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Edward J. Erickson (ed.), *A Global History of Relocation in Counterinsurgency Warfare*, London: Bloomsbury, 2020; xii+286 pp.; £67.50 hbk; £22.49 pbk; ISBN 978135006297

This collection uses case studies to constitute a military history of the operational use of relocation in counterinsurgency (COIN), aiming for an objective and value-neutral approach. Starting with the expulsion of about half the French settles from Acadia (present-day Nova Scotia and the Canadian Maritime Provinces), it finishes with resettlement in Portuguese Africa during decolonization. The case-study approach allows a broad range of examples, albeit of variable length. This approach thus offers farm more breadth and depth than Laleh Khalilis chapter 2 of *Time in the Shadows: Confinement in Counterinsurgencies* (2013), which provided a sweeping, critical but necessarily shallow overview. This books broad coverage also makes it more comprehensive than Simon Webbs *British Concentration Camps*, any particular study (say David Andersons and Caroline Elkins forensic exposure of British methods and abuses in Kenyan camps and prosecutions), or even overviews of solely British counterinsurgency (such as David Frenchs excellent *The British Way to Counterinsurgency* of 2011, with its argument that the British used coercion and exemplary violence for demonstrative purposes).

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