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This issue, our first in 2025, makes eminently clear that the field of military history is in rude health. Our seven articles and three research notes range across two hundred years and three continents (North America, Europe, and Africa). Our authors also reveal an impressive diversity of methodological approach. In the pages that follow you'll encounter biographical reassessment, statistical analysis, conflict archaeology, battlefield identification through the use of maps and photography, and oral history. And you'll learn about everything from the ethics of military leadership in precolonial Africa, to the role played by the nascent Belgian Navy in the Second World War, to the composition of First World War-era British Army Rum. In short, there's something for everyone here.

Thanks to the excellent work of our Book Reviews editor, Dr Máire MacNeil, this issue is rounded out by six reviews of recent publications. You'll see that works exploring the twentieth century experiences of British and Commonwealth forces feature especially strongly here. Going forward, we're keen to build on this and further broaden the scope and range of the works discussed. If you're interested in writing a review of a recent military history publication then please do get in touch.

Finally, and as ever, we also remain keen to receive submissions of both articles and research notes. So if anyone out there is currently working on articles that consider such things as the upcoming 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, or the 250th anniversary (next year) of the American Revolution, or indeed anything else within the broad field of military history (in any period), then please do keep us in mind (you can find full submission guidelines at the back of this issue as well as on our website).

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