

## HMS Medway Queen - Known Dunkirk veterans

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank or appointment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bell, Stanley	Assistant Cook	Thomas Russell account. Graves account
Campbell, Jock	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Connell, John Develand	Fireman (T124 articles)	CO's narrative and commendations. <b>Mentioned in Despatches.</b>
Consadine, Philip Stanley	Stoker	Possible, Unconfirmed
Cook Alfred Thomas	Lieutenant RNR, Commanding Officer	Official "narrative account" and crew commendations on file. <b>Awarded DSC</b>
Crossley, Alfred Earnest	Petty Officer, Coxswain	CO's narrative and commendations. <b>Awarded DSM.</b>
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
Day, Jim	Seaman	Full Ahead Report
Feathers, Jack	RASC Officer Cadet	Imthurn account, volunteer AA gunner with Bren guns.
Graves John David	Sub Lieutenant RNR, 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt.	Comprehensive account, photos on file. <b>Awarded DSC</b> CO's narrative and commendations
Greig, K. M.	Acting Cdr.	CO and volunteers from HMS Sandown joined MQ on June 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Engineer	Notes on file. CO's narrative and commendations. <b>Mentioned in Despatches.</b>
James, Joseph Roland (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
Keilly	Lieutenant RNR, Junior Officer	
Keytes, Bill	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Lewis	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Maraga, Arthur	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
William Mathias	Trainee telegraphist	Temporary secondment. Account on file.
Matthews, Roger	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
McAllister, Harry J.	Petty Officer, Bo'sun.	Notes on file. CO's narrative and commendations. <b>Awarded DSM.</b>
Nason, Albert	Seaman	Crew Photo. Account on file
Olley, Kenneth Roy	Seaman	CO's narrative and commendations. <b>Awarded DSM</b>
Penman, Norman	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Perry, Yorkie	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Ranger, G.	Sub Lieutenant RNR 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Comprehensive account on file
Skinner, Jack	Seaman	Diary extracts etc. on file
Spot	Ship's dog	Crew Photo
Sutton, Bruce	Seaman	Crew Photo. Account on file
Walker, Charlie	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
Woodroffe, Eric	Signalman	Photographs on file. Full Ahead account
??, Robbie	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter

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

### Evacuees

Name	Picked Up	Unit	Notes/References
Baldwin, Charles James	Probably May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	49th (West Riding)	Notes on file
Barton, Frank		RAF Ground crew	Full Ahead Reports
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)
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
Cox, Les	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sgt Major	MQ News 52 & 66
Davis, Alfred		6 <sup>th</sup> Yorks & Lancs	MQ News 44
Dervillers, Paul			Note on file
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>	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 <sup>th</sup> Yorks & Lancs	Comprehensive obituary on file
George, Alf		Royal Artillery	Full Ahead Report.
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
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 <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
Medhurst, Ronald Arthur		LCpl RAMC	Note on file
Nebaro, Gerald			Full Ahead Report
Nix, C F A	May 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Major 4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex	John Callow account
Pemberton, Bob		88 <sup>th</sup> Field Rgt. RA	MQ News 10 & 16
Reed, Claude (Kit)			Full Ahead 95
Reed, Cyril		RASC	Full Ahead 072
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> (?)	Royal Signals	Account on file
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 Dover as 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

“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.

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