

Clement Silas Anscombe – British Army in England

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 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.

Clement and Amelia's second son, Gilbert Allen Henry, was born on 21st May 1886 at Shorncliffe.

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Canham</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>164</i>	<i>21st May 1886 Hospital Shorncliffe Camp R.S.D.</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>Matron Hospital Shorncliffe Camp</i>	<i>21st May 1886</i>	<i>A. Smart Deputy Registrar</i>	

Gilbert Allen Henry Anscombe Birth

His occupation is given as Quarter Master Sergeant 9th Lancers, which sounds as though it is a demotion from the Troop Sergeant Major he was when he was married. It may have been that he was made Sergeant Major in India because the regiment was below its nominal strength. Once they were back in England the regiment was back up to strength and he had to take a step down. On the other hand there could be a completely different reason!

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>										
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<i>353</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 A. 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.