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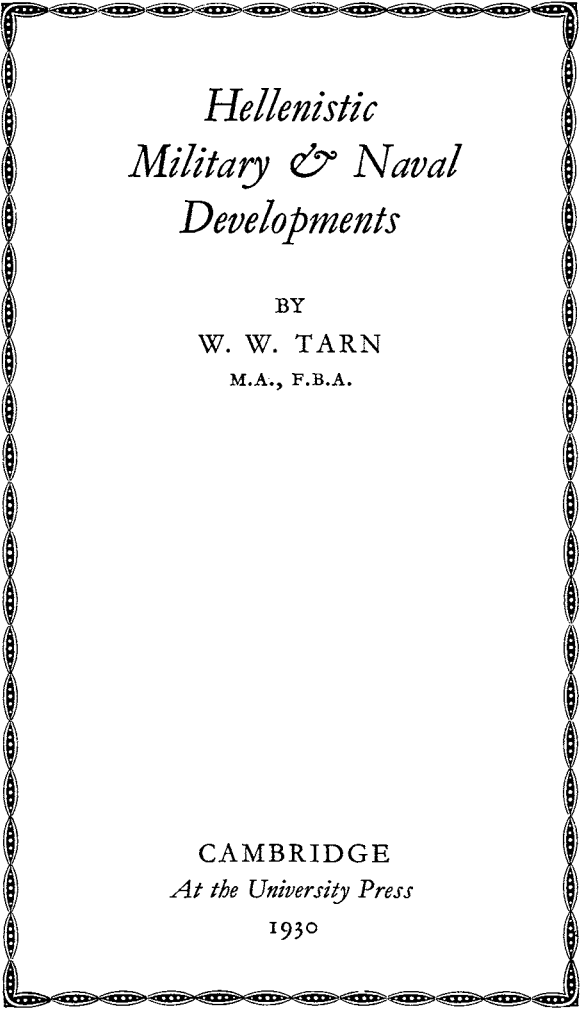
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## PREFACE

THE three lectures here published are the Lees-Knowles Lectures in Military History for 1929–30, delivered at Trinity College, Cambridge, in the spring of this year; they were somewhat shortened in actual delivery. The two matters which may perhaps claim some novelty, the evolution of the great war-horse and of the Hellenistic great ships, are now rather more fully treated, chiefly by means of notes and appendices; indeed, the principal justification for the appearance of these lectures in book form must be the section on the ships, about which comparatively little has hitherto been written to much purpose. Professor F. E. Adcock very kindly read through my typescript before it went to the publishers and made several suggestions, more particularly in the early part of the first lecture, which have much improved the book. My best thanks are due to him, and also to the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press for undertaking the publication of these lectures.

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