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From the editor

I am hard pressed to remember an issue that has had so many “speed bumps” along the way. Many thanks to the authors who have been so helpful in sorting them out with me. And many thanks to readers who have been patient with the delays. The net result is three very diverse articles, which I think are all of great interest. All the authors are new to the journal, and it is a pleasure to welcome them. Bienvenu à tous.

The lead article, by Keith Bird and Jason Hines, explores a previously overlooked area of naval intelligence history of the First World War. Keith Bird has enjoyed a long and distinguished academic career in the Untied States. His connection with Germany began as a Fulbright scholar at the Free University in Berlin. Following his PhD from Duke University, in 1975, he had a DAAD research grant at the Militärgeschichtliche Forschungsamt in Freiburg. His Guide to the Literature, Weimar, the Naval Officer Corps and the Rise of National Socialism (1977) and his recent Erich Raeder: Admiral of the Third Reich have both won wide praise.

Jason Hines is the co-author of the lead article with Professor Bird. Hines has been a career officer in the Untied States Navy in the intelligence branch. His final appointment before retirement was as a member of faculty at the German Command and General Staff College (Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr) in Hamburg, Germany. He holds a Master of Arts in Military Leadership and International Security (Militärische Führung und Internationale Sicherheit) from
the Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg, and is currently working towards his PhD from the University of Potsdam (Germany). He brings to this article a happy combination of fluency in the German language and a practical background as an intelligence officer.

Matthew Lawrence Daley is an associate professor of history at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, where he teaches Michigan, Great Lakes, urban, and public history. He also curates the Fr. Edward J. Dowling, S.J. Marine Historical Collection at the University of Detroit Mercy, and contributed to a variety of museum exhibits and venues throughout the Great Lakes region. His publications have appeared in the *Michigan Historical Review*, *Minnesota History*, and the *International Journal of Maritime History*. In his article here he shows how a strike of Great Lakes shipping in 1909 was pivotal in reshaping that industry.

Marie de Lavigne-Aubery is a legal writer, historian and photographer. Since 2014 she has devoted herself to Caribbean history of the Second World War. She has spoken at a number of conferences on that field, including the US Naval Academy Symposium at Annapolis in 2015, la Fondation de la France Libre in Paris and the CNRS conference in Halifax, (where an earlier version of this paper was presented), both in 2017. Her article examines “the escape” of the French gold reserves to Halifax ahead of the Nazi invasion.

It is, as always, a pleasure to thank those who have helped put this issue together.

Bill Glover
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