

Minute 4

Minutes RAAMC History Meeting

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**Naval, Military and Air Force Club Inc. (SA)
13th March 2007 at 6pm**

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

Apologies: COL V, Andersons, COL B Mollison, COL B Beal

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Were read and accepted after two typographical amendments.

2. Business and actions arising from Minutes

2.1 COL Jelly reported that he contacted CAPT Bernie Holland for assistance with pharmacy historical items. CAPT Holland will contact COL Warwick Wilkinson who is writing a History of Military Pharmacy and also Dick Clampett. COL Perks offered to contact Major John Rowe and give him CAPT Holland's details.

2.2 COL Perks reported that CAPT Jack Nicholson has sent an email and suggested that this committee set up a fund-raising sub-committee. Discussion on how this would be managed led to the following points:

2.2.1 The committee was reminded that with the statue of Simpson and his donkey proposal was well underway and has been approved by the Adelaide City Council. Fundraising for this would be a priority. A maquette had been made up by the well known artist Robert Hannaford and this had been funded by the ACC.

2.2.2 LTCOL Kuusk suggested that it would be sensible if this history unit placed its funds and any future funds under the umbrella of the Army Museum of South Australia Foundation Inc. The museum is supported by the Army History Unit in Canberra. It has two arms the Army Museum of South Australia funded through the Army and manned by small team of reservists and The Army Museum of South Australian Foundation which is made up of volunteers and manages all aspects of the artefacts and the funds of the museum. This would offer security to any future funds and/or artefacts that came to this committee. It would also

enable this committee to apply for funds through the museum from the AHU or the DVA to support its work. This was agreed in principle by the committee and LTCOL Kuusk was asked to explore how this can be achieved.

- 2.2.3 LTCOL Kuusk suggested that this committee re-activate the 3rd Fwd Gen Hosp collection which was a foundation collection of the museum. That members of this committee become volunteers and friends of the museum (fees \$10 per annum). This would legitimise the raising of a sub-account for funds raised to support the work of this committee. The collection can be re-named a more suitable name eg. Health Services Collection, which would be managed by the RAAMC History Unit.

The committee asked LTCOL Kuusk to put this proposal to the Board of the Army Museum of South Australia for their approval and report their answer to our next committee meeting.

- 2.3 COL Perks reported that the website was on hold while the person who is doing it is on leave.

- 2.4 COL Perks wrote to COL Burston re his offer of watercolour painting of a WW2 CCS in Syria signed by Harold B Herbert in 1942 and his offer of a cartoon of his father Maj Gen Samuel Roy 'Ginger' Burston caricatured by Dan Quayle in approx. 1935. COL Burston made it clear that the painting and the cartoon would be gifted from himself to the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps. He is prepared to attach a codicil to his Will to ensure his intentions are carried out. He is quite happy for the artefacts to be temporarily housed at the museum while this committee decides the best place for permanent housing.

- 2.5 COL Perks is continuing to look for the interview questions from his interview with CAPT Michael Tyquin

- 2.6 LTCOL Kuusk provided a copy of pamphlet of all South Australia Officers and Warrant Officers to 1901 and a copy of a Military History Bibliography which lists all Australian Military Histories in books and thesis. COL P D Byrne will make copies for all members of the committee.

- 2.7 LTCOL Kuusk has contacted the AHU for other information on interviewing and is waiting for a response.

- 2.8 COL Beard is continuing to make a list of 'Old and Bold' Medical personnel suitable for interviewing. He also asked if anyone had heard of a military history group based at Adelaide University. COL Beard offered to find out more about them.

2.9 COL Summers established that there is an honour roll of 2/8th Field Ambulance at Torrens Parade Ground and will make a copy of all the names.

3. New Business

- 3.1 COL Perks has made a start on a list of all CO' of 3 FGH and the same should be done for 3FD Amb.
- 3.2 We will address the mission statement when we have a sub-committee approved by the Army Museum of South Australia Foundation Board.
- 3.3 COL Jelly has listed approximately 500 names of WW1 Medical personnel. He commented that 2 names were of interest Michael Downey CO 11 Fd Amb and Archibald Watson. COL Perks congratulated him on his efforts to date.
- 3.4 COL Jelly will investigate the whereabouts of the RAAMC Officers', Sergeants' and OR's Mess Silver and other items.

4. Next Meeting 10th April 2007

COL Perks is unable to attend, the committee will meet and COL Jelly to chair.

Signature of Chair

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