

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

Name	Rank	Notes
Bell, Stanley	Assistant Cook	Thomas Russell account
Campbell, Jock	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Connell, J. D.	Fireman	Mentioned in Despatches
Consadine, Philip Stanley	Stoker	Possible, Unconfirmed
Cook Alfred Thomas	Lieutenant RNR	Commanding Officer. Awarded DSC
Crossley	Petty Officer	Coxwain. Awarded DSM
Davis	Chief Engineer	Notes on file (Davis had been Medway Queen's engineer before the war)
Day, Jim	Seaman	Full Ahead Report
Graves John D.	Sub Lieutenant RNR	1 st Lt. Comprehensive account, photos on file. Awarded DSC
Greig, K. M.	Acting Cdr.	CO and volunteers from HMS Sandown joined MQ on June 2 nd for trips 6 and 7
Imthurn, John	RASC Cadet	Account on file, volunteer AA gunner with Bren gun.
Irvine, Thomas	2 nd Engineer	Notes on file. Mentioned in Despatches
James, Jimmy	Leading Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
Jolly	Lieutenant RNVR	Navigator
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
Matthews, Roger	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter
McAllister, H. J.	Petty Officer	Bo'sun. Notes on file. Awarded DSM
Nason, Albert	Seaman	Crew Photo. Account on file
Olley, Kenneth R.	Seaman	Awarded DSM
Penman, Norman	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Perry, Yorkie	Seaman	Medway Queen News
Russell, Thomas	Ship's Cook	Comprehensive account available
Skinner, Albert J	Seaman	Comprehensive account on file
Skinner, Jack	Seaman	Diary extracts etc.
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 Report
??, Robbie	Seaman	Crew Photo & note from George Painter

Evacuees

Name	Picked Up	Unit	Notes/References
Barton, Frank		RAF Ground crew	Full Ahead Reports
Brunt, P. E.		RASC	MQ News 29
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
Dervilers, 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		Royal Artillery	Full Ahead Report.
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
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
Pemberton, Bob		88 th Field Rgt. RA	MQ News 10 & 16
Read, Kit			Full Ahead 95
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 (?)	Royal Signals	Account on file
Tozer, V.		Sgt. Military Police	MQ News 44
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

“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.

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