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## Medical Organisation during the Evacuation of Dunkirk.

During the first six visits all casualties were those injured on shore except for a few minor shrapnel wounds.

After the second visit the R.A.M.C. provided a Doctor and two orderlies to augment the medical staff of the ship. They brought some additional supplies.

Owing to the number of casualties it was impossible to keep details of the wounded or their wounds. We have records of about 10%.

The following were treated on board:

W.H. Phillips. 6087364.	P.S. Lyde. 2nd. Lieut. R. Welch.
R. Carmichael. 2077487.	R. Boxall. 1424735.
A. Jones. 2074895.	C. Freeman. 871842.
G. Mortimer. 2003511.	B. Hazeltine. 1072589.
J. Banfield. 4105218.	A. Webber. 6139645.
J. Lynch. 5723342.	F. Coyle. 6977118.
H. Martin. 1918104.	G. Fulton. 4455342.
W. Calvert. 4979392.	W. Mc. Kergon. 1953333.
K. Newton. 1523249.	D. Ford. 124856.
J. Green. 2058319.	L. Dorrington. 2072290.
D. Roberts. 4127489.	S. Archer. 2578464.
J. Melcourt. 1848902.	L. Mc. Greggor. 796134.
- Salt. 5049974.	J. Watt. 803512.
M. Kraschau. 22nd. Tirailleurs Algerians.	
- Odgers. East Yorks.	- Perch. Royal Warwicks.
C. Coombs. 2061143.	- Mann. 2616074.
H. Drage. 76208.	- Sears. 2616014.
H. Beersford. 3240696.	- Jackson. 797213.
- Johnson. 4452964.	- Keather. 4748446.
- Neson. 3593644.	- Bentley. 859715.
- Curtis. 736 276.	- Morton. 5947916.
Ord. Seaman Clitharty.	W. Oloman. 2032511.

All these casualties were handed over to the R. A. M. C. at Dover and most of them were taken to hospital by hospital train.

JUNE 1st.

Sailed from Dover to Dunkirk. Near the French Coast picked up wounded Frenchman from an open boat, Gerard Henri Dehehonte born 24.7.14. Compound fractured legs, one arm off, buttock shot off, given a grain of morphia, died in half an hour. His effects sent to the War Office, and he was buried at Dover.

Ship proceeded to Dunkirk where troops were embarked. At 1630 ship was bombed by 27 aircraft until 1715. Ship was also machine gunned by the aircraft.

CASUALTIES DUE TO THE RAID.

Dead. 40 Military. 6 Naval.

Injured. 140 Military. 40 Naval.

These figures are only approximate owing to the rapid removal of casualties at Dover during the night and the impossibility of keeping records.

Naval Dead.

Sub.Lieut. Humphreys R.N.	Died next day in Dover Hospital, due to gunshot wound in lung.
Mr.Smillie. Warrant.Eng.	Injuries to head.
J.E.Reynolds. A.B.	Bomb splinter on spine.
D.F.Wearn A.B.	Shrapnel through back and chest.
T. Muscroft. Stoker.	Shrapnel in the head.
T. Bruce. A.B.	Shrapnel wound in back.

All of these were taken to Dover Mortuary and the ship sailed before their burial.

Naval Injured.

<u>Name.</u>		<u>Part Wounded.</u>
Mr. Wheeler.	Warrant Gunner.	Calf.
A. Waugh.	A.B.	Left hand.
O.S.Smith.	A.B.	Left arm.
- Charlwood.	O.S.	Legs.
E.H.Callow.	O.S.	Thigh.
B. Marston.	O.S.	Legs.
C.G.Compton.	O.S.	Legs.
B. Marston.	O.S.	Leg.
G.K.Bonny.	A.B.	Buttock and Legs.
J.Pearce.	L.Seaman	R. Arm.
J. Harden.	A.B.	Left Eye.
E.C.Godden.	L.Seaman.	?
J. Dyke.	A.B.	Back.
A. Page.	A.B.	Head.
G. Wright.	O.S.	Right buttock.
A. Wilton.	L.Stoker.	Fingers.
A.E.Jacobs.	Stoker.	Arm.
B. Shaw.	Stoker.	Legs.
N. Butcher.	Stoker.	R. Foot and L.Hand.
B.R.Rowlands.	Stoker.	R. Leg.
H.O.Christopher.	Stoker.	R. Knee.
H.J.Watson.	Tel.	Head.
A. Wyse.	A.B.	Head.
F. Ryan.	A.B.	L.Arm. L.Leg.
A.L.Russell.	A.B.	R.Hand.
F.S.Gourd.	L.S.B.A.	Arm.
W. Duncan.	Stoker.	Buttocks.
R.L.Motteram.	P.O.J.M.	Legs.
H.W.Smith.	P.O.T.G.M.	Back.
- Wright.	Tel.	Head. (not ships company.)

<u>Name.</u>		<u>Part Wounded.</u>
- Horne.	L. Cook.	Back and Groin.
- Mc.Phie.	A.B.	Influenza.

Injuries unknown in many cases. All of these cases taken from the jetty to Hospital train by R.A.M.C., to Royal Marine Hospital, Deal. Sub.Lieut. Humphreys was taken direct to Dover Hospital for operation but he died there.

The following casualties treated on board.

Owens.	O.S.	Abrasions.	
Brown.	L.Seaman.		A.T.S.3000
Knowles.	A.B.	Shrapnel left arm.	A.T.S.8000
Smith.	A.B.	Abrasions.	
Sphinx.	A.B.	Minor wounds.	
Duthiot.	Tel.	? fractured metacarpel.	
Sydney.	A.B.	Minor shrapnel wounds.	
Perrett.	O.S.	Traumatic synovitis.of knee.	
Hustwick.	Captains Steward	Abrasion.	A.T.S. 3000
Reed.	O.S.	Small shoulder wound.	
Charlesworth.	L.S.	Wound in middle of back.	A.T.S.3000
Gskardon.	Canteen.	Seen by his own Doctor.	

#### JUNE 4th.

Duthiot (tel.) and Perrett sent ashore at Sheerness for Xray re. bony injury. Report N.A.D.

During the bombing some medical stores including bottles were broken.

As the L.S.D.A. was sent ashore wounded the Medical Officer retained an R.A.M.C. Orderly until the Ship reached Tilbury and then sent him back to his Company.

#### JUNE 6th.

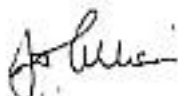
All medical stores sent ashore packed pending repair to sick bay. Arrangements were made with Tilbury Hospital to treat all disease and casualties while repairs in progress.

The medical organisation of the Ship was based on the number of possible casualties. With a war compliment of 150 men and casualties at the highest, at 50% this would have produced about 65 injured and 10 dead.

Actually the number of men on board at the time of the raid was just over 1000 and they were lying in exposed positions on the decks so casualties were high, and facilities for treatment were makeshift.

The ship's medical stores were inadequate to deal with the casualties, but fortunately were augmented by Army Medical Supplies from Dover. At the time of the raid no hypodermic syringe or needle, or hot water bottles, or corks for iodine bottles had been issued to the ship by R.N.H.Chatham, though request had been made to supply them.

Morphia had to be given from the Medical Officer's private supply, until all the needles broke, and then with a serum syringe. The shock sustained by the injured was made worse by their prolonged exposure on the decks and the lack of blankets and hot water bottles.



Commander RN

7.6.40.

## **DUNKIRK 1940**

**Neville Lyon Humphreys**  
Sub. Lt. Age 25  
Died Sunday June 2nd. 1940  
Son of William E. & Florence Humphreys  
of Liverpool  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*

**Thomas Smillie**  
Died Saturday June 1st. 1940  
Son of Thomas & Margaret Smillie,  
husband of Kay Smillie  
of Morningside, Edinburgh  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*

**John Edward Reynolds**  
A/B P/JX 147968 Age 19  
Died Saturday June 1st. 1940  
Son of Edwin George & Jessie Evelyn Reynolds  
of Eastham  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*

**Thomas Moscrop**  
Stoker P/KX 83677 Age 27  
Died Saturday June 1st. 1940  
Son of James & Elizabeth Moscrop  
of Bedlington Station, Northumberland  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*

**Thomas Richard Bruce**  
A/B P/JX 130701 Age 29  
Son of George Thomas & Ada Edith Bruce  
husband of Lilian Nancy Bruce  
of East Dulwich, London  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*

**Arthur John Frederick Wearn**  
P/SSX 24543 Age 20  
Son of Arthur & Lilian Wearn  
of Portchester, Hampshire.  
*Dover (St. James) Cemetery*