

[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 92 nd field Rgt. R.A.	Author - "Return Via Dunkirk" as "Gun Buster" Also in Dunkirk Revisited
Baldwin, Charles James	Probably May 30 th /31 st	49th (West Riding)	Notes on file
Barendt, Basil			Lt. Charles Keily's family notes
Barton, Frank		4 th Army Cooperation Squadron RAF	Full Ahead Reports and notes on file
Bishop, Brian	June 1 st /2 nd		www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-dunkirk-told-through-heroism-medway-queen-180964105/
Brunt, P. E.		RASC	MQ News 29
Callow, John Clayton	May 30 th /31 st	2 nd Lt. 4 th Royal Sussex	Account on file (with 2 other named officers and about 150 men)
Chivers, Cyril (Jim)	June 1 st /2 nd	RASC	Accounts on file & Full Ahead
Clifford, Oliver		LCpl RASC	Note on file
Cox, Les	May 29 th 30 th	Sgt Major	MQ News 52 & 66
Davis, Alfred		6 th Yorks & Lancs	MQ News 44
Dervillers, Paul			Note on file
Edwards, Albert	May 31 st June 1 st		Full Ahead 91
Edwards ,Tom Sydney	May 27 th /28 th	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 th	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"	6 th Yorks & Lancs	Comprehensive obituary on file
George, Alf		58 Anti-Tank RA TA	Full Ahead Report, First MQ DVD
Gould, G C M	May 30 th /31 st	2 nd Lt. 4 th 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 30 th /31 st	Sgt. 4 th Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Hopcraft, Reg.			Full Ahead Report
Howarth ,John			Picked up mid channel. Note on file
Long, Ernest	May 29 th /30 th		Dunkirk Revisited Chapter I P16
Medhurst, Ronald Arthur		LCpl RAMC	Note on file
Nabarro Ronald	June 1 st /2 nd	Cpl. Middlesex Yeomanry	Full Ahead Report Boarded from the Mole

Nix, C F A	May 30 th /31 st	Major 4 th Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Pemberton, Bob		88 th 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
Slade, Harold	May 31 st June 1 st (?)	RASC (Major)	Account on file
Skinner, W J	May 31 st June 1 st (?)	132 Field Ambulance RAMC	Notes on file
Tozer, V.		Sgt. Military Police	MQ News 44
Ward, Leo	June 1 st /2 nd	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 31 st June 1 st (?)	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>

Dunkirk Revisited - www.dunkirk-revisited.co.uk

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