

## [HMS Medway Queen - Known Dunkirk veterans](#)

We have little “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.](#)



*Dunkirk Beach – courtesy of Harold Slade’s family*



## Evacuees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Picked Up</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Notes/References</b>
Austin, John		Captain 92 <sup>nd</sup> field Rgt. R.A.	Author - "Return Via Dunkirk" as "Gun Buster" Also in Dunkirk Revisited
Baldwin, Charles James	Probably May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	49th (West Riding)	Notes on file
Barendt, Basil			Lt. Charles Keily's family notes
Barton, Frank		4 <sup>th</sup> Army Cooperation Squadron RAF	Full Ahead Reports and notes on file
Bateman, Gordon Montague		5 <sup>th</sup> Green Howards	MQ News 37 & family notes
Billing, John		CSM RE	Note from family
Bishop, Brian	June 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Signals	<a href="http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-dunkirk-told-through-heroism-medway-queen-180964105/">www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-dunkirk-told-through-heroism-medway-queen-180964105/</a>
Bonallack, Basil G	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	92 <sup>nd</sup> Field Rgt. RA	<a href="https://thedunkirkproject.wordpress.com/the-dunkirk-project-2">https://thedunkirkproject.wordpress.com/the-dunkirk-project-2</a>
Borrett, Clifford	May 31 <sup>st</sup> ?	L/Sgt 2 <sup>nd</sup> AA Brigade	Note from family
Brunt, P. E.		RASC	MQ News 29
Callow, John Clayton	May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex	Account on file (with 2 other named officers and about 150 men)
Catte, J W	May 28	Ty Lieut. RNR (E)	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Chambers		RAMC	Note from family
Chivers, Cyril (Jim)	June 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	RASC	Accounts on file & Full Ahead
Clifford, Oliver		LCpl RASC	Note on file
Coleman, Charles		RE	Note from family -Wounded in air attack while on board
Cox, Les	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sgt Major	MQ News 52 & 66
Cross, John Stuart		SSM, RE	Emails from family
Davis, Alfred		6 <sup>th</sup> Yorks & Lancs	MQ News 44
Davison, W N	May 28	Ty Sub-Lieut. RNVR	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Dervillers, Paul			Note on file
Devlin, Patrick			Account and note from family
Edwards, Albert	May 31 <sup>st</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup>		Full Ahead 91
Edwards ,Tom Sydney	May 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	RASC (driver)	Account on file. Picked up from sinking HMS Brighton Belle
Farnworth, George		Kings Own	Full Ahead Report
Fuller, W.J.C.	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ty Lieut. RNVR	Notes and press reports. Picked up from sinking HMS Brighton Belle. Officer on BB, later commanded HMS Glen Usk.
Garland, Eric	"Last trip"	6 <sup>th</sup> Yorks & Lancs	Comprehensive obituary on file
Garrard, Walter		5 <sup>th</sup> Border Regt.	Family tradition, no account available.
George, Alf		58 Anti-Tank RA TA	Full Ahead Report, First MQ DVD
Gould, G C M	May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Greenwood, Charles		Royal Artillery	Full Ahead 88

Grocott, Donald Kenneth		Royal Sussex	Note from family
Hadfield, Harry		Coldstream Guards	
Hankey, Ted			MQ News 39
Harris, Augustus (Gus) Oliver	“Last trip”	WO2, Coy SM RASC	Note on file
Hewitt, Thomas William (Bill)	May 28		Note from family, via HMS Brighton Belle
Hill, P C		507 Field Coy RE	MQ News 15
Hore	May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Sgt. 4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Hopcraft, Reg.			Full Ahead Report
Howarth ,John			Picked up mid channel. Note on file
Jackson,		Captain, Royal Corps of Signals	Press report
Jones, Thomas Samuel		21 <sup>st</sup> Field Battery Royal Artillery	Note from family
Long, Ernest	May 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>		Dunkirk Revisited Chapter I P16
Lucas, Sydney		Driver, Royal Signals	Note on file
Medhurst, Ronald Arthur		LCpl RAMC	Note on file
Nabarro Ronald	June 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cpl. Middlesex Yeomanry	Full Ahead Report Boarded from the Mole
Nix, C F A	May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Major 4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Page Albert H R	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Private, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Essex Regiment	Note from family
Pemberton, Bob		88 <sup>th</sup> Field Rgt. RA	MQ News 10 & 16
Perrin, L K	May 28	Ty Lieut. RNVR	CO HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Phillips, R	May 28	Ty Sub-Lieut. RNR	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Powell, Albert Henry		Driver, RASC	Dunkirk Revisited Chapter V P156 BBC peoples war
Reed, Claude (Kit)		Green Howards	Full Ahead 95, First MQ DVD
Reed, Cyril		RASC	Full Ahead 072
Richman, E H	May 28	Sub-Lieut. RNR	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Scott Alfred		Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Note from family
Simms	June 1st	LCpl Suffolk Rgt	Friends of Suffolk Regiment Gazette
Simons, Aubrey	June 1st	Suffolk Regiment	Britannia and Castle newsletter
Slade, Harold	May 31 <sup>st</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> (?)	RASC (Major)	Account on file
Skinner, W J	May 31 <sup>st</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> (?)	132 Field Ambulance RAMC	Notes on file
Stacey, John S.	May 28th	Royal Navy	Picked up from sinking HMS Brighton Belle (crew).

Standen, Victor Charles		Royal Sussex	Note from family
Taylor, Donald		Royal corps of signals	Note from family
Thomas, Leslie		1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Welsh Guards	Note from family
Tozer, V.		Sgt. Military Police	MQ News 44
Ward, Leo	June 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Note on file. Time and date suggest Ramsgate as his arrival point rather than Margate as noted.
Wakinshaw, Les		508 Field Park Coy	Full Ahead various
Wilson, George B.		RASC	Photo and note on file.
Un-named officers	May 31 <sup>st</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> (?)	signals, Sussex, RWIC	Harold Slade account

**Notes:** “Last trip” could be the last scheduled trip on June 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> or it could be the additional trip made on June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.

On either trip the crew could have told the men this was their last trip.

BBC peoples war <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/78/a2025578.shtml>

Dunkirk Revisited - [www.dunkirk-revisited.co.uk](http://www.dunkirk-revisited.co.uk)

HMS Brighton Belle Officers from Navy List May 1940

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