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	Signals	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
Borrett, Clifford	May 31st ?	L/Sgt 2nd AA Brigade	Note from family
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)
Catte, J W	May 28	Ty Lieut. RNR (E)	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Chambers		RAMC	Note from family
Chivers, Cyril (Jim)	June 1st/2nd	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
Collard, Claude Algernon	May 31st	Staff, 44th Division	Note from family
Cox, Les	May 29th 30th	Sgt Major	MQ News 52 & 66
Cross, John Stuart		SSM, RE	Emails from family
Davis, Alfred		6th Yorks & Lancs	MQ News 44
Davison, W N	May 28	Ty Sub-Lieut. RNVR	HMS Brighton Belle / Navy List 1940
Dervilers, Paul			Note on file
Devlin, Patrick			Account and note from family
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	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"	6th Yorks & Lancs	Comprehensive obituary on file
Garrard, Walter		5th 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 30th/31st	2nd Lt. 4th 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 30th/31st	Sgt. 4th 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		21st Field Battery Royal Artillery	Note from family	
Long, Ernest	May 29th/30th		Dunkirk Revisited Chapter I P16	
Lucas, Sydney		Driver, Royal Signals	Note on file	
McIntyre, Allan		R.E.	Note from Morgan Family, travelled with Morgan	
Medhurst, Ronald Arthur		LCpl RAMC	Note on file	
Morgan, William (Bill)		Cpl R.E.	Note from Family	
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	
Page Albert H R	May 29th	Private, 2nd Bn Essex Regiment	Note from family	
Pemberton, Bob		88th 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	Possibly the same person
Simons, Aubrey	June 1st	Suffolk Regiment	Britannia and Castle newsletter	
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
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		1st Bn Welsh Guards	Note from family
Tozer, V.		Sgt. Military Police	MQ News 44
Ward, Leo	June 1st/2nd	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
Willis D. B.	June 3rd	23 Field Coy RE	Note from family
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
Dunkirk Revisited - www.dunkirk-revisited.co.uk
HMS Brighton Belle Officers from Navy List May 1940

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