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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR EDWARD HUTTON  
AND LATE-VICTORIAN IMPERIAL DEFENCE

From British colonial conflicts in Africa and Egypt to the turn-of-the-century war on the South African veldt and its complicated aftermath, *Britannia's Shield: Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Hutton and Late-Victorian Imperial Defence* presents an in-depth, international study of imperial land defence prior to 1914. The book makes sense of the failures, false starts and successes that eventually led to more than 850 000 men being despatched from the Dominions to buttress Britain's Great War effort – an enormous achievement for intra-empire military cooperation.

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