

Harold Clement Anscombe – Life in India

BAPTISMS Solemnized at Chittagong.

WHEN BAPTIZED.			SAID TO BE BORN.			Child's Christian Name.	Sex.	PARENTS' NAMES.		Abode of Parents.	Quality, Trade, or Profession of Father.	Name of Priest or Minister by whom the Ceremony was performed.
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			
1913	July	17	1913	May	22	Ronald Dermot Halliross	male	Robert Ernest Bertha Inverarity	Jack	Chittagong.	J. L. P.	Hugh J. Millett Chaplain.
1913	Sept	3	1913	July	20	Beryl Alma Marguerite	Female	Harold + Marie	Anscombe	Chittagong.	Manager of the Planters' Stores	Hugh J. Millett Chaplain.

I, the Reverend *Hugh J. Millett*, Minister and Chaplain of *Chittagong*, do hereby certify that the foregoing (or entered) return containing *Two* (2) is a true and faithful copy of all the entries in the Register of Baptisms belonging to and kept at the Church or Station of *Chittagong* within the Archdeaconry and Diocese of *Calcutta* as therein entered and made between the first day of *July* and the *last* day of *September* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and *Twelve*.

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Registrar of Diocese, Calcutta, B.

Hugh J. Millett
Minister and Chaplain of *Chittagong*

Beryl Alma Marguerite Anscombe Birth Baptism

By that time Harold was no longer a Planter but Manager of the Planters' Stores. Presumably this means he was managing a shop which sold goods and equipment to the local tea planters. Presumably also the goods he was selling, or at least a proportion of them, were being supplied by his step-father from Calcutta.

By the time their second child, Madge Lorraine, is born on 12th March 1915 the family have moved to Calcutta and Harold is a Merchant's Assistant. I believe the merchant he was assisting was probably Frederick William Baldwin, his step-father.

Return of BAPTISMS at St. Paul's Cathedral Calcutta. Dtd 1915.
(Being an extract from the Register of Baptisms.)

When baptized.			Said to be born.			Child's Christian name.	Sex.	Parents' names.		Abode of parents.	Quality, trade or profession of father.	Person by whom the ceremony was performed.		
Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.			Christian.	Surname.			Full name.	Designation.	Signature.
1915	June	5 th	1915	March	12 th	Madge Lorraine	daughter of	Harold Clement + Marie Irene Margaret	Anscombe	Calcutta	Assistant (Merchant's)	F. Tambling Junior Chaplain		

I, the Reverend *F. G. H. Tambling, Junior Chaplain* in the Register of Baptisms kept at *St. Paul's Cathedral* in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *fifteen*.

do hereby certify that the above are true and faithful copies of all the entries as therein entered and made between the *fifth* day of *June* and the *last* day of *June*. The entire return contains *ONE* entry.

Place _____ Dated the _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Signature *F. G. H. Tambling*
Designation *Junior Chaplain*

Madge Lorraine Anscombe Birth Baptism

Harold and Irene's two sons, Jeffery Trevor and Frederick Alan Owen were also born in Calcutta in 1917 and 1919 respectively. I have been unable to find Jeffery's birth record but certainly on Frederick's their father was recorded as a Merchant's Assistant.

There is some evidence that Harold and Irene remained in Calcutta until they left India in 1946 ahead of independence. There is a record of a Private H C Anscombe being awarded the Indian Volunteer Force Efficiency Medal. In my research I have not come across any other individual in this period with those initials and surname so I assume this was awarded to Harold Clement. However, it is somewhat surprising as the award record states that he was a Private in the Calcutta Scottish Auxiliary Force India (AFI). This is because I am unaware of any Scottish heritage in his ancestry and the Calcutta Scottish regiment was a kilted regiment "*.. of volunteers of Scottish descent raised in 1914 as an infantry regiment of the British Indian Army. The regimental dress uniform was Hunting Stewart tartan.*"

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Record Transcription:	
Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards	
First name(s)	H C
Last name	Anscombe
Sex	Male
Year	1934
Rank	Private
Regiment	The Calcutta Scottish, A.F.I.
Country	India
Award	Efficiency Medal
Award date	29 Mar 1934
Order details	IAO No.128 of 1934
Medal type	India Efficiency Medal Awards, 1930-1939
Record set	Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Medal Rolls and Honours
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None
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Assuming this award was made to Harold he would have joined the Calcutta Scottish around 1922 because the award was for 12 years of continuous and efficient service.