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Preface

Some books on the Roman army make little or no mention of slingers who were an element in the Roman armed forces over many centuries. The present monograph seeks to redress the balance. The emphasis is on the historical and epigraphic evidence, set against the political and military events of the period 90-31 BC.

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