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

Name	Picked Up	Unit	Notes/References
Austin, John		Captain 92nd field Rgt. R.A.	Author - "Return Via Dunkirk" as "Gun Buster" Also in Dunkirk Revisited
Baldwin, Charles James	Probably May 30th/31st	49th (West Riding)	Notes on file
Barendt, Basil			Lt. Charles Keily's family notes
Barton, Frank		4th Army Cooperation Squadron RAF	Full Ahead Reports and notes on file
Bateman, Gordon Montague		5th Green Howards	MQ News 37 & family notes
Billing, John		CSM RE	Note from family
Bishop, Brian	June 1st/2nd		www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-dunkirk-told-through-heroism-medway-queen-180964105/
Bonallack, Basil G	June 3rd	92nd Field Rgt. RA	https://thedunkirkproject.wordpress.com/the-dunkirk-project-2
Brunt, P. E.		RASC	MQ News 29
Callow, John Clayton	May 30th/31st	2nd Lt. 4th Royal Sussex	Account on file (with 2 other named officers and about 150 men)
Chivers, Cyril (Jim)	June 1st/2nd	RASC	Accounts on file & Full Ahead
Clifford, Oliver		LCpl RASC	Note on file
Cox, Les	May 29th 30th	Sgt Major	MQ News 52 & 66
Davis, Alfred		6th Yorks & Lancs	MQ News 44
Dervilers, Paul			Note on file
Edwards, Albert	May 31st June 1st		Full Ahead 91
Edwards ,Tom Sydney	May 27th/28th	RASC (driver)	Account on file. Picked up from sinking HMS Brighton Belle
Farnworth, George		Kings Own	Full Ahead Report
Fuller, W.J.C.	May 28th	Royal Navy	Notes and press reports. Picked up from sinking HMS Brighton Belle. Officer on BB, later commanded HMS Glen Usk.
Garland, Eric	"Last trip"	6th Yorks & Lancs	Comprehensive obituary on file
George, Alf		58 Anti-Tank RA TA	Full Ahead Report, First MQ DVD
Gould, G C M	May 30th/31st	2nd Lt. 4th Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Greenwood, Charles		Royal Artillery	Full Ahead 88
Hadfield, Harry		Coldstream Guards	
Hankey, Ted			MQ News 39
Harris, Augustus (Gus) Oliver	"Last trip"	WO2, Coy SM RASC	Note on file
Hill, P C		507 Field Coy RE	MQ News 15
Hore	May 30th/31st	Sgt. 4th Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Hopcraft, Reg.			Full Ahead Report
Howarth ,John			Picked up mid channel. Note on file
Long, Ernest	May 29th/30th		Dunkirk Revisited Chapter I P16

Medhurst, Ronald Arthur		LCpl RAMC	Note on file
Nabarro Ronald	June 1st/2nd	Cpl. Middlesex Yeomanry	Full Ahead Report Boarded from the Mole
Nix, C F A	May 30th/31st	Major 4th Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Pemberton, Bob		88th Field Rgt. RA	MQ News 10 & 16
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
Scott Alfred		Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Note from family
Slade, Harold	May 31st June 1st (?)	RASC (Major)	Account on file
Skinner, W J	May 31st June 1st (?)	132 Field Ambulance RAMC	Notes on file
Tozer, V.		Sgt. Military Police	MQ News 44
Ward, Leo	June 1st/2nd	Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Note on file. Time and date suggest Dover 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 31st June 1st (?)	signals, Sussex, RWIC	Harold Slade account

Notes:
"Last trip" could be the last scheduled trip on June 1st - 2nd or it could be the additional trip made on June 3rd – 4th.
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

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