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Suppose, this time, Goliath should not fail; Suppose, this time, the sling should not avail On the Judean plain where once for all Mankind the pebble struck, suppose the tale Should have a different end: the shepherd yield, The triumph pass to iron arm and thigh, The wonder vanish from the blooming field, The mailed hulk stand, and the sweet singer lie.

Suppose, but then what grace will go unsung, What temple wall unbuilt, what garden bare; What ploughshare broken and what harp unstrung! Defeat will compass every heart aware How black the ramparts of a world wherein The psalm is stilled, and David does not win.

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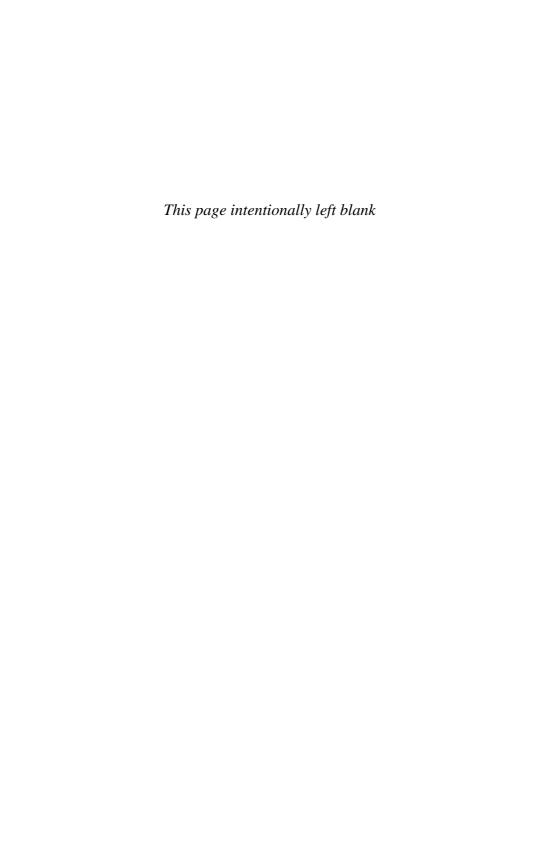
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### **Abbreviations**

AAC Anglo-American Committee
AHC Arab Higher Committee
AHE Arab Higher Executive
AHF Arab Higher Front

ALA Arab Liberation (or Salvation) Army

APC armored personnel carrier BGA David Ben-Gurion Archive

CIGS Chief of the Imperial General Staff (Britain)

CO Colonial Office (Britain)

DFPI Documents on the Foreign Policy of Israel

DMZ Demilitarized Zone
DP displaced person
FO Foreign Office (Britain)
FM Foreign Ministry (Israel)

FRUS Foreign Relations of the United States

HA Haganah Archive
HGS Haganah General Staff
HHA Hashomer Hatza ir Archive
HIS Haganah Intelligence Service

HIS-AD Haganah Intelligence Service—Arab Department

HMG His Majesty's Government

IAF Israel Air Force