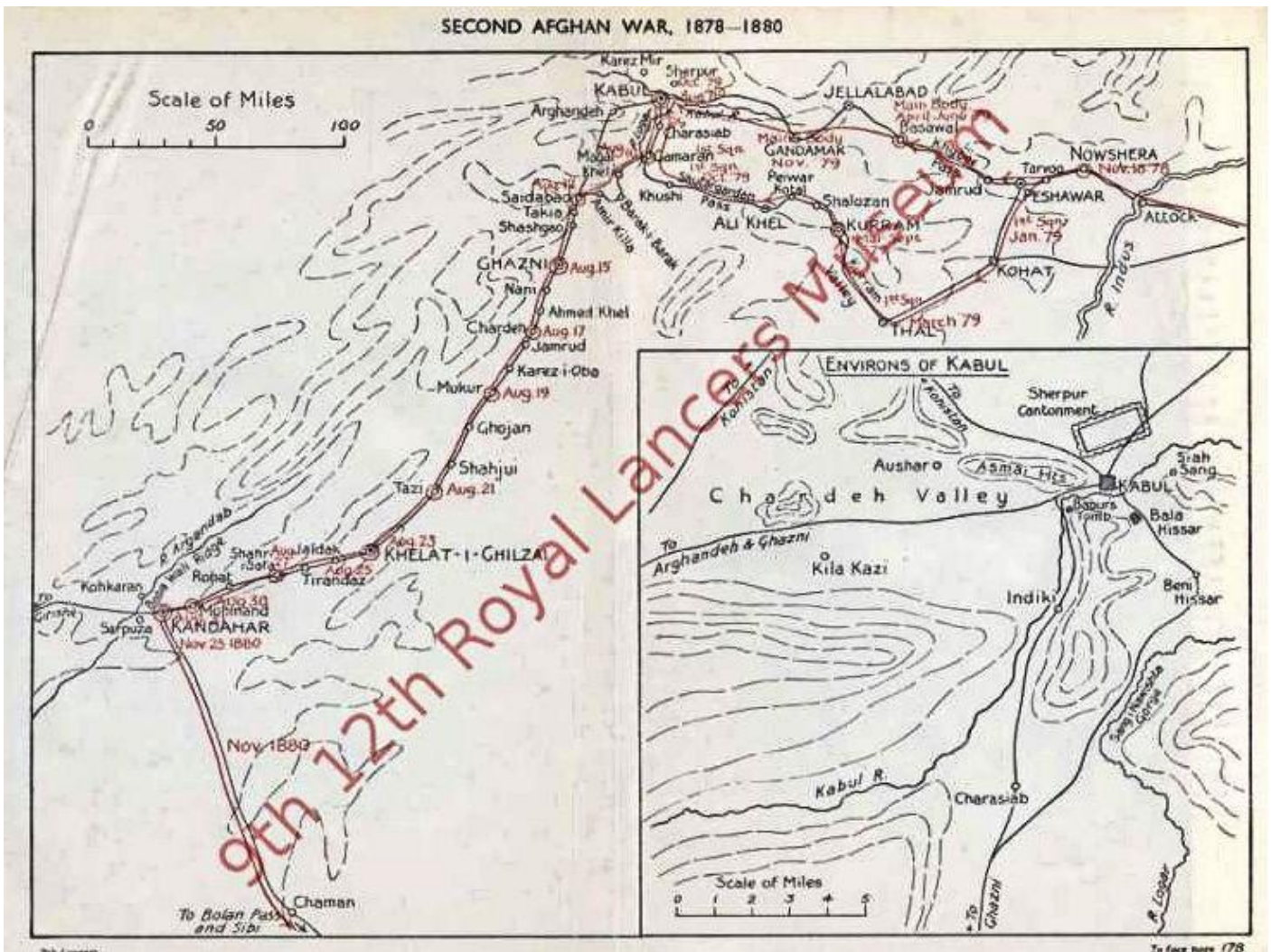
The military policy to be adopted in such an event had long since been decided upon; it comprised a triple attack on Afghanistan by three strong forces, moving respectively via the Khyber Pass, the Kurram Valley, and the Bolan Pass. The 9th Lancers were detailed to form part of the first-named expedition, and in the middle of October left Sialkot to join the Peshawar Valley Field Force. Major R. Cleland was in command, Lieutenant-Colonel Marshall being on leave in England, and the marching-out strength amounted to 18 officers, 302 other ranks, and 380 horses.

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

On November 18th the regiment reached Nowshera, where it halted for a month. "It was a pretty sight this morning," wrote Lieutenant James Hunter of the regiment, on the 17th, "crossing the Indus by the bridge of boats at Attock, with all the lances glittering in the sun as we wound down the steep hill under the old fort to cross the bridge, which is about 400 yards long. It is very cold in the mornings now; one's fingers get quite numb; while in the daytime the thermometer is generally about 80° in the shade; and yet this sudden change from hot to cold agrees with us wonderfully, everyone eats enormously, and the only thing we are frightened of is growing too fat."

During this long halt the unit was served out with Martini-Henry carbines, its pistols being handed into store. "Life here is healthy, but very dull," wrote Hunter on December 1st, "as there is nothing whatever to do, and there is no prospect as yet of our moving."

Progress at first was slow and it wasn't until January 1879 that "A" and "C" Troops of the 9th Lancers formed the 1st Squadron and was ordered to head for the Kurram Valley and they finally reached the open plain south of Kabul on October 5th. The way to Kabul, however, was blocked by rocky ridges either side of the Logar river north of Charasiab. The position was held by regular Afghan troops. After a number of engagements with the Afghans the British troops managed to enter Kabul on 12th October 1879. However, the Afghans were not going to give up easily and there were a number of battles in the area around Kabul until eventually in April 1880 the Afghans appeared to have surrendered.



There followed a period of quiet between May and July while negotiations to establish a new ruler were concluded. Such that at the end of July the army were preparing to evacuate Afghanistan. But then news came in that a British force in the south had been defeated and were surrounded in Kandahar. This led to the decision to send a force of 10,000 men plus 7,000 followers and 8,500 animals to relieve the troops. The force left Kabul on 8th August and by 31st August had marched the 340 miles to Kandahar. Once the force had arrived the Afghan troops offered very little resistance and Kandahar was soon relieved.

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'
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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. The transcription in Ancestry gives the place of their marriage as Amkala, and there is a town called Amkala in India, but this is clearly a mis-transcription as he was based in Ambala. Also the birth and christening record for their first child, Harold Clement, shows him being born in Umbala (Ambala). There is a further error in the transcription in that it gives his occupation as Trans. Sgt. 7th Lancers when it's certain he was with the 9th Lancers.

Clement Silas Anscombe		Record Collection:	
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Event Place (Original):	Amkala, Bengal, India	Record Number	302
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Marital Status:	Single	"India Marriages, 1792-1948 ", database, FamilySearch	
Ethnicity:	American	(https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FGN1- HNT : 5 February 2020), Clement Silas	
Race:	White	Anscombe, 1884.	
Father's Name:	Silas Anscombe	Similar Historical Records	
Spouse's Name:	Amelia Agnes Mulcahy	No similar records were found.	
Spouse's Gender:	Female		
Spouse's Age:	17		
Spouse's Marital Status:	Single		
Spouse's Race:	White		
Spouse's Race (Original):	White		
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1867		
Spouse's Father's Name:	William Mulcahy		

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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 quite possible that she was born in India.

In October 1885 the regiment left India, sailing from Bombay in the troopship Crocodile, sister ship to the Euphrates, on 28th October. They arrived in Portsmouth and transferred to Shorncliffe

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

Barracks in Folkestone. Out of 434 men who left England in 1875 Clement Silas was one of the 89 who had served continuously with the regiment since then.

The fact that Clement Silas remained with the 9th Lancers is confirmed by the birth record of their second son, Gilbert Allen Henry, who was born on 21st May 1886 at Shorncliffe. This also confirms that Clement Silas had been promoted to sergeant because his occupation is given as Quarter Master Sergeant 9th Lancers.

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Folkestone</i>										
Registrar's Sub-District <i>Folkestone</i>										
18 <i>86</i> . BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <i>Folkestone</i> in the County of <i>Kent</i>										
Columns:—	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
<i>167</i>	<i>21st May 1886 Hospital Shorncliffe Camp</i>	<i>Gilbert Allen Henry</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Clement Silas Anscombe</i>	<i>Amelia Agnes Anscombe formerly Mulchay</i>	<i>Quarter Master Sergeant 9th Lancers</i>	<i>Mary Haigh Matron Hospital Shorncliffe Camp</i>	<i>Sixteenth August 1886</i>	<i>H. Small Deputy Registrar</i>	

Gilbert Allen Henry Anscombe Birth

In August 1886 the regiment moved to York to be based at the Fulford Barracks. It looks like this prompted the matron of the Shorncliffe Camp Hospital to register the birth of Gilbert, rather belatedly. This move is also confirmed by the birth record of their third son, Lionel Egremont, who was born on 8th January 1888 at Fulford Barracks.

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>York</i>										
Registrar's Sub-District <i>Walmgate</i>										
18 <i>88</i> . BIRTHS in the Sub-District of <i>Walmgate in the city and</i> in the County of <i>York</i>										
Columns:—	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
<i>358</i>	<i>Eighth January 1888 Barracks. Fulford York. U.S.D.</i>	<i>Lionel Egremont</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>Clement Silas Anscombe.</i>	<i>Amelia Agnes Anscombe formerly Mulchay.</i>	<i>Quarter Master Sergeant 9th Lancers</i>	<i>India Anscombe Mother. Barracks. York.</i>	<i>Twenty second February 1888.</i>	<i>H. M. Foster. Registrar.</i>	

Lionel Egremont Anscombe Birth

The regiment 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 18th October.

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

**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

Source Information
 Ancestry.com. India, Select Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.
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So it is likely that at some point in late 1888 or early 1889 Clement Silas transferred to the 2nd 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. 2nd 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 2nd 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.

However, it is almost certain that he remained in India and didn't transfer to Egypt with the 2nd 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 2nd Dragoon Guards were based back in England.

1923.

ANScombe Clement Silas of The Cavalry Depot **Canterbury** died 21 August 1898 at the Military Hospital Cawnpore India. Probate **London** 15 September to Amelia Agnes Baldwin (wife of Frederick William Baldwin). Effects £5.

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"F." BATTERY R. H. A.

Roll of individuals entitled to the India Medal of 1895 with clasps inscribed "Panjab 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.		
				OFFICERS								
.	Major	F. L. Cunliffe,	"F." Battery	"F." Battery	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
.	Captain	A. S. Tyndale, <i>Biscoe</i>	Depôt. Battery	R. H. A.	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
.	Lieut.	G. F. Dixon,	"F." Battery	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
.	Lieut.	G. Gillson,	Do	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
.	Lieut.	R. St. C. Harman,	Deceased	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
				N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.								
98659	Driver	Adams, J.	"F." Battery	"F." Battery	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
87052	Gunner	Aldred, W. J.	Depôt. Battery	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
2591	Battery Sergeant Major	Ansecomb, C.	"F." Battery	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	
97716	Gunner	Avis, F.	Do	Do	No	Yes	Yes				(c)	

Clement Anscomb India Medal with Punjab Frontier 1897 - 98 clasp

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

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.

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.

(PUNJAB COMMAND).

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 India Medal 1895 (naming the clasp).	Entitled to Medal.	Entitled to Clasp.				Here note the clauses or clauses of paragraph 1 of the Army Order under which the clasps are claimed.	REMARKS.
							Punjab Frontier 1897-98.	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 Departmental.</u>												
Sergeant ...	Baldwin, F. W. H.	...	Do. ...	Do. ...	No	Yes	Yes	...	...	...	Clause (b).	

Frederick William Henry Baldwin India Medal Award

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.

Amelia Agnes Mulcahy

As I mentioned above there is very little information about Amelia Agnes before her marriage to Clement Silas.

After Clement Silas's death she presumably remained in Rawalpindi and married Frederick William Henry Baldwin. There's very little information about how Frederick got to India or what he was doing there. He was born in Newington, London and appears in the 1861 and 1871 censuses but not in the 1881 or later ones.

Certainly in 1897 he was in the Commissariat Transport Department and presumably was based in Rawalpindi.

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

Amelia Agnes Anscombe mentioned in the record of Frerick William Henry Baldwin	
Name:	Amelia Agnes Anscombe
Age:	36
Sex:	Female
Father:	William Henry Mulcahy
Husband:	Frerick William Henry Baldwin
Other information in the record of Frerick William Henry Baldwin from India Marriages, 1792-1948	
Name:	Frerick William Henry Baldwin
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	21 Jul 1903
Event Place:	Bengal, India
Event Place (Original):	Rawal Pindi, Bengal, India
Gender:	Male
Age:	32
Birth Year (Estimated):	1871
Father's Name:	Alfred Baldwin
Spouse's Name:	Amelia Agnes Anscombe
Spouse's Gender:	Female
Spouse's Age:	36
Spouse's Marital Status:	Unknown
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1867
Spouse's Father's Name:	William Henry Mulcahy

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We do know that Amelia and Frederick moved to Calcutta some time before 1914 because in her son Gilbert Allen Henry's army attestation papers his next of kin is given as Mrs F W Baldwin living at 7 Ezra Mansions, Old Courthouse Street, Calcutta.

1. Whether educated <small>All Applicants only to local Name of school to be stated.</small>		Duke of York's Royal Military School Royal Hibernian Military School Industrial School under Home Office or Local Government Board	
3. Certificates of education ...			
4. Passed classes of instruction <small>(This includes any authorized class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chess, etc.)</small>			
5. Campaigns (including medals) ...			
6. Wounded ...			
7. Effects of wounds			
8. Special instances of gallantry, conduct and service in public dispatches.			
9. Medals, decorations and annuities			
10. Injuries in or by the Service ...			
11. Name and Address of next of kin ...		Mrs F. W. Baldwin 7 Ezra Mansions Old Courthouse Street, Calcutta	
12. Particulars of Marriage:		(a) Christian Name of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses.	
13. Particulars as to Children:		Date and place of Birth, Date and place of Baptism and Name of Officiating Minister.	

Notes.—These sections are to be made from facts as they occur, and submitted by the Officer making the entry.
 (a) and (b) to be made from facts as they occur, and submitted by the Officer making the entry.

Gilbert Allen Henry Anscombe Army Attestation 3

Clement Silas Anscombe – 1858 - 1898

Also Frederick died and was buried in Calcutta in 1925.

We also know that, while Frederick was still alive, Amelia Agnes made a trip to England. She sailed from Calcutta on the SS City of Poona and arrived in London on 3rd December 1922. The address she gives in the shipping details is that of her daughter Gwendoline. There is no record of when she returned to India but presumably she stayed quite a while and applied for probate on Clement Silas's will which was granted on 15th September 1923.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1906, and ALIENS ACT, 1905.

INCOMING PASSENGERS.

Returns of Passengers brought to the United Kingdom in ships arriving from Places out of Europe, and not within the Mediterranean Sea.

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No. 6.

V.S.S. "CITY OF POONA" 13/12/22

Date of Arrival 1st December 1922.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Port of Embarkation	Port at which Passengers have been landed	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd, or 3rd)	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers	AGES OF PASSENGERS (Adults of 11 years and upwards)	Country of last Permanent Residence	Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence
Calcutta	Tilbury	Allen, Mr. David	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	British Army	48	Egypt	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Baldwin, Mrs. J. G.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Wife	48	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Brighton, Mrs. F.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Flying Officer	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Clarke, Mrs. G. B.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Wife	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Davidson, Mrs. R.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Fowler, Mr. & child.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. L. H.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. J. F.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Wife	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. H. A.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. U.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. & Mrs.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. A. F.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. J. A.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Miss H.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. & Inft.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. & Mrs.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. Mary.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Rev. W.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mr. & Mrs.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. & Miss.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. W.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. Chd.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. & Chd.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. S.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. & Chd.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	Gruning, Mrs. & Inft.	17, Green Constable St., Dundee.	1	Sen	23	"	

S.S. "CITY OF POONA".

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PASSENGERS DISSEMBARKING AT TILBURY.

First Saloon.

Allen, Mr. D. G. Rosewood, Nigg, Aberdeen.

Baldwin, Mrs. J. G. Ayahoe, Wimbleton, London S.W.19.

Brighton, Mrs. F. Holmfield, Bridge St., Belper, Derbyshire.

Clarke, Mrs. G. B. Lea Brook, Wadsworth, Staffs.

Davidson, Mrs. R. c/o Howell, 8 Blackness Avenue, Dundee.

Fowler, Mr. & child. 7 James St., Portobello, Scotland.

Gruning, Mr. L. H. Middle Old Park, Farnham, Surrey.

Gruning, Mrs. J. F. 3, Blakesley Avenue, Ealing, London W.5.

Gruning, Mr. H. A. 3, Blakesley Avenue, Ealing, London W.5.

Gruning, Mr. U. Eastern Telegraph Co., Electric House, London.

Gruning, Mr. & Mrs. 6, Sutherland Terrace, Paddington, London W.2.

Gruning, Mr. A. F. Coburg Court Hotel, Bayswater, London.

Gruning, Mr. J. A. c/o Thomas Cook & Sons, Ludgate Circus, London.

Gruning, Miss H. 17, Green Constable St., Dundee.

Gruning, Mrs. & Inft. 3, Homefield Road, Wimbleton, London S.W.19.

Gruning, Mr. & Mrs. Fort William, Scotland.

Gruning, Mrs. Mary. Oklahoma City, Okla., U.S.A.

Gruning, Rev. W. Manse of Newburn, Largo, Fife, Scotland.

Gruning, Mr. & Mrs. c/o Thomas Cook, New York.

Gruning, Mrs. & Miss. 1, St. Albans St., Dundee.

Gruning, Mrs. W. Glenmont, Templemore Park, Londonderry, Ireland.

Gruning, Mrs. Chd. 4, Prospect Place, Dundee, Dundee.

Gruning, Mrs. & Chd. Inverlona, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

Gruning, Mrs. S. Stafford Hotel, St. James' Place, London W.

Gruning, Mrs. & Chd. Sunny House, Bournemouth, Cornwall.

Gruning, Mrs. & Inft. Kylecote, Wembley, Middlesex.

Amelia Baldwin Calcutta - London Dec 1922

We know that she did return to India because she's also recorded arriving in London on 18th April 1926 on the SS Novara from Calcutta. Presumably this is following Frederick's death and she never returned to India. Again she gave her address as that of her daughter.

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Ship **NOVARA** Port of Arrival **TILBURY** Date of Arrival **APRIL**

Ship Line **Peninsular & Oriental** Whence Arrived **CALCUTTA**

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Port Said	Tilbury	Cel. Sir H. G. M. Fell	c/o War Office Whitehall, S.W.	1	British Army	48	Egypt	
"	"	Lady Fell	"	1	Wife	48	"	
"	"	Edward, F. Haylock	R.A.F. Depot	1	Flying Officer	23	"	
"	"	Irene, M. Haylock	Uxbridge, M'ee	1	Wife	23	"	
"	"	Edward, K. A. Haylock	do do	1	Sen	23	"	
Calcutta	Tilbury	David, Y. Andersen	55 de Parys Avenue	2	Nil	40	India	
"	"	Stella, M. Andersen	Bedford, England	2	"	30	"	
"	"	Amelia Baldwin	c/o Dr. C. Allen	2	"	59	"	
"	"	Herbert, C. Barrett	Holmfield Bdg St Belper, Derbyshire	2	Engineer	39	"	
"	"	Veda, W. Barrett	70 Ditchling Rd Brighton	2	Nil	29	"	

Amelia Baldwin return to England 18 Apr 1926

However, I have not been able to find where or when she died although several other researchers say she died in 1930 but I can find no evidence for that. Certainly I have not been able to find her in any of the 1939 registers.