

Minute 8**MINUTES****RAAMC History Meeting
10 July 2007****held at 6pm at the****Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia****Attendees:**

COL B Perks, COL M Jelly, COL A Summers, LTCOL S Kuusk,
Guests
MAJ Jack Nicholson, LTCOL Andrew Gordon

Apologies:

COL PD Byrne, COL J Aeillo

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Were read and accepted and the chair welcomed the guests to the meeting.

2. Business and actions arising from Minutes

- 2.1 COL Perks has sent the letter re the affiliation with The Army Museum of South Australia to the museum's President COL Roger Burzacott. He will make a follow up call to Roger in the next few days as neither COL Summers nor LTCOL Kuusk attended the last museum Board meeting. LTCOL reaffirmed that he has now resigned from the Museum board and was reducing his commitments as the museum curator. LTCOL Kuusk briefed the guests on the affiliation with the museum. COL Perks was reminded that he needs to complete his application as volunteer member of the museum and pay his subscription to ensure that we had fulfilled all our obligations to the museum.
- 2.2 LTCOL Kuusk has not been able to follow up on the name change and sub- account of the 3rd Forward General Hospital Collection to the Army Health Services Historical Research Group at the museum as he has been away but will now do so. He will also ask Paul Longstaff for a copy of the Museums constitution and policies for this group. The current copy belonging to COL Summers as a museum board director was passed to COL Jelly for his perusal, before passing on to COL Byrne.
- 2.3 COL Byrne's report on his research of WW2 junior officers was deferred until the next meeting.

- 2.4 COL Aeillo reported by email prior to the meeting that she has spoken to Maj Nathan Klinge 2IC 3 HSB. The only mess items or memorabilia he is aware of are some loose photographs which he has requested be placed in a photo album and some news clippings which are being put in a scrap book. There are some framed photos hanging in the Vivian Bullwinkle club at the rear of the Unit and she has not yet been over to look at what is actually hanging on the wall but will do so. LTCOL Carl Haas (Unit training officer) has been given the task of Unit historian and apparently has some old books from the mess and she will be contacting him. The Unit OC LTCOL Sue Neuhaus has been unavailable but COL Aeillo will catch up with her next Tues evening and out of courtesy ask her if she can visit the Unit and have a snoop around. The meeting agreed that the aim of locating these artefacts is to catalogue them through the museum, note their location and formally loan them out from the museum to that location to ensure that they are not misplaced in the future.
- 2.5 COL Perks reported that he still did not have all the contact details of the Honorary Colonel network. He commented that this network would be a good base for a history group to be formed in Canberra and asked LTCOL Gordon to give this some consideration.
- 2.6 LTCOL Kuusk updated the meeting re the Boer War Memorial Committee. The Prime Minister has not allocated a site for the memorial and given 3 years to complete the project which is estimated to cost approx \$300,000. Brigadier Oscar Wayland is the chair of the South Australian committee. There are various and diverse views of what the memorial should be. This group will be asking for a medical focus given the Howse VC. So far there has not been a SA meeting just communication by email. LTCOL Kuusk will keep us informed.
- 2.7 COL Perks reported that he had recently visited the RMO's Introduction Course and was very impressed by the calibre of the students. During the visit he was updated on the RAAMC.com website and the proposal of Health Services Association. The website is being funded currently from NSW but they will be reimbursed from Corps funds. These funds will be used to develop, expand and maintain the website. It is expected that the website will be an effective link for all medical corps information and we should ensure that we contribute information to it. The website will be used to get out to all current medical associations. The general feeling was that the 1 Aust FD Hosp Association should be broader as it is too specific in its current form.

COL Jelly added that some South Australian other ranks ex reservist were already starting to get together and would be very amenable to an association. A group lead by Bill McLaughlan, June

Larman and Andrew Jelly had a reunion last Saturday that he attended and they were collecting a data base of email contacts.

- 2.8 COL Perks reported that it was suggested by COL Molloy (NSW) that this group should set up a RAAMC Trust. This group has considered this but has decided to go down the pathway of affiliation with the museum to provide the security we need for any money or artefacts that this group may acquire.

It was reaffirmed that any Medical Corps memorabilia that is donated to the museum through this group can either be donated, loaned or placed in trust. This ensures that it remains in South Australia. If at any time in the future the museum were to be disbanded then the artefacts will be returned to the donor, removed to the Army Medical Collection at the Bandiana Museum or given to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra as per the South Australian Army Museum's Foundation Constitution and/or the request of the donors.

3. New Business

- 3.1 COL Summers reported that she had met with Sir Constantine Trent Champion De Crespigny's daughter Charlotte De Crespigny. Charlotte was very pleased to provide any information that she may have on her father's military service and gave COL Summers several items to look at to see if they are of interest. COL Summers scanned several photos from WW1 and distributed them to the committee. It was suggested by COL Perks that we could have a dinner/function at the end of the year and invite people that have contributed to our data collection and are interested in what we are doing. Decision pending

- 3.2 COL Perks reported that he had recently visited the museum at Bandiana while he was interstate and was very impressed.

- 3.3 COL Perks invited Nicholson to speak to us on ideas for fundraising to support our activities. It was decided that to further this discussion a longer strategy meeting was needed. Date suggested Sunday 2^{9th} July 9.30 – 12md. Date and venue to be confirmed by email.

4. Meeting closed at 1930 and was followed by 5 members attending dinner at the club.
5. Next 14th August 2007 at Naval Military and Air Force Club with dinner at the club to follow.

Signature of Chair
B Perks