

## Minute 9

### **Minutes of the Army Health Services Historical Research Group Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

**held at 6pm  
at the  
Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia**

#### **Attendees:**

COL B Perks, COL M Jelly, COL S Cameron, COL A Summers, LTCOL S Kuusk

#### **Apologies:**

COL J Aiello, COL P Byrne, COL DD Beard, COL R Beal, COL B Mollison

COL Perks welcomed COL Scott Cameron as a new member to the committee

#### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Were accepted by the committee with a typographical amendment to 2.6 which should read 'The Prime Minister has now allocated a site.....etc'.

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

2.1 Army Museum of South Australia Foundation (AMOSAF) affiliation  
COL Perks tabled a letter from AMOSAF requesting a Memorandum of Agreement with our group (see attached). LTCOL Kuusk will draft the agreement for the chair to sign. This will then complete the formal affiliation with AMOSAF.

##### **2.2 Sub-account AMOSA**

LTCOL Kuusk has deposited 2 donations of \$50 from members of this committee into the sub-account now named the Army Health Services Historical Research Group. A further \$1000 was donated today from a member of this committee to be placed in the sub account. LTCOL Kuusk will look into the past minutes of the AMOSA to track any earlier money that was under the sub account of 3<sup>rd</sup> Fwd Gen Hosp. We will make a formal request for its transfer to our sub account if found.

2.3 COL Perks has now completed his membership for AMOSAF and paid his subs.

2.4 There is no further progress on the RAAMC mess memorabilia.

2.5 Website - COL Summers has not yet started to write a short introductory piece for the website due to other commitments but will complete in the next few weeks. COL Perks assured the committee that there is no immediate hurry and other members who may have some interesting SA historical information could place it on the website. Email John Straskye at [jstraskye@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jstraskye@optusnet.com.au) with any information to be placed on the South Australian link of the web site. COL Perks will email a RAAMC History group photo to COL Summers to include with her paper.

#### 2.6 Boer War Memorial Committee

LTCOL Kuusk reported that so far there has not been a meeting of the committee but he will contact Brigadier Wayland, the chair, and ask for further information. LTCOL Kuusk believes that the project will be driven by Armoured Corps in NSW and this state will simply assist with fund raising.

2.7 The report of the RAAMC History unit workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2007 approved by the committee to form part of these minutes as an attachment

### 3. New Business

3.1 The committee decided that the minute secretary would maintain a hard copy of the minutes signed by the chair. The minutes would be archived annually in AMOSA.

3.2 As per the strategy day report. LTCOL Kuusk has agreed to be the group's treasurer and this was ratified by the committee.

3.3 COL DD Beard has agreed to be our inaugural Patron; this was ratified and welcomed by the committee.

3.4 COL Jelly reported that he had visited the museum at Bandiana and noted that there was an extensive display of RAANC artefacts however the RAAMC display was very sparse. Most RAAMC artefacts were still in storage and not yet catalogued. The committee felt that this was an unfortunate state of affairs. A national drive to rectify this situation would be appropriate.

LTCOL Kuusk was familiar with the situation at Bandiana and explained that Bandiana is a regional museum and that several corps (Transport, Medical, Nursing, Dental, Chaplains, Ordinance and RAEME) were represented at the museum. Each corps was entitled to 3 ARes personnel to manage the artefacts of that corps, however, there were only 5 or 6 staff members currently and therefore the museum was considerably short staffed. There was currently a large restoration of vehicles programme being undertaken and some cataloguing but many of the artefacts were on pallets and lacked environmentally controlled storage space to ensure the ongoing preservation of material.

- 3.5 COL Perks spoke to Brian Manns, Deputy Director Army History Unit, on the weekend. Brian was pleased to hear of COL Perks desire to put into place a National RAAMC history group but emphasised that this would only come about if all States were engaged in the project. He would pass on COL Perk's ideas to Roger Lee the Director Army History Unit.
- 3.6 COL Perks tabled a letter from COL P Byrne, see attached, which sets out various senior RAAMC personnel and their kin. COL Perks asked members of the committee to nominate one person from the list to contact and explain what we were doing to preserve SA RAAMC history. The following was agreed in the first instance.
- LTCOL Kuusk will contact Mary Magarey
  - COL Jelly will contact Dr Tom Hanson
  - COL Summers will contact COL Tom Beare
  - COL Perks will contact COL Burston and family
  - COL Cameron will contact the Fenner family
- 3.7 COL Perks tabled a small thesis undertaken by the son of Michael Rice on his grandfather Major JD Rice a Medical officer with 2/43<sup>rd</sup> Fd Amb. COL Jelly has taken the thesis to read but will be placed in the AMOSA when the committee has finished with it.

#### **4. Meeting Closed**

At 1910 and was followed by dinner which was enjoyed by all.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Signature of Chair  
B Perks

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