

# Militarizing the Nation

---

THE ARMY, BUSINESS, AND  
REVOLUTION IN EGYPT

Zeinab Abul-Magd



Columbia University Press  
*New York*

---

---

# Contents

Abbreviations vii

Introduction: The Officer Has Saved the Nation 1

1 Socialism Without Socialists (1950s–1970s) 35

2 The Good 1980s: Arms, Consumerism, and Scandals 78

3 Neoliberal Officers Make Big Money (1990s–2000s) 112

4 The Republic of Retired Generals (1990s–2000s) 152

5 Angry Workers, Islamic Grocers, and Revolutionary  
Generals (2011–2014) 186

Conclusion: Demilitarizing the Nation? 228

Appendix 243

Notes 255

Index 315