



From the photo exhibition by Ian Alderman (see article page 35). Alderman combines modern photographs of the operations of the DOVO-SEDEE bomb disposal team (Belgium) with archival images of men of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) working to clear post-WWI Belgium.

Photo courtesy of Ian Alderman.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

In this issue of *The Journal*, our Editorial section examines the relationship between improvised explosive devices (IED) and the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). The evolving nature of humanitarian mine action (HMA)—particularly in areas such as Iraq and Syria—has generated debate on how to incorporate IEDs into the current IMAS or whether to create entirely new standards specific to IEDs. With thought-provoking contributions from Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining's (GICHD) Guy Rhodes and Danish Demining Group's (DDG) Robert Keeley, we welcome community feedback and contributions from the field for Issue 22.1 (Spring 2018).

Our Feature section focuses on stockpile management and highlights articles from Eric Berman and Benjamin King (Small Arms Survey); Marlène Dupouy (United Nations Mine Action Service); Elvan Isikozlu, Matthias Krötz, and Claire Trancart (BICC); Lee Moroney (Golden West Humanitarian Foundation), and Robert White (GICHD).

This issue's Field Notes section features a tremendous selection of articles: including discussions on HMA's role in IEDs clearance by Craig McNally and Hans Risser (Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)), Sustainable Development Goals' impact on HMA by Ursign Hofmann (GICHD) and Olaf Juergensen (United Nations Development Programme), and explosive safety awareness by Geoff Carton (CALIBRE Systems, Inc.) and Laura Grindstaff (Bristol Site Contractors, LCC).

In addition, we're pleased to feature two photographic essays in this issue. Photographer Ian Alderman writes about his exhibition, "Recovering the Past," an innovative project that brings together two separate groups of men whose origins are a century apart albeit united from the First World War through present-day conflicts. His exhibit is currently featured at the United Nations in Geneva and as a component of the centenary commemorations to the Battle of Passchendaele at the In Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres, Belgium. In addition, Vanessa Finson (NPA) and world-renowned photographer Giovanni Diffidenti essay the government of Colombia, *las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia - Ejército del Pueblo* (FARC-EP) and NPA's joint pilot project to survey and clear anti-personnel mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW).

Recognizing the importance of ordnance identification resources: Roly Evans (GICHD) and Eric de Brun (Ripple Design) highlight the Collaborative ORDNance Data Repository's (CORD) 2018 upgrades, and Howard Rudat (MAPPS, Inc.) reports on his Landmines App mobile application. Additionally, this issue presents the research conducted by Andy Smith (University of Genoa) and William Bagley (Johns Hopkins University) on their Black Adder disruptors, which are designed to provide explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) operatives with open-source information on low-cost disruptors.

For those of you who have not yet discovered James Madison University's Scholarly Commons or simply "the repository," I invite you to explore the site. The repository is housed within Digital Commons, the leading hosted repository software for universities, colleges, law schools, and research centers. Scholarly material and special collections in Digital Commons repositories are easily discoverable in Google, Google Scholar, and other search engines. Additionally, articles in Digital Commons repositories are indexed in the Digital Commons Network, a free discovery tool for full text scholarly articles used by researchers worldwide. *The Journal* archives are housed in the repository, and CISR is in the process of curating our own historical research materials to begin developing the world's only online repository of mine action and conventional weapons destruction documents. In the near future, we will be asking the community to contribute to this repository so this vital information is not lost. Please explore *The Journal* repository here <http://commons.lib.jmu.edu/cisr-journal/>.

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