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From the Editor

With this issue of the journal I must say "thank you" and "welcome." When the CNRS council met as part of the conference at New Westminster, revised terms of reference for the editorial board were approved. The composition was amended to reflect our agreement with NASOH for board membership. Both CNRS and NASOH now nominate six of their members. Additionally, there are three "international" members, which in effect means from Britain, the other major English-speaking area of the northern hemisphere. Thus the new board has fifteen appointed members, a reduction from twenty-three. To the departing members, some of long standing, very many thanks for your years of service. To the new members, "welcome."

This issue is, by accident, American in subject content. The three articles are revisions of papers that were presented at the annual conference of the Society for Military history, held in Ottawa last April. The lead article is by Michael Crawford. He has been a member for the US Navy's History and Heritage Command for a number of years, and is currently the senior historian. He was appointed to our editorial board in August. Frank Blazich, author of the second article, is also at the Naval History and Heritage Command. He is an historian in the History and Archives Division. Welcome to both, who are publishing for the first time in the journal.

Salvatore Mercogliano teaches at Campbell University in North Carolina. He writes about the American merchant marine and military support with the advantage of first hand experience. Before becoming an academic, he served as a deck officer in Military Sealift Command ships, and then had a staff appointment with the MSC headquarters' Afloat Prepositioning Force. This paper, also presented at the SMH Ottawa conference, marks a return for him to the journal. He first published with us in 2002.

Peter Hore is also well known to CNRS. He turned to naval history after a long and successful career in the Royal Navy. By my count, he has spoken at conferences in Ottawa, at least twice. But this I think is his first appearance in the journal, and it is a pleasure to welcome him to our pages.

Finally, I must offer my thanks to Walter Lewis (again) for his computer assistance, to all the referees for their comments, and of course to our authors for choosing to place their work here. I hope readers will find the contributions as interesting as I have.

William Glover
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