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Q'land Austl.	April 1916.		14th. Australian Depot Unit formed.	
"	1st May		Staff Sergeant J. Beavan 1st. Aust. Divisional Train who had been invalided home from Gallipoli was sent to Brisbane to take charge. The W.O. and N.C.O's had all been selected by A.D. of S. Brisbane and it remained for the O.C. to collect the mobilization Stores and prepare for embarkation.	
"	16th. May.		Unit entrained from Enoggera Camp for Sydney.	
Sydney.	17th. May.		Embarked on the s.s. "Demosthenes" from Sydney Harbour. During the voyage the N.C.O's and men were fully instructed in Supply Work, Semaphore signalling knotting and splicing, were well exercised physically, and lectured to regarding sanitation and V.D.	
Plymouth England.	20th. July.		Unit disembarked and entrained for Salisbury Plain.	
Amesbury Sal. Pln.	21st. July.		Arrived at Durrington Camp Salisbury Plains, and reported to Officer i/c Supplies there. The Unit were started duty in the Forage Compound and every fortnight were changed with other Depot Units to the Grocery Store, Grain and Flour Store etc. in order to give the men the best possible training.	
"	August. 1916.		The O.C. 3rd. Divisional Train caused all A.A.S.C. Units to be directly under him for administration and although the N.C.O's and men continued to work in the Depot under Imperial Command, the Officers were given an opportunity of gaining experience in Transport work.	
"	Nov. 21/11/16.		Before departure from England for France on 21/11/16 the Unit were detached from the Train and	
Calais. France.	Nov. 25/11/16.		Unit arrived Calais. We then came under the A.D. of S. Calais who distributed the men over different departments of the B.S.D. the 14th D.U.S. chiefly engaged in the Type Sheds and hangars. The butchers of Unit were started on bacon testing.	

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France.	30th. Nov.	1916.	O.C. Lieut. J. Beavan was sent as a Relieving Officer to supply Depot, Dunkirk but was detained there. He was made indirectly responsible for all Detail Issue Work and at times assisted in the Shipping thereby gaining a very wide experience in Supply work generally. During the O.C's absence the men of the Unit were performing valuable work at Calais to the satisfaction of the Imperial Authorities there.	
	June	1917	The O.C. made representation to A.D. of S Calais to have his Unit with him.	
	4th July	1917	14th Australian Dpt. Unit of Supply sent to Dunkirk and replaced Imperial L. of C. men.	
			The O.C. Supply Depot Dunkirk utilised the men as he thought fit, the W.O. and four other ranks were started on Shipping and the remainder eight other ranks commenced issuing in the D.I.S.	
	August.	'17	Lieut. J. Beavan made Officer i/c Detail Issue Store, Dunkirk. The men continued as before.	
			Since formation the 14th Aust. D.U.S. has never worked as a complete Unit but it has been fully employed on valuable work and like all the Australian Depot Units it has gained an excellent reputation from the Imperial Authorities.	
			The only Casualties since embarkation from Australia are :-	
England.	22/11/16		No 11364 Cpl. J.W. Aird struck off strength.	
"	18/11/16.		" 11365 Pte. N.D. Adamson promoted Corporal vice Aird.	
"	19/11/16.		" 740 Pte. G.E. Sim transferred from Inftry. to fill vacancy vice Adamson.	
	22/12/16		" 11366 Pte. J.P. Cole to Hospital rejoined Unit. 26/1/17.	
	1/1/17.		" 11363 Cpl. P.C.E. Shaw to Hospital rejoined Unit 7/2/17z	
	1/1/17.		" 11371 Pte. T.V. O'Mara. " " " " 7/2/17.	
	31/1/17.		" 11370 Pte. T.P. Murphy " " and struck off strength on 2/4/17.	

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France.	23/4/17		No 12743 Pte. F.J. Coleman from reinforcements vice Murphy. 11371	
	10/8/17		10135 Pte. Long O'Mara T.V. wounded during air raid and evacuated to England.	
	1/10/17.		10135 Pte. G. Long from reinforcements vice O'Mara T.V. to	
	7/5/17		5878 Pte. McLennan. W. P.M. man attached xx Unit as Batman.	

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<u>DUNKIRK.</u>	Oct. 1917.		DUNKIRK bombed practically nightly and long range gun was fired on the town on different occasions.	
"	Nov. to May 1917.		Nothing of importance to report except the bombing and shelling of the town by air, sea and land.	
"	May 1918.		Lieut. J. Beavan transferred to 3rd Aust.Div.Train. Lieut Teddet arrived from 3rd Div.Train but remained on Command at CALAIS.	
"	August 1918.		11361 Sgt. A.A.KILLICK evacuated to ENGLAND sick, and temporary promotions were made as under:- 11363 Cpl.Shaw, R.C.E. to T/Sgt. 11372 Pte O'Mara W.O. " T/Cpl.	
"	Sept. 1918.		All "A" Class men transferred to 3rd Div.Train and places filled by "B" Class men from Base, HAVRE.	
"	Nov. 1918.		T/promotions of T/Sgt.Shaw and T/Cpl. O'Mara confirmed.	
"	Dec. 1918.		The work performed by this Unit has been of the same nature as previous years viz:- Detail Issues from Depot at DUNKIRK where it has worked in conjunction with 10th Aust.D.U.S. Owing to Demob.Camps for Imperial troops being opened around DUNKIRK the work was greatly increased, the feeding strength rising from 15,000 to 40,000 daily, thus causing the staff to be increased by Imperial A.S.C.	
"	Jan. 1919.		All "B" Class men were recalled to Base, their places being filled by men transferred from Depots in ENGLAND.	

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DUNKIRK.	March 1919.		Lieut. A. TEDDET O/C 14th A.D.U.S. died of illness at CALAIS and from then on W.O. J. J. SHEPPARD was in command of Unit. 11362 Sgt. E. J. PARK granted 3 months Non Military Employment for Agricultural Horse Breeding Training.	
"	April 1919.		Cpl. O'MARA granted rank of A/Sgt. without pay, owing to the position of responsibility held by this N.C.O. All Mob. Equipment returned to C.O.O., CALAIS and receipts received for same and forwarded to A.D.D.S., Demob. A.I.F., CHALEROI. One copy of receipt held by W.O. SHEPPARD. Detail Issue Store removed from QUAI-DE-LA-CITADELLE, DUNKIRK to SAND DUNE Siding, MARDYCK.	
"	May 1919.		W.O. SHEPPARD to Sports Section, A.I.F., H.Q. Unit recalled from DUNKIRK to No. 1 Group, A.D.U.S., CALAIS 11/5/19. Left CALAIS for HAVRE as complete unit 14/5/19 for demobilisation. Passed through different Depots there and embarked for ENGLAND on S.S. "SAINT GEORGE" on 19/5/19. Arrived SUTTON VENY Camp 20/5/19. 21/5/19 Sgt. P. SHAW proceeded to H.Q., A.I.F. with records of Unit and handed in to Records Section.	