

MINUTES**Minutes 26****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 19MAY09 at 1800****At the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia Inc.**

Attendees: COL B Perks (Chair), COL S. Cameron (Minute Secretary), COL D Beard, COL M Jelly, COL J Aiello, COL B Mollison, COL R Beal, GP CAPT C Verco, LTCOL S Kuusk, LT COL Hass.

Apologies: COL A. Summers (Treasurer), COL P Byrne, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd, COMD A Swain, MAJ R Melbourne, Mr L Tyner.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (APR09)

The Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

2. Business and Actions arising from Minutes

2.1 LT COL Hass (History officer, 3 HSB) spoke on the subject of historical material pertinent to 3 Gen Hosp and also 9 Hyg Trg Unit commanded by Merv Smith. LT COL Hass has begun to compile material for a history of the unit from WW1, much of it from the Australian War Memorial, such as an address to the Unit by COL Fiachi en route to Egypt and eventually to Lemnos where the unit relieved 1st Stationary Hosp. It was proposed that the Group could assist with the cataloguing of historical materials at 3HSB during the proposed workshop on 12 July. COL D Beard mentioned that the photos of an operation under canvas (El Alamein 1962) displayed at the last meeting depicted the first appendicectomy to be performed by a Reserve Unit in the field on exercise.

2.2 Website

The website is working well, though there does not appear to be a link to SA material.

2.3 Contacts with retired RAAMC members:**2.3.1 Magarey Diary**

COL Mollison has now read it and will pass it on to COL J Aiello, then LTCOL S Kuusk, then AMOSA.

2.3.2 COL B S Hanson

COL Perks to follow up.

2.3.3 Harry Medcalf Fisher

COL Mollison and COL Byrne to follow up.

2.3.4 MAJ von der Borch

COL Jelly to follow up.

2.3.5 SGT K Davies

COL Beard is happy to be interviewed.

2.4 Other Matters

2.4.1 Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference close to finalization. Chair tabled a form of words re disposal of memorabilia.

“All memorabilia, objects, photographs, diaries, letters, books and miscellaneous matters collected on behalf of the Group will be registered by AMOSAF.

In specific circumstances, subject to the wishes of the owners, the Group at its monthly meeting may determine alternative distribution arrangements. Such determinations will be recorded in the monthly meeting minutes.”

2.4.2 MOU AMOSA

The Chair has now located his copy and will pass on to Secretary for filing. The MOU is to be kept in the Minute book and a hard copy of the MOU will be offered to all attendees at the next meeting.

2.4.3 Proposed layout of a General Hospital

COL R Beal will seek another copy.

2.4.4 DVA Grant

LTCOL Kuusk will follow it up.

2.4.5 Letterhead

The Chair has fixed the problem with moving emblems.

2.4.6 Database

COL Jelly has sent read only copies to Bill McLaughlin and to MAJ Kelly. We hold no details of serving members. LT COL Hass will approach Mrs Dettmer about becoming data manager.

3. Correspondence

3.1 None tabled.

4. Treasurer's Report

COL Summers report was tabled. It shows a balance of \$1944.46.

5. New Business

5.1 "ANZAC the Undying Debt" by JG Pavils was brought to the attention of the meeting by the Chair. Mrs Janice Pavils collected material used in the book while researching for her PhD at the University of Adelaide.

5.2 The Chair noted that David Kirby, a GP at Lockleys is well and could be an interesting guest of the group, recounting his WW2 experiences.

5.3 COL Jelly is still following up contact with COL Rankyne.

5.4 It was noted that commentary about medical components of infantry units in the 2009 ANZAC Day march was much more comprehensive than in the past. Thanks to the work of Lincoln and Michael who liaised to effect the changes.

5.5 COL Aiello confirmed that the Warradale reunion of medical units was to be held on Sunday 5th July. COL Jelly will do a presentation on behalf of the Group.

5.6 LTCOL Kuusk tabled a draft of an interview format.

5.7 GP CAPT C Verco indicated that John Jeffries would be a good candidate for interviewing. Lincoln's expertise would be valuable.

6. Date of next Meeting

16 JUN09

Eight members stayed for an enjoyable dinner after the meeting.

Chairman date
 B L Perks
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