



From Judith Havens

Born in Digboi 10th February 1951

In Memory of Clement Havens 1918-1981 & Iris Havens 1919-1990

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE. Army Form B108J
(If this CERTIFICATE is lost no duplicate can be obtained.)

Army Number 948449
 SURNAME HAVENS
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Clement Fearley
 Effective Date of Discharge 8th April 1946
 Corps from which Discharged R.A.S.C. Also served in R.A.
 To Service: Years SIX Days 161
 Rank on Discharge Sergeant
 Cause of Discharge Discharged Ouseous Class A
 Release Para 390(xix)(a) K.R. 40
 Campaigns and Service Abroad: India from 1.6.41 to 11.2.46
 Medals 1939/43 Star. Should be 4 medals
 Military Conduct: Exemplary
 Date 21. March 1946 Place EASTINGS
 23211
 W1.54973/1881 20.000 5/44 51-4753 Forms/B108J/71.

My father, Clement Havens, was born in Norwich, England in 1918 and served in the British Army in Burma from 1941 till the end of the war.



He married his first wife there and from 1946 to 1949 he worked as a wages clerk in the Burmah Oil Company in Rangoon and became involved in the sporting activities of the employees there.

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Clement Havens, centre. >



His Rangoon driving licence gives some tips about using hand signals!

M.V. FORM No. 7. Fee Rs. 10.

SCHEDULE (1).
Licence to drive a Motor-Vehicle.
This licence is valid in Burma and _____

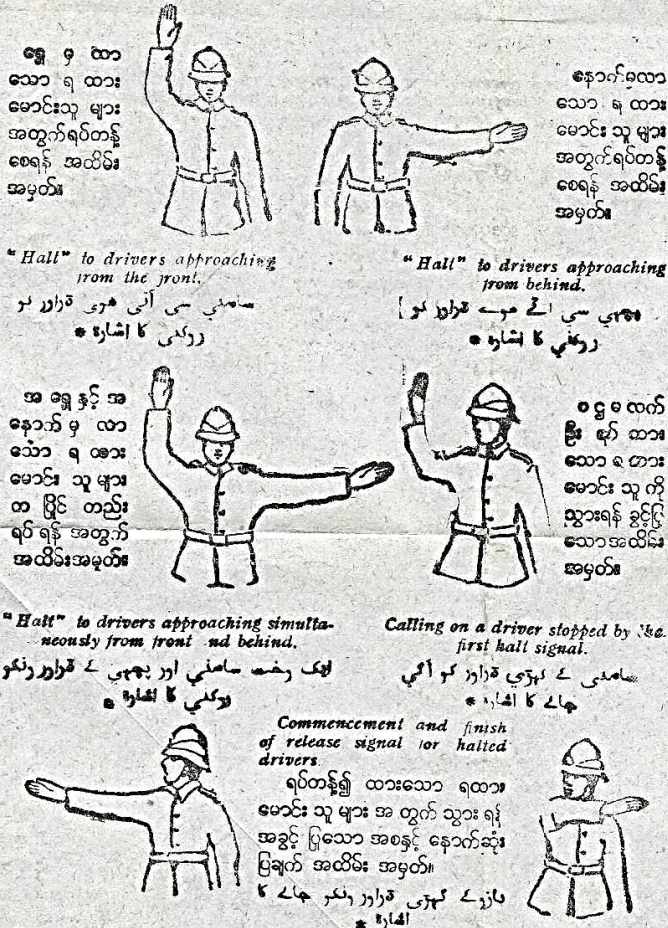
No. 1434 of 1947
Licence to drive a motor-cycle motor vehicle is granted under
Burma Motor-Vehicles Rules, 1915, to—
Name MR. C. J. HAYEN.
Address 318 BURMA OIL Coy (B.T.) Ltd
Date of expiry of licence DANEDAN. RGN.
DATED AT Rangoon 6. 5. 1948.
The 7th day of May 1947.
sd/ SHWE HLA PROES
Commissioner of Police. I.P.
District Superintendent of Police

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17.5.47

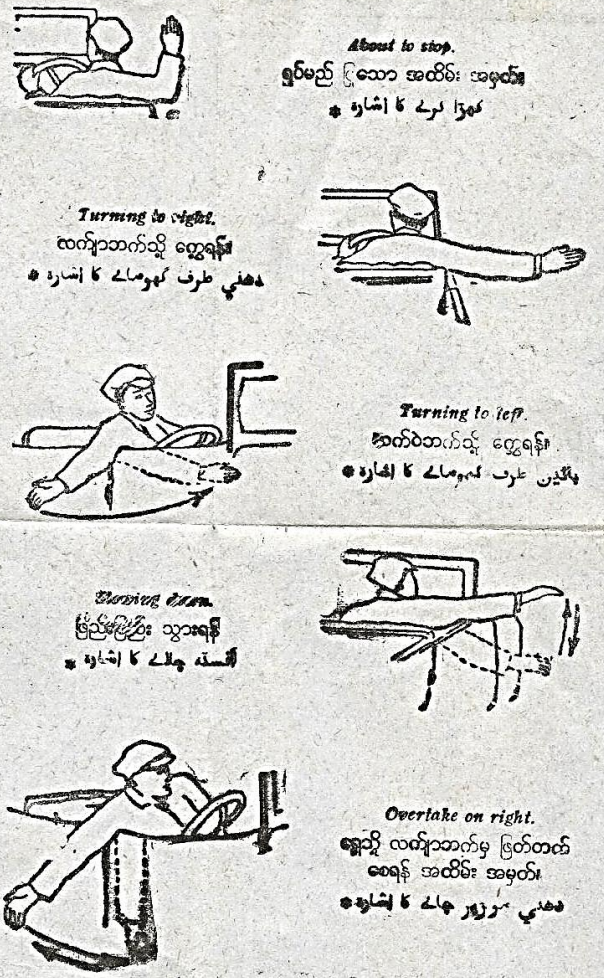
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အခွန်တော်ငွေ ၁၀။

(၁) စာရင်း။
မှီတာခေါတ်ရထားမောင်းနှင်ခွင့်လိုင်ဆင်။
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အတူတူအတည်ဖြစ်သည်။
၁၉၄၇ ခုနှစ်၊ အတွက်နံပါတ် ၁၄၃၄.
မှီတာခေါတ်ရထား မောင်းနှင်ခွင့် လိုင်ဆင်ကို ၁၉၄၇ ခု
နှစ်၊ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်မှီတာခေါတ်ရထား နည်းဥပဒေများ
အရ။ ၁၇-၅-၄၇ ရက်နေ့။
စ. အက် - ၁၇၂၀၆ - သို့ထုတ်ပေးသည်။
လိုင်ဆင်ဆုံးခန်းတိုင်ရောက်သည့်နေ့ရက်မှာ—
၁၉၄၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ၅ လ ၆ ရက်ဖြစ်သည်။
၁၉၄၇ ခုနှစ်၊ ၅ လ ၂ ရက်။
sd/ SHWE HLA PROES
မြို့မရာဇဝတ်ဝန်ကြီး။ I.P.
ဒီဂရီစုနယ်ရာဇဝတ်ဝန်ကြီး။

Uniform Traffic Signals for Use by the Police.



Uniform Traffic Signals Recommended for Use by Drivers.



(These signals and those given opposite for drivers embody the recommendations of a conference between representatives of the Metropolitan, County, City and Borough Police Forces and the Secretary of the Automobile Association.)

When his wife died Clement transferred to B.O.C. in Digboi, where he took on the post of Paymaster.



<Clement Havens, centre front.

My father used the Digboi Club.
His final bill survives:

Clement Havens, front right. V

No. 177

DIGBOI CLUB

Bill for Dec '51

Name Mr. C. F. Havens.

CHEQUES ARE PAYABLE TO DIGBOI CLUB AND SHOULD BE CROSSED.

Cash since Received	Debits,	Credits,
Balance brought forward ...	156 13 ^	
Club Subscription ...	10 ^ ^	
Cinema ...		
Arch Fund ...		
Stores ...	226 11 6	
Bar Bill ...	8 1 ^	
Collection ...		
Outside Clubs ...		
Subscription for A. V. L. H. Club ...	1 ^ ^	
Hair Dressing <u>Hart & Co.</u> ...	1 ^ ^	
Social Sports <u>Bulls</u> ...	4 4 ^	
Khamb Chand & Sons ...		
Golf Competition ...		
Golf Chokras & Lost Golf Balls ...		
L. G. U. Competition ...		
Tennis Chokras ...		
Sundries ...		
Add :- For Rounding		^ ^ 6
TOTAL Rs. ...	497 14 ^	

Abstract.

Total Debits Rs. ...	
" Credits ..	
Balance due	

DIGBOI, }
Dated 2/1 1952. } B. C. Ray
Honorary Treasurer.
WD 457/14/- by cheque
(50/- excess for till 1 Jan)



Clement's Bungalow:
No. 57 Muliabari

Clement returned home to Norwich for a while and met up with Iris Allison, his sweetheart from before the war.

They married in Norwich on 29th April 1950.

That summer Iris went out to Assam with him and they took up residence in one of the bungalows.



I was born in the hospital in Digboi on 10th February 1951 by caesarean section.

A few months later my father received the hospital bill for the three surgeons and anaesthetist who performed my mother's operation. 250 rupees would not go far today.

R. H. P. CLARK,
M.D., B.S. (LOND) M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.,
D.T.M., AND H. (LOND).
DIGBOI
UPPER ASSAM.

and Mrs Paul and Datta

To C.F. Havens Esq.

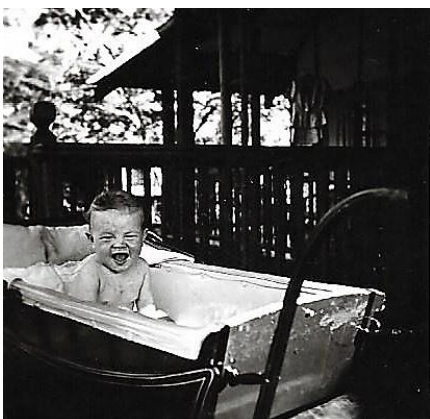
Professional attention

Mrs Havens.

Maternity fee
(including of operation, 1/2 250/-
assistant surgeon's &
an anaesthetist fees)

R.H.P. Clark
1.4.51

Family Life at the Digboi Bungalow





My parents were very friendly with another couple who lived close by. They were called Anne and Len Holden. I think they are on the right of this picture.

I wonder if the man on the left could be my parents' "house-boy". He was called Sammy, and my father had great affection and regard for him. A few years after we had returned to England word came that Sammy had died; it is the only time I ever saw my father weep.

Another member of the household staff was my ayah. I have reason to be very grateful to her because I was told that one day she fell down the bungalow steps while carrying me and, in cradling me to save me from the fall, she broke her arm.

A few household items from the bungalow were brought back to Norwich with us:



< Some pieces of embroidered linen, including my bib!

A carved box, probably from my father's days in Rangoon. Length 11". >



This teak table was also from Rangoon. I remember that my father told me that the top was made from one whole section of wood and that it had been carved by a prisoner in Rangoon Jail. It had puzzled me how this piece had come my father's way until fairly recently, when a relative told me that the father of my dad's first wife was governor of the jail, though his actual position there might have been an exaggerated tale and has not been verified.

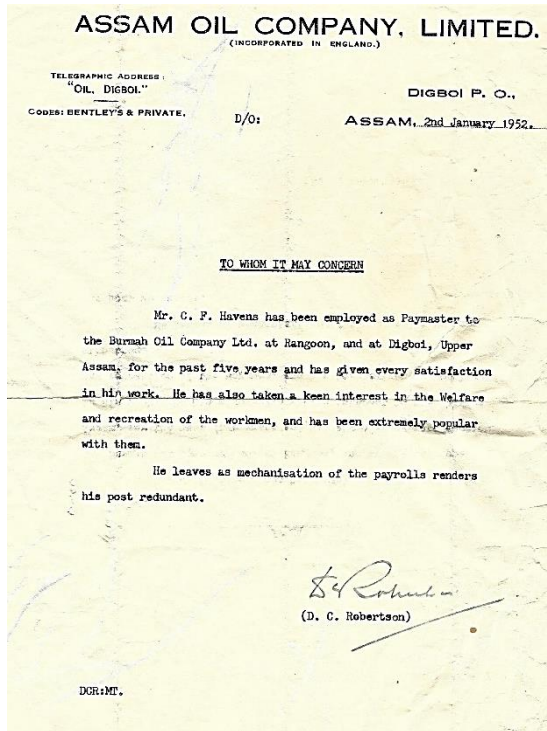


Diameter 24"

My father loved life in Assam, but unfortunately my mother could not tolerate the heat and humidity of the climate there, so the decision was made to return to England.

The Assam Oil Company gave my father a good reference, and the employees presented him with a cigarette caddy. The lettering is hand-punched.

On top: his initials C. F. H. The side reads: PRESENTED BY WAGES CLERKS- B.O.C. DDAW



A passage was booked on SS Strathaird and we sailed for England about a year after I was born. I always have regretted that I was too young to have remembered anything of my life in Assam.

