

MINUTES**Minutes 29****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 18Aug09 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 A. Summers (Treasurer), COL M Jelly, COL D Beard, COL R Beal, COL J Aiello, COMD A Swain, GP CAPT C Verco, COL B Mollison, LTCOL S Kuusk, MAJ R Melbourne, Mr L Tyner.

Apologies: COL P Byrne, COL P Thomas, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (JUL09)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record after minor amendments (Jelly/Aiello).

2. Business and Actions arising from Minutes**2.1 Website**

The Corps Heritage Officer is now to organize the internal website for RAAMC. The SA Branch of RAAMC Assoc is now featured on the RAAMC website.

2.2 Contacts with retired RAAMC members:**2.2.1 Magarey Diary**

COL Aiello will pass the diary on to COL Beard prior to lodging with AMOSA.

2.2.2 Harry Medcalf Fisher

COL Mollison tabled a hoard of material he had just received from the Fisher family. It includes pay books, letters, 2/6th Fd Amb nominal roll, photographs and information re decorations and awards. The best means of managing this material was deemed to be photocopying the collection, binding and cataloguing each item. COL Summers is to work with COL Mollison on this project.

2.2.3 Adrian Von Der Borch

No action

2.2.4 SGT K Davies

The interview with COL Beard is now to be conducted with Lincoln Tyner's assistance.

2.3 Other Matters

2.3.1 SA Branch RAAMC Assoc.

The first meeting of the Branch is to be held this week. The Branch is to be Incorporated and funding/membership will be considered.

2.3.2 Memorabilia held at 3HSB and Warradale

The workshop was reviewed and LTCOL S Kuusk reported on the continuing activity by volunteers at 3HSB. He is working through the badge and ID disc collection and has identified some rare items. WO Thompson will do cataloguing of items and then return the paperwork to us for marking with the AMOSA catalogue number. COL Summers is to document the process. The Chair now has 240 photographs from the workshop day on DVD and this probably constitutes the only record of memorabilia at and about 3HSB and Keswick.

2.3.3 Group strategy and budget 2009/2010

This item was held over.

2.3.4 2/6th Fd Amb book

Roger Freeman's book was tabled. It contains some material similar to the Magarey diaries in particular, hand written copies of the Unit's war diaries. Roger will be asked to address the Group when next convenient.

2.3.5 RAAMC National Memorial, Canberra

Digger James and John Straskye are progressing this project.

2.3.6 AMOSA Report

COL Summers reiterated that members of the Group should be members of AMOSA.

2.3.7 HMCS Protector

COMD Swain reported on the status of Protector's gun at Pt Adelaide. It is the property of the Naval Historical Society and they maintain it, though they would be happy to have assistance with work if required. Currently it is sited in the area where the Naval Cadets parade and there is no indication that they would be required to move within the next 5 years. CDR Pritchard indicated that if necessary, Keswick may be a suitable final display site. In summary

there is no current concern about the item and this Group does not need to be involved.

2.3.8 MAJ Clark

COL Jelly continues to work on identifying names for persons in the photos and will continue to compile a comprehensive record.

2.3.9 MAJ Laurie

COL Jelly will follow up re 11 Fd Amb in WW1.

3. Correspondence

A letter from a niece of a Victor Ellis, killed in Korea, seeking information was tabled. It will be referred to AMOSA for action. The Chair will reply to the enquirer.

4 Treasurer's Report

COL Summers tabled her report. No change is recorded this month and the balance remains at \$2994.60.

5 New Business

5.1 DVA document

COL Jelly referred to a DVA document relating to the history of persons involved in WW1.

5.1 Long Tan Memorial Service

COL Beard attended the service today. He noted that the address highlighted the importance of the work done by 1 Aust Fd Hosp.

5.2 Tom Beare

COL Beard, COL Beale, COL Mollison and COL Summers all attended the memorial service.

5.3 History of the Army Medical Services in WW1

GP CAPT C Verco tabled one volume of this history which he had recently acquired. A full set is held in the Museum library.

5.4 Honorary Colonel

The Chair and the Group congratulated COL Jelly on his selection as the next Honorary Colonel. He is to take up the post on 1/1/09. COL P Byrne had indicated reluctance to accept the post at this time.

COL J Taske is to become representative Honorary Colonel at the same time.

5.5 The Fricker families

No further progress on this matter to date.

5.6 Annual Dinner

The date for the AGM has been confirmed for 15DEC09 with dinner to follow. The format will be the same as last year with wives meeting in the bar while a short meeting is held, then all will retire to dinner.

5.7 Group CVs

The Chair suggested that the CVs of Group members should be 'on the record'. He would start by compiling his as an example..

6 Date of next Meeting

15SEP09

Members stayed for an enjoyable dinner after the meeting. Mr Tyner recounted his experiences at Lords during the last Test Match and GP CAPT C Verco recounted his recent adventures in South Africa.

Chairman date
B L Perks
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