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EDITORIAL*

Dr Sam Edwards and Dr Andrew Sanders, our previous Co-Editors, completed their term with the BJMH with the publication of our last issue in April. The Journal's editorial team thanks them for their work and as a team we wish them well for the future. In March the General Committee of the British Commission for Military History, the Journal's sponsors, asked us to take over as Interim Co-editors until such time as a new, long term, senior editorial team can be appointed. We have both been members of the editorial team since the second issue of the Journal in 2015 and are glad to help. In what is a difficult time for military historians in academia that search is taking longer than expected but we are pleased to report that the Journal continues to thrive.

As has become the norm, our summer issue is a Special Issue having a chosen theme. Entitled *America and the Second World War 80 Years On*, this issue was conceived by our editorial predecessors during last year's celebrations of the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The issue has been compiled by our Guest Editor, Dr Christian O'Connell, and we both thank him for his work on the issue. Through their fascinating articles the issue's authors examine topics related to the experience of a range of minority and marginalised groups during and after the Second World War; they include Conscientious Objectors, Japanese American internees, Black prisoners of war, Japanese war brides, lesbians and post-war students avoiding the American draft. The articles tell stories of the American experience of the war and its aftermath, stories that are not normally heard. We are pleased to publish them in the Journal.

Taking on the role on an interim basis, we want to recognise the support we receive as Co-Editors from the Journal's editorial team, and in particular, the hard work of the Managing Editors in moving articles through the vital peer review process. Their and the Peer Reviewers' work is genuinely appreciated and provides the bedrock for the Journal's scholarly integrity. One of the excitements of taking on the Co-Editor role is seeing the range of material submitted for publication, and we have both been pleased that the Journal continues to receive a steady inflow of articles and research notes from the widest possible range of authors, from academics to independent scholars, from established authors to first timers, and covering the widest possible range of topics within a broad interpretation of military history and war studies. Since its 2014 inception under the leadership of Dr Matthew Ford, our founding Editor, the Journal has striven to be inclusive and accessible to all. We are determined it will remain so. Our only criterion for publication is that the author has done the research

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and is presenting it in an interesting and scholarly way. We look forward to and commit to continuing to publish a breadth of authorship and topics on our watch – however long or short that may be.

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