

**MINUTES****Minutes 31****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 20OCT09 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 M Jelly, COMD A Swain, GP CAPT C Verco, LTCOL S Kuusk, MAJ R Melbourne, Mr L Tyner, Mr G Fricker.

**Apologies:**, COL A Summers (Treasurer) COL D Beard, COL R Beal, COL B Mollison, COL Aiello, COL P Byrne, COL P Thomas, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd, ,

**1. Minutes of previous meeting (15SEP09)**

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

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

The Defence site seems to be working well. Rapid response to Corps Fund donations.

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

Forwarded to AMOSA

**2.2.2 Harry Medcalf Fisher**

Material to be sent to AMOSA

**2.2.3 Adrian Von Der Borch**

There appears to be no useful material to recover.

**2.2.4 SGT KC Davies**

The interview with COL Beard will be done once a camera is available.

There is a proposal for a pre-ANZAC Day interview, being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Lincoln proposed that the Group access COL Beard's Military record ex CARO (second GP CAPT Verco). Group funds could be accessed if necessary.

**2.2.5 SGT John Davis**

COL Jelly reported that SGT Davis was a CPL in 2/8 Fd Amb in New Guinea. His diaries are available for copying. The Group may retain a copy of the Nominal Roll for lodgment with AMOSA.

The Chair will send a letter to the Davis family thanking them for the diary and the nominal roll.

#### **2.2.6 D O Crompton**

COL Jelly would contact COL J Crompton re memorabilia associated with his father.

### **2.3 Other Matters**

#### **2.3.1 SA Branch RAAMC Assoc.**

Letters have been sent to known members. Once membership is confirmed an AGM can be held early next year. Membership is \$200 for life, \$20 per year.

#### **2.3.2 Memorabilia held at 3HSB and Warradale**

COL Perks has made three digital copies of the 3HSB photos on CD. Copies are for AMOSA, RAAMC work room at 3HSB and Bandianna.

#### **2.3.3 Group strategy and budget 2009/2010**

This item was held over.

#### **2.3.4 2/6<sup>th</sup> Fd Amb book**

COL Freeman's book is held by COL Perks and will be dealt with at a later meeting.

#### **2.3.5 RAAMC National Memorial, Canberra**

On hold. Diorama can be seen on the Association web site. No progress with local memorial.

#### **2.3.6 MAJ Clark's Photos**

COL Jelly will copy these materials.

#### **2.3.7 MAJ Laurie**

Jeff Ayles is to progress this matter.

#### **2.3.8 DVA Document**

COL Jelly will action.

#### **2.3.8 Fricker Family**

Mr Graham Fricker addressed the Group beginning with an account of his grandfather AAF54417 Arthur William Fricker who was a farrier in 4 Aust Fd Amb, part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division in WW1. He was a CSM and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for the part he played in action between 7SEP17 and 11NOV 17 with horse ambulance transport. After the war he had 18 months leave in the UK and was later demobbed in Adelaide. Mr Fricker then went on to describe the development of Fricker Bros as a significant building and construction company in SA. As previously noted his family company was involved in the construction and recent renovation of the War Memorial in Adelaide.

The framed photo of the Adelaide War Memorial furnished by COL Perks will be lodged with AMOSA.

Mr Fricker himself saw Cadet service at PAC and later as a FLT LT in the University Sqn.

#### **2.3.9 AGM and Dinner**

The AGM and Dinner were booked at the Club for 15DEC09. Format as for last year. Nomination forms for Group committee positions will be circulated.

#### **2.3.10 Curriculum Vitae**

Members are invited to provide their CVs.

### **3. Correspondence**

COL Summers emailed a note concerning the passing of Ralph S Scicchitano, respiratory physician and a member of 3HSB.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

No Treasurers report was tabled, but LTCOL Kuusk was able to recover 2003 records relating to 3FGH donations of uniforms, memorabilia and funds to AMOSA. This included \$720.77 which was donated to AMOSA and deposited into general funds (see attachment).

### **5. New Business**

**5.1** The question whether there can be a fixed day for working at 3HSB, say the first Tuesday of the month, was discussed. It seems unlikely, though Sven will try and organize a workday.

**5.2** The Chair asked about the whereabouts of the Joyner Trophy, for medical v's dental golf matches. Sven can resurrect it and a match next year was proposed.

**5.3** Grant Schuster has reported that 2 ceremonial swords once held by 3Fwd Gen Hosp were now missing.

**5.4** Sally Dew is interested in nursing history and there are projects that she could do for the Group. The Chair has requested her CV.

**5.5** COMD Swain reported on a recent national medical history meeting held in Perth. COL Beard presented a paper on Henry Simpson Newland and Dr Rob Cooter a paper concerning a Dr Phoebe (surname uncertain) of Norwood who rejected as a recruit by Australia, travelled to England and joined Queen Mary's volunteer hospital and served during WW1 as a nurse. She was awarded a MM. It would be appropriate to ask Dr Cooter to repeat his presentation in Adelaide next year.

**5.6** The Chair will create a meetings calendar for 2010 based upon the agreed reversion to meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

17NOV09

**7. Close**

Meeting closed and eight members and Mr Fricker stayed for dinner.

**Signed**

**Dated**

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM OF SA FOUNDATION  
FOR PERIOD 1 JULY 2003 - 15 OCTOBER 2003**

**INCOME**

Donations	1,337.45
Subscriptions	340.00
Donations - 3 General Hospital	720.77
	<u>2,398.22</u>

**LESS EXPENDITURE**

Petty Cash Expenditure	383.32
Web Site	300.00
Postage & Phone	81.54
Memorial Plaque	328.00
	<u>1,092.86</u>

**PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD**

1,305.36

**BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS****Bank Accounts**

Main Museum Account	3,720.87
Main Museum Deposit Account	5,659.47
10/27 RSAR Account	- 47.80
3/9 SAMR	621.33
	<u>9,953.87</u>

**EQUITY**

Members Balance - 1 July 2003	8,648.51
Profit for the period	1,305.36
	<u>9,953.87</u>