

## Introduction to the Second Edition

In the past 5-10 years, the renaissance of research devoted to the Great War has led to a veritable avalanche of events, ranging from all-important scientific conferences, symposia, readings, publications of sources and studies, to things in a more entertaining and popularising vein, such as comic books, games, and websites. It is notable that there has been an increasing focus, not on combat operations on the front line, but on what was happening behind the lines – in the immediate rear of the action, and beyond.

The totality of the war once and for all ended the romantic view of it as an opportunity to show unprecedented bravery and end up covered in war glory. The war was cruel as never before, and death – absurdly anonymous and easy. The mud of trenches poured into the minds of those who were fighting, their families, and future generations. This harsh lesson did not prevent further conflicts.

We are pleased to present to you the second edition of the publication “Beyond the Trenches”. As its editors, we are pleased that, in the real sea of publications dedicated to the Great War, the first edition managed to make a name for itself, and was sold out. The new edition has been slightly modified and enriched, which we hope will make it even more widely read.

