

**Of the**  
**Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting**  
**Held**  
**05OCT10 at 1800**  
**At the**  
**Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia Inc.**

**Attendees:** COL M Jelly (Chair), GPCAPT C Verco, COL S Cameron (Minute Secretary), COL A Summers (Treasurer), COL B Perks, COL R Freeman, COL R Beal, CMDR A Swain.

**Apologies:** BRIG Atkinson, COL D Beard, COL B Mollison, COL J Aiello, COL V Andersons, COL P Byrne, COL P Thomas, COL R Carter, LTCOL S Kuusk, LTCOL J Shepherd, MAJ R Melbourne, Mr L Tyner.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting (07SEP10)**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, subject to corrections were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. Business and actions arising from the Minutes**

**2.1 Website/Corps matters**

There is to be a meeting of HONCOL in Sydney on 16-17 OCT. Suggested business items include the fate of memorabilia stored at Bandiana. COL Perks strongly supported a move to have HONCOL in South Australia meet together.

**2.2 Contacts with retired RAAMC Members**

**2.2.1 SGT KC Davies and COL Beard**

No progress. It was proposed that the Chair will ask Lincoln to formally take charge of this project.

**2.2.2 LOS Poidevin**

No progress, awaits COL Mollison's return.

**2.2 Other Matters**

**2.3.1 RAAMC Association South Australian Branch**

An AGM is scheduled for November.

**2.3.3 COL Laurie**

The Chair continues to work on the diaries. Much of the material is in pencil and hard to decipher. COL Summers offered to assist with transcription. The Chair is to follow up with contacts with the children of a member of the Unit.

**2.3.4 CV**

No new CV.

### **2.3.5 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Stationary Hospital.**

GPCAPT C Verco spoke to the Medical Heritage Society about this Unit. Mention was made of a letter from Howes to Watson requiring him to return to Australia, perhaps because of his untoward influence on other officers.

### **2.3.6 2/8<sup>th</sup> Fd Amb film**

No progress.

### **2.3.7 COL Fry and LTCOL Betts**

COL Freeman tabled three items:

- CV and photograph of Wolf Seith who served in Japan and Korea.
- Obituary and photo of LO Betts OBE, Comd 2 Command (Convalescent) Depot, Weymouth, WWI.
- HK Fry DSO MID, 3Fd Amb, DADMS 2 Div, Comd 13 Fd Amb, ADMS 5 Div. WWI.

### **2.3.8 Raef Champion de Crespigny**

The Chair is to follow up when the contact returns to Australia.

### **2.3.9 Letter to memorial Committee**

To be done.

### **2.3.10 Wick Shepherd and Graham Bennett**

Bruce to follow up with Jack Shepherd and Roger will follow up Graham Bennett.

## **3. Correspondence**

Email from Alice Kang, Concord Hospital to Tony Swain. See 5.2.

## **4. Treasurers Report**

Tabled. No change from last month.

## **5. New Business**

**5.1** The Chair discussed the Stretcher Bearer Memorial and indicated that it was not an RAAMC memorial.

**5.2** CMDR Swain recounted his visit to Concord Hospital in Sydney and a conducted tour of a Kokoda Track Memorial that has been established there. He raised the issue of MAJ Magarey and the material that we have recovered. It would be very apt to be incorporated in the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific celebration for there is a Myola plaque on display. Suzanne Magarey may wish to be involved in that celebration.

**5.3** COL Perks mentioned that it is two months to our AGM. A schedule of meetings for next year is required as well as nominations for Group positions.

**5.4** COL Perks recounted how he as previous Representative HONCOL was approached by a Western Australian, Frank Pownal re a stretcher bearer memorial. The maquette has recently been completed by a Gregg James.

Pownal's grandfather was one of 6 who enlisted together, 4 survived and 4 MM were awarded.

**5.5** COL Freeman reported on a large number of persons that he has been researching.

- Sweeney. Unlikely to get more info from family. Bruce will chase up an 11 Fd Amb photo from the War Memorial
- Tassie Aitken. His wife recently died and Roger will contact her daughter.
- Harry Nott obituary recovered.
- Russell Barbour. Daughter has been found and will follow up re available records.
- Fred Boer has been found to have been an MO with 2/6 Armd Regt.
- Henry Simpson Newland material to be sought.
- TG Wilson obituary and CV tabled.
- Leonard Lindon was a private in WWI.
- AM Cudmore obituary found and CV to be compiled.
- LTCOL Edmund Britten-Jones served in 2/2 AGH.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

1800 02NOV10

**7. Close**

Meeting closed and seven stayed for dinner.

**Signed**

**Dated**