

## Report to 2023 BCMH AGM from BJMH co-editors

### Editorial team

We expanded our editorial team in 2022-3 having said goodbye to Dr Erin Scheopner who had worked extremely hard as a Managing Editor for two years, and Dr Rosie Kennedy who had been a brilliant Book Reviews Editor since the new team took over in 2019.

In February 2022 (as reported at the last AGM) we welcomed as Books Reviews Editor:

- Dr Máire MacNeill (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)

and in March 2022 we welcomed as part of a greatly expanded Managing Editor team:

- Dr Jack Doyle (University of Oxford, UK)
- Dr Mario Draper (University of Kent, UK)
- Dr Sam Edwards (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)
- Dr Nathan Finney (Duke University, USA)
- Dr Howard Fuller (University of Wolverhampton, UK)
- Vikki Hawkins (The British Museum, UK)
- Dr Nina Janz (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)
- Dr Raymond Kimball (42EdGames, USA)
- Maria Ogborn (UK)
- Dr Andrew Sanders (University of Derby, UK)

Then in February 2023 we were delighted to add:

- Dr Matilda Greig (National Army Museum, UK)

The aim of expanding the team was fourfold:

1. To spread the load of author and reviewer liaison among a wider range of people, so that each Managing Editor would normally only manage three or four articles a year (and sometimes fewer).
2. To expand our subject expertise.
3. To enable Managing Editors to carry out more editing of work prior to the copy-editing phase.
4. To encourage Managing Editors to adopt a more proactive stance in approaching researchers/academics/authors whose work they are interested in seeing published by the Journal.

The continuing team members are:

- Co-editors:
  - Prof Richard S. Grayson (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK – moving to Oxford Brookes in April 2023)
  - Dr Erica Wald (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)
- Managing Editors:
  - Dr William Butler (The National Archives, UK)
  - Dr Rachel Chin (University of Glasgow, UK)
  - Dr Mahon Murphy (Kyoto University, Japan)
  - Dr Yu Suzuki (Kyoto University, Japan)
  - Alasdair Urquhart (British Commission for Military History, UK)
  - George Wilton (British Commission for Military History, UK)
- Chair of Editorial Advisory Board: Prof Alex Watson (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)

## Issues published

We published three journal issues in 2022 as planned. The special issue, focused on the work of Prof Sir Michael Howard, was very well received when it was published in September rather than July as originally planned. The two planned standard issues were published as normal in March and November.

### Issue 8,1 (March 2022)

#### *Articles*

- THE SICILIAN EXPEDITION RECONSIDERED, Sotirios F Drokalos
- SUSTAINING BRITAIN'S FIRST 'CITIZEN ARMY': THE CREATION AND EVOLUTION OF REINFORCEMENT POLICY FOR KITCHENER'S NEW ARMIES, 1914-1916, Thomas E Davies
- HENNING VON TRESCKOW IN POLAND IN 1939: THE FUTURE ANTI-HITLER FRONDEUR AND THE ORIGINS OF THE HOLOCAUST, Matthew Olex-Szczytowski
- BRITISH ARMY COLD WEATHER AND MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, Rob Granger
- LEARNING TO FAIL? WARTIME ADAPTATION AND SPECIAL FORCE IN BURMA, 1942–1944, Brett Van Ess
- LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES LESLIE KINCAID AND THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE 1944 ERUPTION OF MOUNT VESUVIUS, SOUTHERN ITALY, David K Chester & Angus M Duncan
- THE ORIGINS OF OFFENSIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY DURING THE GREEK CIVIL WAR, Evripidis Tantalakis

#### *Research Notes*

- ANTI-IMPERIALIST PAMPHLETEERING: UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL JIHAD IN WARTIME INDIA, 1914-1918, Lumbini Sharma

Special Issue 8,2 (September 2022) – Prof Sir Michael Howard (guest edited by Dr James Kitchen and Dr Stuart Mitchell, RMAS, UK)

#### *Articles*

- MICHAEL HOWARD AND THE HISTORIAN'S CRAFT: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MICHAEL HOWARD SPECIAL ISSUE, James E Kitchen & Stuart Mitchell
- A LIBERAL TRIES TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS ABOUT TEACHING WAR IN THE SHADOW OF SIR MICHAEL HOWARD, Adrian Gregory
- A EUROPEAN HISTORY OF MICHAEL HOWARD'S WAR IN EUROPEAN HISTORY, Vanda Wilcox
- THE UNREPENTANT HISTORIAN: SIR MICHAEL HOWARD AND THE BIRTH OF WAR STUDIES, David Morgan-Owen & Michael Finch
- REVISITING THE TRANSLATORS AND TRANSLATIONS OF CLAUSEWITZ'S ON WAR, Mungo Melvin
- DETERRENCE & REASSURANCE: SIR MICHAEL HOWARD AND THE NUCLEAR STRATEGY DEBATE IN THE 1980S, Linda Risso

#### *Research Notes*

- WAR, TECHNOLOGY AND NARRATIVE HIERARCHIES, Alisa Miller

## Issue 8,3 (November 2022)

### *Keynote*

- LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CENTENARY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR: LESSONS FROM 2014-2018, Jenny Macleod

### *Articles*

- THE IMPORTANCE OF RIVER VALLEYS IN THE OVERALL STRATEGY OF THE MERCENARY COMPANIES 1357-1366, Ölbei Tamás
- TIES OF SERVICE AND MILITARY IDENTITY IN SIXTEENTH CENTURY ENGLAND: THE EXAMPLE OF THE BLOUNT FAMILY, Elizabeth Norton
- LOYALTY AND REBELLION: IRISH SOLDIERS IN THE BRITISH MILITARY DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY AND NAPOLEONIC WARS, Ciarán McDonnell
- DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT: PARLIAMENTARY REGULATION OF HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE BRITISH ARMY, 1829-1992, Paul Johnson
- 'THE STAFF COLLEGE CANDIDATES ARE NOT RIGHT YET': THE IMPORTANCE OF NOMINATION TO BRITISH ARMY STAFF COLLEGE ENTRY, 1919-1939, Iain Farquharson
- THE EVOLUTION OF CZECHOSLOVAK DEFENCE PLANNING, 1918-1992, Stanislav Polnar
- THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY AND POST-WAR CHANGE, George Wilton
- TOWARDS A 'FORWARD DEFENCE' FOR SINGAPORE: REVISITING THE STRATEGY OF THE SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES, 1971-1978, Abdul Rahman Yaacob

### *Research Notes*

- THE TECHNOLOGICAL NEED: ABEL & DEWAR'S PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR INVENTING CORDITE IN 1889, Yoel Bergman
- THE WOMEN WHO WATCHED THE WAVES: THE WOMEN'S AIR RAID DEFENSE ORGANISATION IN WORLD WAR II HAWAII, Sarah-Louise Miller

As regards book reviews, we published ten in issue 8.1 and eight in 8.3. We do not include reviews in special issues, an approach which is common in many journals.

### **Forthcoming issues**

Issue 9.1 will be published in March 2023. It will be another general issue as will 9.3 in November 2023. A special issue on the Irish Soldier in the British Army will be published in July 2023, co-edited by Dr Timothy Bowman (University of Kent, UK) and Prof. Richard S. Grayson (by then Oxford Brookes University, UK).

A special issue edited by Dr Sarah-Louise Miller (University of Oxford, UK) is on course for 2024.

We remain concerned about a scarcity of submissions from female academics, since this does not reflect the balance of people working in the field. We remain proactive in directly soliciting contributions by contacting possible authors and we encourage all editors to use their contacts to do the same.

## **Innovations**

Our short Research Notes, introduced in 2020, are now yielding good results and we have also now published our first Keynote, a type of piece which we would like to include more.

## **Submissions and reviews**

Since the last AGM, aside from special issues, sixteen Articles have been submitted for peer review, plus five Research Notes and one Keynote. For the 21 Articles and Research Notes, ten are pending an initial recommendation, and the result for the other 11 was:

- Accept (with minor changes): 4
- Revise & resubmit: 7

Another 4-5 pieces were rejected as not being suitable for peer review, due to length, quality or subject matter.

We would expect that almost all if not all of the 'revise and resubmit' pieces will eventually be published.

## **Website**

Goldsmiths continue to host the website without charge at <http://bjmh.gold.ac.uk/> and the old address ([www.bjmh.org.uk](http://www.bjmh.org.uk)) still points people to this new site.

## **Social media**

Alasdair Urquhart (British Commission for Military History, UK) runs most of the work on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/britjnmilhist>) and we have 2,728 followers.

## **Sir Michael Howard Prize**

This is awarded by a panel of judges consisting of the two co-editors plus Dr Halik Kochanski (British Commission for Military History, UK) and Prof Guy Rowlands (University of St Andrews, UK). The first award (and a close runner-up) was made as announced at the 2022 AGM, while the award for the best article published in 2022 will be made at the 2023 AGM to Dr Iain Farquharson (Brunel University, UK) for the article: "The Staff College candidates are not right yet": The Importance of Nomination to British Army Staff College Entry, 1919-1939', *British Journal for Military History*, 8, 3 (2022), pp. 108-127.

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