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When we assumed the Co-editorship of the journal back in Spring 2024 we were adamant that we wished to continue the excellent work of our predecessors, especially in terms of finding new voices and reaching new audiences. This issue, our first of 2026, is reflective of that commitment, and it includes articles and research notes suggestive of the rich variety of work in the field of military history. In the pages that follow therefore, you can read critical reassessments of specific military units – including the Special Air Service, RAF Legal Officers, and the Women’s Royal Army Corps – while elsewhere you’ll find everything from a fascinating discussion of the Duke of Marlborough (as he featured in the words and thinking of Frederick the Great), to the experiences of Indian medical personnel in the First World War, to the D-Day archaeology of Studland Bay, and indeed more. Sadly, various issues have prevented us from including our normal range of book reviews but we expect them to return in future issues. Despite this lack, we hope you find this issue as absorbing as us!

This is also an eminently fitting issue with which to sign off – after two years at the helm, we have decided to step back from the co-editorship. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to work on the journal, and we have greatly appreciated the support of all those behind the scenes who make each issue possible. Special thanks must go to all our managing editors, and especially to George Wilton, Alasdair Urquhart, and Máire MacNeill. We look forward to seeing the journal grow and prosper in the years to come.

The British Commission for Military History, as the sponsors of the BJMH, have started the search for new Co-editors but suitably qualified scholars with sufficient time to take on the role are hard to find. Pending the appointment of the new team the BCMH have asked Alasdair Urquhart and George Wilton, two of our long standing Managing Editors whose support we acknowledge above, to act as interim Co-editors. We wish George and Alasdair well!

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