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We are pleased to make two sets of announcements in this issue of the BJMH.

With the support of funding from the British Commission for Military History, we have launched an annual Sir Michael Howard Prize for the best article published in the journal in each year. The prize was awarded for the first time at the BCMH Annual General Meeting on 5 March. The winner was Dr Graeme Callister for his article ['Napoleonic Conscription in Indre-et-Loire, 1798-1814'](#) (Volume 7 Issue 3). Graeme received £250 plus an award for his fascinating examination of the challenge to filling the ranks of Napoleon's armies posed not by open evasion but by the many who escaped conscription working within the system to obtain legal exemptions. The runner-up certificate was presented to Dr Stephen Moore for his article ['Going Downhill': The Consequences of the Stabilisation Scheme on Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain and into 1941'](#) (Volume 7 Issue 2). Stephen's article reveals the unintended consequences of the scheme adopted following the Battle of Britain that increased the flow of trained pilots to the fighter squadrons but which also produced an increased level of non-operational flying accidents in 1941.

Meanwhile, we have been making major changes to our Editorial Team to develop our temporal and geographic coverage. Both Dr Rosie Kennedy and Dr Erin Scheopner have stood down from their roles as, respectively, Book Reviews Editor and Managing Editor. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the future. We are pleased to welcome to the editorial team Dr Máire MacNeill, a Visiting Research Fellow at Goldsmiths, University of London, as our new Book Reviews Editor and Dr Jack Doyle, Dr Mario Draper, Dr Sam Edwards, Nathan Finney, Dr Howard Fuller, Vikki Hawkins, Dr Nina Janz, Dr Raymond Kimball, Maria Ogborn and Dr Andrew Sanders as new Managing Editors. Between them they bring to our team a wealth of knowledge related to many periods and many regions. We look forward to working with the new expanded team in the months and years to come.

Finally, we would like to reiterate our call for contributors. The BJMH seeks to publish articles and research notes covering 'military history' – taken in the very widest sense – from all periods of history and from authors at all stages of their career. Finally, as always, we need additional book reviewers to cover the enormous range of books published each year. If you are interested Máire will be pleased to hear from you.

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