

MINUTES**Minutes 30****Of the****Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting****Held 15SEP09 at 1800****At the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia Inc.**

Attendees: COL B Perks (Chair), COL M Jelly(A/Minute Secretary), COL A Summers (Treasurer), COL D Beard, COL R Beal, COMD A Swain, GP CAPT C Verco, COL B Mollison, Mr L Tyner.

Apologies: COL S Cameron, COL P Byrne, COL P Thomas, COL R Carter, LTCOL J Shepherd, MAJ R Melbourne,

1. Minutes of previous meeting (18AUG09)

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

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

Nil Further to report at this time.

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

The Magarey material was returned and since no one needed to view it is to be forwarded to AMOSA

2.2.2 Harry Medcalf Fisher

COL Summers has copied all of this material and the copies including a CD are to be sent on to AMOSA and the original material is to be returned to the family.

It was noted that in this material was a paper prepared by N. Bonnin and F. Fenner re the use of topical sulphonamides in wounds.

A unanimous vote of thanks to COL Summers for her work was made.

2.2.3 Adrian Von Der Borch

There was no prospect of useful material coming to hand and this was to be removed from the agenda.

2.2.4 SGT K Davies

The interview with COL Beard is now to be conducted with Lincoln Tyner's assistance. MAJ Melbourne has indicated he has an appropriate piece of equipment. And it was thought both an interview with this equipment and a later one using ABC resources was appropriate.

2.3 Other Matters

2.3.1 SA Branch RAAMC Assoc.

The first meeting of the Branch was held on 20AUG09. COL Jelly reported that it was the intention to incorporate under the Associations Incorporation Act. It was also the intention to seek membership in October from all ex serving members and current serving members of the RAAMC or any personnel of any other Corps who have served in a medical/health unit in Australia. It was also intended to have an AGM each year in November. The next meeting is on 1OCT09.

2.3.2 Memorabilia held at 3HSB and Warradale

COL Perks has made three digital copies of the 3HSB photos on CD. COLs Summers and Jelly and LTCOL Kuusk have started documenting the material held in 3HSB using AMOSA form of documentation. All are welcome to assist 1000-1200 hours on a Tuesday.

It was agreed any new material should be sent directly to AMOSA.

It was suggested that eventually the items should be sent to the museum.

COMD Swain reported that Dr. Slavotnick had been approached by CAPT D Simpson re any military neurosurgical instruments that may be held in the museum. He had some items of a civilian nature which he intended to pass on to the RACS.

COL R Freeman has some material generated by Isaacson and Eadie which will be the subject for discussion when we can get him to attend in the future.

2.3.3 Group strategy and budget 2009/2010

This item was held over.

2.3.4 2/6th Fd Amb book

COL Freeman's book was to be discussed with him at an appropriate time

2.3.5 RAAMC National Memorial, Canberra

Digger James has returned from an overseas trip and will be pursuing this matter.

2.3.6 MAJ Clark's Photos

Are still yet to be copied. The notion of other photos that may be held of groups attending TEWT/ Seminars being linked to copies of those activities sent to AMOSA by COL Mollison was agreed as this would facilitate identification of attendees.

2.3.7 MAJ Laurie

COL Jelly had attempted to contact him and will continue to do that.

2.3.8 DVA Document

A copy was produced and COL Jelly will try to determine if it was one of a series.

2.3.8 Fricker Family

COL Perks suggested it would be appropriate to invite Graham Fricker to a future meeting and ask him to talk to matters relating to the War Memorial on North Terrace. The Fricker family were recently involved in its restoration and Graham will attempt to locate the original plans.

2.3.9 AGM and Dinner

The AGM and Dinner were booked at the Club for 15DEC09. A guest list is to be confirmed at the next meeting.

2.3.10 Curriculum Vitae

COL Perks and COMD Swain presented their CVs and COL Jelly will provide his. Other members are invited to provide their CVs.

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Treasurer's Report

COL Summers submitted a Treasurers report.

5. New Business

Col Beard reported on his meeting with a Croatian military surgeon. It would appear that the Croats have seen the need for a medical unit similar to a Fd Amb. He also discussed the ongoing problems in the tension between the Croats and Serbians.

Discussion re a proposal being developed for a mechanised Fd Amb for the Australian Army being led COL Georgina Whelan occurred.

The current difficulties being experienced with the piecemeal creation of UN type formations which lack an established formation from a nation has adverse effect on command and control and the provision of services was discussed.

He also confirmed he was happy to provide a copy of his eulogy presented at COL Beare's funeral.

6. Date of Next Meeting

20OCT09

7. Close

Meeting closed at 1930 and eight members stayed for dinner.