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Welcome to Prisoners of the Asia-Pacific War, a special issue that marks our introduction as Co-editors for the journal. We are most grateful for the work of our predecessors, Richard Grayson and Erica Wald, particularly their assistance in helping us find our feet as editors. We appreciate that the challenge of living up to the standards they have set is a significant one and one that we hope to accomplish. Additionally, the journal could simply not function without the work of colleagues such as Alasdair Urquhart and George Wilton and we are very grateful for their continued support as well.

Daniel Milne, Anoma Pieris, Beatrice Trefalt and Mahon Murphy have compiled and edited a fascinating special edition for our debut issue and we're certain that readers will enjoy the outstanding research that has been brought together for the BJMH. This issue would not have been possible without the intellectual rigour and hard work of Daniel, Anoma and Beatrice who were the guiding minds in developing this topic. Thanks to them for all their hard work on this and to all contributors. We hope you are happy to see your work appear in published form.

This year's widely-publicised Second World War commemorations – the 80th anniversaries of D-Day and of Market Garden – provide powerful reminders of the profound (and long-lasting) effects that war can impose. On-going events in Ukraine make this still further apparent. Scholarship in military history acknowledges this fact; it interrogates what happens on the battlefield, but it does not shy away from also considering diverse matters of cause, impact, and aftermath. With this in mind, our major goal for the journal is to continue the great work of our predecessors by maintaining the BJMH as a forum that engages scholars of military history from as broad a range of backgrounds and perspectives as possible. If any of you have ideas for research articles, research notes, or are interested in reviewing recently published books for BJMH, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us at editor@bcmh.org.uk.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

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