

Minute 3

Minutes of RAAMC History Meeting

Naval, Military and Air Force Club Inc. (SA) 13th February 2007

Attendees: COL B L Perks LTCOL Sven Kuusk, COL M Jelly.
COL A Summers. COL D. Beard,

Apologies: COL P D Byrne and COL V, Andersons COL B Mollison.

Resignations: COL R F Freeman

Meeting opened at 1805

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. COL Perks reported that due to his busy working life it was difficult to keep up with the paper work from this meeting. COL Summers will take and type up the minutes from the meetings.

2. Business arising from Minutes

2.1 COL Jelly reported that Jim Stevens was not interested in assisting with the pharmacist's aspect of this history unit and suggested that we contact Bernie Holland instead. Agreed by meeting. **COL Jelly to action.**

2.2 COL R. Freeman is no longer able to give his time to this unit given his current commitment to his new book. Available for consultation – as required.

2.3 COL Perks tabled a response from Capt Jack Nicholson which puts forward some suggestions for organising the way to go to achieve some funding. The meeting agreed that to apply for grants takes time and that it is too soon for our purposes. We will aim for an Army History Grant in 2008 when we have a definite project to fund. **COL Perks to contact Nicholson to advance the project.**

2.4 COL Perks reported that he has moved on with the website.

The new menu items have been added. The new layout was tabled for approval. The website will be developed gradually but is constrained by funding at present.

An early priority will be to allow people to upload their CV's and matters of historical interest.

COL Summers raised the possibility of applying for a DVA grant for the establishment of a website. COL Kuusk said that the DVA would want to be assured that we had the funds for the website's ongoing maintenance. COL Perks will raise this at the next corps committee meeting in approximately 2 months time. **COL Perks to action.**

In the event that COL Perks is successful COL Summers and Kuusk will write the application to the DVA.

3 New Business

- 3.1 COL Perks reported that he had a meeting with LTCOL Susan Neuhaus the new CO of 3HSB. She is very supportive of the history unit and has offered a storage room and the assistance of Major Shorty Langford as a project

officer. It is important that we make use of this offer and consider a valid project for Major Langford to undertake.

- 3.2 COL Perks met with COL R Burston who has offered this unit a watercolour painting of a WW2 CCS in Syria signed by William B Herbert in 1942. He has also offered us a caricature drawing of Maj Gen Sam (Ginger) Burston by the same artist in the 1950's. Col Perks has photos of the two items. Much discussion ensued of how to accept this offer. It was recognised that once people knew there was a group interested in RAAMC history in SA many such offers would be forthcoming.

It was decided that;

- Such items would be temporarily stored at the Army Museum of South Australia at Keswick
- Research on the items would take place to ascertain its significance to the RAAMC in SA.
- The committee would make a decision on where to place the item following the results of the research
- Col Perks to write to Col Burston outlining the intentions of the Meeting.

- 3.3 LTCOL Kuusk reported that he is researching where Medical and Dental units were in SA in WW2 and he will be looking at records kept at the Wayville Showgrounds to further this.

- 3.4 COL Jelly reported that he has been to the Mortlock library to ascertain RAAMC members who enlisted in WW1 from SA. This will give us links to descendents who may be interested in either giving or sharing with us information to assist our mission. LTCOL Kuusk informed the meeting that the War Memorial website may also be of assistance here.

- 3.5 LTCOL Kuusk has offered to give a training session to this group and other interested people on the sources available to us to research our data.

- 3.6 COL Beard has found some of his Korean memorabilia and we are looking at ways in which we can preserve this.

- 3.7 Discussion took place on the legal difficulties of donating and keeping artefacts by museums and groups such as this. LTCOL Kuusk to provide a list of mechanisms of donating to the museum for the next meeting. **LTCOL Kuusk to action.**

- 3.8 COL Beard asked what we were going to do about interviewing RAAMC members who are very elderly or ill.

Col Beard to provide a prioritised list of the 'old and bold' in SA who would be willing to be interviewed eg. Beard / Beare / Burston etc.

COL Perks will provide a list of questions he was asked when he was interviewed and LTCOL Kuusk will provide the Army History Units paper on interviewing and historical research. **COL Perks and LTCOL Kuusk to action.**

- 3.9 A good source of information of names of those serving in Medical units are honour roles; COL Perks has followed some up and COL Summers will record the names on the honour roles of 2/8 Field Amb held at Torrens Pde Ground. Another source of military history is the Bibliography of Australian Military History published in 1990.

COL Summers to action

Meeting Closed at 1905 hrs followed by dinner, please inform COL Perks if you are attending the meeting and staying to dinner for the next meeting 13th March **2007**

19:05- 19:30 Members retired to the bar for drinks.

19:30-20:40 The following members enjoyed dinner at their own expense in the Col Downes Room:
Col Summers
Col Byrne
Col Jelly
Lt Col Kuusk
Col Perks

Signature of Chair

B. Perks

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