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dredth anniversary of both Parks Canada and the Battle of Batoche.

Hildebrandt depicts the fight as a local example of nineteenth-century Imperial British "small warfare" tactics that were used to subdue colonized peoples around the world. He suggests that the strategy Riel chose for his people at Batoche was inappropriate for the circumstances they faced. The popular literature about the campaign that was critical of Middleton is discounted as unfair in emphasis and it is concluded that it was Middleton's battle experience and his knowledge of "small war" tactics that allowed him to engineer a victory.

Métis readers will tend to react less than enthusiastically to even a fair portrayal of the military campaign which killed those whose deaths they commemorate in 1985. For that the author cannot be faulted. By his indiscriminate and unfortunate adoption of the colonizer's term "half-breed," however, he emphasizes that the traditional perception of the Métis remains.

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The Battle of Batoche: British Small Warfare and the Entrenched Métis. By Walter Hildebrandt. Ottawa, Ontario: Parks Canada, 1985. Epilogue, notes, bibliography. 120 pp. \$6.95.

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