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This is our final editorial as co-editors. Five years and fifteen issues have flown by, and we are very proud of what has been achieved in that time. Our deepest thanks go to our editorial team for all that they have done. A vast amount of the journal's work rests on their willingness to give up their time simply for the love of the subject in order to produce a journal which has a wide appeal. We are very pleased to say that two of our current editorial team have been appointed by the British Commission for Military History as the journal's new co-editors: Dr Sam Edwards (Loughborough University) and Dr Andrew Sanders (De Montfort University).

We would like to restate our view that this journal must truly reflect the diversity of military history – both in terms of authors and the subject matter covered. We remain proud that our very first issue featured an article on the diary of a schoolgirl during the Northern Ireland Troubles, as a signal of the work we believe any definition of military history must include if it is to thrive.

This final issue is more operationally focused than some of our previous issues have been, because we know that this remains of interest to many of our readers. We hope readers will find informative the articles on, for example, a battalion-level study of casualties, and the use of horses and mules, both focused on the First World War. But we are also pleased to include pieces on the Cold War which, thankfully, never heated up, covering Soviet nuclear weapons and the post-war air defence of Scotland. As we face more challenging times in the peace and stability of Europe, it is sadly the case that these articles speak to present day concerns more than they might have done just a few years ago.

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