

Minute 6

Minutes of

RAAMC History Meeting

08 May 2007

**held at 6pm at the
Army Museum of South Australia Keswick Barracks**

Attendees:

COL Perks, COL Byrne, COL Summers, COL Jelly, LTCOL Kuusk, COL Andersons

Apologies:

COL Beard

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Read and accepted

Note

1. COL Perks thanked COL Jelly for chairing the last meeting in his absence and COL Jelly confirmed that he would be available to chair the meeting in the future, in COL Perks absence.
2. Dinner at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club was cancelled due to members not informing COL Perks that they would stay to dinner post meeting. COL Perks asked that committee members remember to inform him if they wish to remain for dinner in the future.

2. Business and actions arising from Minutes

2.1 LTCOL Kuusk reported on the affiliation with the Army Museum of South Australia. The Board has requested a letter from this group confirming their intention to operate under the umbrella of the museum. COL Summers and LTCOL Kuusk to draft the document. COL Summers questioned the need for an agreement as the other collections 10/27 RSAR and 3/9 LH SAMR do not have one and the means for our affiliation has been under the umbrella of the museum since its foundation it has just not been active. The committee unanimously agreed that affiliation with AMOSA was appropriate for this group as it will provide a proper audit trail for our activities and provide a South Australian entity for any artefacts that may be donated to the group. The 3rd Forward General Hospital Collection is to be renamed Army Health Services Historical Research Group. Sven will provide the group with a copy of the Museum's constitution and collection management policy.

2.2 COL Byrne will speak with COL Beard and assist with the collection of the old and bold RAAMC personnel. COL Summers suggested that when the list is compiled this committee should send a letter to all the personnel

with a short synopsis of what we are trying to do, ask them to consider placing their memorabilia with the group's collection to ensure its ongoing preservation and to request an interview. COL Jelly to draft a letter.

2.3 COL Jelly has not yet contacted Major Michael Tyquin re copies of his data but will do so. There was some discussion about Major Tyquin's ability to access War diaries through the War Memorial in Canberra. Both LTCOL Kuusk and COL Jelly have had access to war diaries.

2.4 COL Perks will speak with COL Burstn re their offer of donation when the affiliation with the museum is complete.

2.5 COL Jelly reported that Major Wendy Quayle is now in Townsville (Contact number 07 4771 7246) re RAAMC mess memorabilia. COL Andersons shed some light on the whereabouts of the mess memorabilia. They remained with 3rd Fd Amb after 3rd Fwd Gen Hosp moved to Keswick. They were held in the foyer of the unit until the BASB was formed. They did not come to Keswick and we still do not know where they are now. Col Jelly will continue to research this issue.

2.6 COL Perks to bring papers provided by COL Byrne next meeting.

2.7 COL Byrne is continuing to sort through the papers and other matters of interest belonging to his father LTCOL AD Byrne.

3. New Business

3.1 COL Jelly asked the group if there was a full copy of all DMS Tewts and Photographs in the DMS office. COL Andersons to look and COL Byrne reported that he had Tews papers going back approximately 15 years. COL Summers indicated that there were some copies in the museum.

3.2 COL Perks will inform CAPT Jack Nicholson that this group would now be eligible for tax deductibility with our affiliation with AMOSA.

3.3 The Committee was informed that the DVA is compiling an official nominal role of all personnel that served in Vietnam and that they had a grant of \$25 mil to undertake the project.

3.4 COL Perks received an email from COL Bill Molloy who discussed 2 points with him

- There is being formed a National Boer War Committee which he understands Brig Oscar Wayland is going to chair. This was confirmed by LTCOL Sven Kuusk who has also been asked to be on the committee (which has not yet met). COL Molloy wishes us to lobby for a medical input to the memorial and for a medical person to be on the committee. LTCOL Kuusk agreed to be our spokesperson on the committee in regards to this. It was suggested the memorial in some way reflects the service of Major General Sir Neville Howse who was the first Australian to be awarded a VC.

- COL Molloy is the chair of the Military Medical History of NSW and would like us to link and share information through our minutes. This was agreed to and COL Summers will email back copies of our minutes to COL Molloy.

3.5 COL Perks informed the meeting that the 1st Aust Fd Hosp Assoc is keen for ex serving health personnel to join their association. It is the largest military medical association in Australia and well set up. Major Don Chapman is the current President. There was much discussion about this some members who had not served with 1 Aust Fd Hosp felt it would not be appropriate for them and COL Perks said there was also some discussion about having a national RAAMC Association. COL Jelly pointed out that the reason he organised and implemented a Health Services Banner for the Anzac Day March was to encourage ex serving Health Services personnel who were not deployed during their service to March on Anzac Day so a Health Services Association would be welcome.

3.6 COL Summers asked whether we might get more people able to attend these committee meetings if they were not on a Tuesday night as it was also parade night. It was agreed that the committee would consider this. COL Andersons said the COL Judy Aiello may be interested in joining the committee. COL Summers to find out.

4. Meeting closed at 1915. The normal post dinner was cancelled on this occasion.

5. Next Meeting 12th June 2007 at Naval Military and Air Force Club with dinner at the club to follow.

Signature of Chair

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