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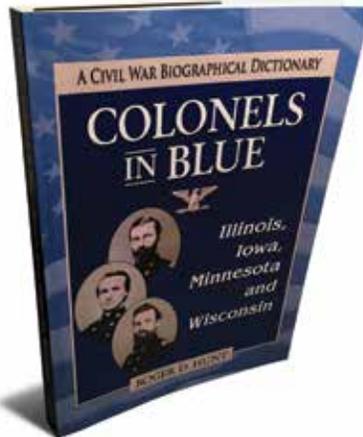
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I will remember my first encounter with Roger Hunt at a Civil War show in the early 1990s. I happened upon him as he stood, staring with what struck me as professorial curiosity, at a *carte de visite* of a Union officer. To his left, an eager collector waited expectantly. The unassuming, gentle-mannered Hunt asked a question, and the two began to talk. I drifted away and circled back later to find Hunt engaged with another collector.

I later learned Hunt's name and about his reputation. His knowledge of Union officers and his uncanny ability for facial recognition had earned him widespread respect within the collecting community and other Civil War circles.

Nowadays, many people consider Hunt a national treasure for his pioneer work documenting high-ranking Union officers.

His first published success, *Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue* with co-author Jack R. Brown,



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profiles 1,400 officers. The book has become a fixture in private and public libraries everywhere.

Hunt then turned his attention to cataloging colonels in a multi-volume biographical dictionary. The latest result: *Colonels in Blue: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin*.

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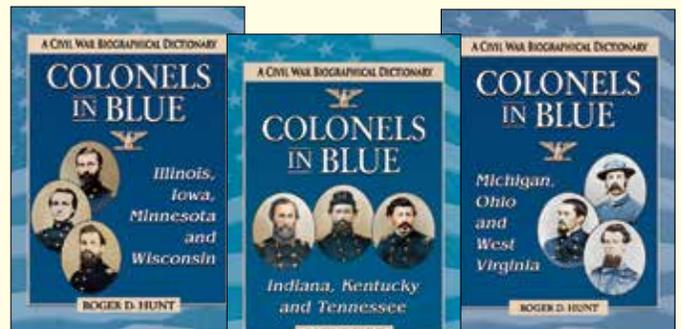
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