

HMS Medway Queen - Known Dunkirk crew members

We have no “official” record either of Medway Queen’s crew at Dunkirk (other than the Commanding Officer) or of individual soldiers picked up. These notes are based on information supplied by the men concerned or their families. John Graves and Thomas Russell both left detailed accounts which were published by the PSPS in 1974 and which are now available to the Medway Queen Preservation Society.

This document will be updated as and when additional information becomes available.



Alfred Thomas Cook – HMS Medway Queen’s CO at the time of Dunkirk



Crew Photo -: believed to have been taken by Eric Woodroffe or Roger Matthews

Crew

Name	Rank or appointment	Notes
Bell, Stanley (aka "Sec")	Assistant Cook	Thomas Russell account. John Graves account
Campbell, Jock	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Colson, Albert William	Volunteer gunner	Notes from family
Connell, John Develand	Fireman (T124 articles)	CO's narrative and commendations. Mentioned in Despatches.
Consadine, Philip Stanley	Stoker	Possible, Unconfirmed
Cook Alfred Thomas	Lieutenant RNR, Commanding Officer	Notes from family Official "narrative account" and crew commendations on file. Awarded DSC
Crossley, Alfred Earnest	Petty Officer, Coxswain	CO's narrative and commendations. Awarded DSM.
Davis (or Davies), John Vernon	Chief Engineer	Notes on file (Davis had been Medway Queen's engineer before the war) CO's narrative and commendations. John Graves account.
Day, Jim	Seaman	Full Ahead winter 2012
Feathers, Jack	RASC Officer Cadet	Im Thurn account, volunteer AA gunner with Bren guns.
Graves John David	Sub Lieutenant RNR, 1 st Lt.	Comprehensive account, photos on file. Awarded DSC CO's narrative and commendations
Greig, K. M.	Acting Cdr.	CO and volunteers from HMS Sandown joined MQ on June 2 nd for trips 6 and 7
Harrison, Arthur Leslie	Steward (T124 articles)	CO's narrative and commendations
Imthurn (or Im Thurn), John	RASC Officer Cadet	Account on file, trip 5, volunteer AA gunner with Bren guns.
Irvine, Thomas	Sub Lieutenant RNR 2 nd Engineer	Notes on file. CO's narrative and commendations. Mentioned in Despatches.
James, Joseph Richard (Jimmy)	Leading Seaman RFR	Crew Photo & note from George Painter. CO's narrative and commendations
Jolly, Leonard	Lieutenant RNVR Navigating officer	CO's narrative and commendations John Graves account
Keily, Charles	Lieutenant RNR, Junior Officer	John Graves account Notes from family
Keytes, Bill	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Lewis	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Maraga, Arthur	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
Marshall	Seaman	Press report - West Middlesex Gazette - Saturday 15 June 1940
Mathias, William	Trainee telegraphist	Temporary secondment. Account on file.
Matthews, Roger	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter. Medway Queen News 011
McAllister, Henry Joseph	Petty Officer, Bo'sun.	Notes on file. CO's narrative and commendations. Awarded DSM.
Nason, Albert	Seaman	Medway Queen News 027, Crew Photo, Account on file
Olley, Kenneth Roy	Seaman	CO's narrative and commendations. Awarded DSM
Penman, Norman	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Perry, Yorkie	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Ranger, George William Henry.	Sub Lieutenant RNR 3 rd Engineer.	CO's narrative and commendations

Rayment, Brian	RASC Officer Cadet	Imthurn account, volunteer AA gunner with Bren guns.
Russell, Thomas	Ship's Cook (T124 articles)	Comprehensive account available
Name	Rank or appointment	Notes
Skinner, Albert J	Leading Seaman RFR	Full Ahead 078, Comprehensive account on file
Skinner, Henry Ernest	Leading Seaman	Press cutting on file
Skinner, Jack	Seaman	Diary extracts etc. on file, family notes
Spot	Ship's dog	Crew Photo
Sutton, Bruce	Seaman	Medway Queen News 029, 039, Crew Photo, account on file, family notes
Walker, Charlie	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
Woodroffe, Eric	Signalman	Photographs on file. Full Ahead spring 2009
??, Robbie	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter

Notes:

T124 Articles: The navy contract under which civilian or Royal Naval Auxiliary personnel served on warships under Royal Navy control and discipline.

RFR: Royal Fleet Reserve

Those who were granted awards can also be found in the London Gazette Supplement for 16th August 1940

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