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FROM THE EDITOR

It is the cadet editorial staff's pleasure to present the spring issue of *Report*. In an interesting shift of focus from last semester's more liberal subjects, a more military-minded theme pervades the topics of this issue. These articles embody the Mission of United States Military Academy's History Department, "to impart to cadets the historical knowledge, appreciate of history, and critical thinking and communication skills necessary to be successful leaders, able to understand human behavior, ideas, and actions in the global context."

I would like to thank our authors for the unique insight that they provide on their various topics. Matthew Shoen seeks to restore the public memory of two Civil War generals who defied their home states to fight for causes they believed in, while Rebekah Elizabeth Ross analyzes the political impact of comedian Charlie Chaplin. James Paulose, Austen Boroff, and Sean Sutter take us abroad to China, South Africa, and the Iberian Peninsula where they focus on various aspects of warfare. James examines Chinese strategy during the Battle of Shanghai, while Austen evaluates the Boer War as a counterinsurgency. Sean focuses on the intricacies of British cooperation with Spanish and Portuguese forces during the Peninsular War. Finally, in our two theses, James Fromson brings to light the "origins of pervious Shi'i political quiescence," while Peter Mitchell studies the impact of the Hohenzollern family's conversion to Calvinism.

For the past two years, it has truly been a pleasure working with the cadet editorial staff of *Report*, and I look forward to reading their selections in the years to come. After expanding our publication to undergraduates at colleges and universities across the United States, we would like to thank all of those who submitted for their interest in our journal, and encourage them to continue to submit and expand the scope and readership of *Report*. We would also like to express our gratitude to the History Department for its continued leadership and financial support for our publication. Finally, we extend our appreciation to Major Gregory Tomlin for his mentorship and welcome Major Andrew Forney, who joins *Report* as our new faculty advisor.

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Point, N.Y.