PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The relationship between France and Algeria did not end in 1962. Yet it can seem that way, given the relative lack of scholarly attention devoted to the relationship's postcolonial history compared with its colonial experience. I felt that there was a need to continue the inquiry, the story. As I researched the postcolonial relationship, my late mentor, David E. Gardinier, advised that I study it "comprehensively." He insisted that the complexities of the relationship required a survey that was both broad and deep. This resulted in a study that ranged across topics from *beur* novels to Saharan hydrocarbons. The relationship is increasingly relevant as disclosed by the work of younger scholars. Indeed, interpreting its past—that is, its history and memory—is a compelling, controversial issue currently affecting the relationship and has influenced a proliferating historiography (see the introduction). Although the revised edition, like the first, should interest a variety of specialized audiences, my chief purpose was to write a detailed historical narrative. My hope is that it will inspire other inquiries concerning the postcolonial histories of former metropolitan powers and their ex-colonies.