

**Minutes  
of the  
Army Health Services Historical Research Group  
Meeting  
Held on  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 6pm  
at the  
Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia**

**Attendees:**

COL B Perks, COL M Jelly, COL P Byrne, COL D Beard, COL A Summers, LTCOL S Kuusk.

**Apologies:**

COL J Aiello, COL R Beal, COL B Mollison, COL S Cameron

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Were accepted as a true and correct record proposed S Kuusk, seconded A Summers

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

**2.1 Army Museum of South Australia Foundation (AMOSAF) affiliation**

COL Summers emailed the points of our agreement for affiliation to Paul Longstaff three weeks ago. To date has not received a response to the email; she will raise it at the AMOSAF Board meeting next Monday evening.

**2.2 Website Draft**

The proposed website draft is to be forwarded to Major John Straskye with the addition of the group photo of the committee, attention drawn to the sentence re the acquiring of the Champion De Crespigny photos and a sentence asking a question re the identity of the mascot.

**2.3 Hard copies of previous minutes**

COL Perks asked whether we should formalise this committee with elections. However after some debate it was decided to maintain the committee and its appointments as it currently stands and that the agreed current chairman will sign off the previous minutes as an accurate record at each meeting. Minutes are now to be numbered sequentially from our inaugural meeting. Copies of the minutes will be lodged with museum on an annual basis by the secretary in January of each year.

#### 2.4 Contacts with retired RAAMC members

- COL Summers contacted COL Tom Beare who was enthusiastic about the preservation of our regional history. He meets regularly with COL Beard and will look for any material that will be useful to us and pass on to him. He has already spoken to COL Beard about this.
- COL Beard reported that some time ago he was interviewed over two days by the Australian War Memorial. He will contact the Director of the War Memorial to see if he can obtain a copy of the transcript or recording for South Australian group records.
- LTCOL Kuusk has not yet made contact with Mary Margary as he has not been able to find out contact details. However, he had spoken to her previously and she indicated a willingness to provide material from her father's service – LTCOL Sir James Rupert Margary. She also indicated that her sister may have some memorabilia to give the museum. COL Beard informed the committee that Mary Margary would be giving a talk at the State Library in the next few weeks and that Dr David David may know how to contact her. LTCOL Kuusk will follow up.
- COL Jelly has put a call into Tom Hansen but has yet to receive a response.
- COL Cameron has contacted the Fenner family and has some photos he will report at the next meeting when he returns from Canberra
- COL Perks will now contact COL Burston as his health has improved.
- COL Byrne is still in the process of moving to the country and is continuing to sort out memorabilia relating to his father LTCOL AD Byrne. He has located his father's uniforms and all his father's letters to his mother from 1940 to late 1944 and will donate them to this group's collection in the Army Museum of South Australia.

#### 2.5 Major JD Rice thesis

COL Jelly tabled the thesis and COL Byrne has taken it to photocopy, other Committee members indicated they would like to read before placing in the museum.

### 3. New Business

- 3.1 COL Beard asked the committee whether they had heard of the Lemnos Association. No committee member had and COL Beard will explore this through the Greek community in SA.

- 3.2 COL Jelly tabled some photos he took of the Bandiana Museum and the WW1 Honour Board in the Margaret Graham building at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. It was decided that the list of names would be transcribed by COL Summers and with a digital photo be placed on the website as a resource for the families of those named on the Honour Board. This will facilitate future contact with South Australian families.
- 3.3 COL Perks table the book by Robert G Richardson, *Larrey: Surgeon to Napoleon's Imperial Guard*, Camelot Press Ltd, London, 1974. It was loaned to him by Andrew Gordon and COL Perks has recommended that it be précised by someone in the ACT and place on the RAAMC website to initiate the ACT historical group.
- 3.4 The Committee was formally informed that COL Byrne has retired and will be relocating to the north of South Australia as of the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007. He will attend a limited number of meetings from that date and will be a country associate of the group. The committee suggested that an invitation to a weekend meeting at COL Byrne's new location would be very welcome.
- 3.5 COL Aiello has consulted with COL Perks to invite Cheryl Hoskin from the Barr Smith library to speak about the special collection. COL Perks suggested it would be helpful to have a tour of the special collection of the State library and the meeting agreed to see if this could be arranged for 2hrs on a weekend before Xmas.
- 3.6 COL Perks reported that he had received some communication from Maj Jack Nicholson re the aims of the group but that it was not yet complete.

**4. Meeting Closed at 1920 with three members attending dinner after the meeting**

**5. Next Meeting**

Tuesday the 9th October 2007 at 1800hrs at the Naval Military and Air Force Club South Australia

Signature of Chairman

B Perks

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