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Since the publication of the last issue of the British Journal for Military History we were saddened by the news of the death of Sir Michael Howard. His impact on the discipline of military history is immeasurable, and his support for this journal when it was launched was greatly appreciated. We reproduce in this issue the tribute to him from William Philpott, the President of the British Commission for Military History.

This issue contains three fascinating articles representing varied aspects of military history (broadly defined): mutinies, identification of the dead, and the repatriation of prisoners of war, while ranging across two centuries. An even broader range of subject matter is covered in our book reviews and we can now announce that our next issue will deal with 'emotions in battle' using early modern case studies to consider the subject. That special issue will be published in July, and our planned publication schedule is now three issues per year, with the standard issues published in March and November and the special usually in July.

We are also pleased to announce a new initiative for future issues which we hope will be a useful addition to the journal: 'Research Notes.' This section will offer the opportunity for people to submit short (1,000-3,000 words) pieces of research which would be of interest to readers but do not merit a full article. Research Notes might be, for example, a case study which sheds light on a wider controversy or question, a discussion of the value of a newly available source, or an analysis of a specific document. We are using the title 'Research Notes' to stress that these should be based on research rather than being opinion pieces or letters, and these pieces will still be peer reviewed. Submissions should follow the same format as for articles, aside from their length.

In early 2020, faced with a growing number of submissions, we decided to expand our editorial team. We are very pleased to welcome on board Dr William Butler (University of Kent, UK) and Dr Yu Suzuki (Kyoto University, Japan). We look forward to working with them.

Finally, we remain concerned about a scarcity of submissions from female academics, since this does not reflect the balance of historians working in the field. We are

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reflecting on suggestions from our Editorial Advisory Board and in the meantime simply wish to flag that we are actively seeking submissions from female researchers.

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