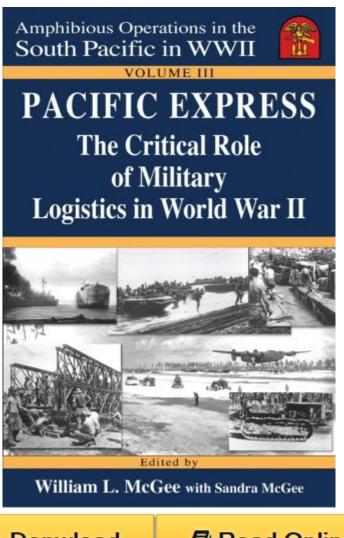
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# FROM THE AUTHOR

"I felt compelled to honor all the men and women – military and civilian – who served during World War II in logistical support roles for the front line combatants: ship builders, advance bases and floating service squadrons, Naval Transportation Service, Navy Seabees, Marine Corps Engineers, Merchant Marine, Naval Armed Guard, Army Transportation Corps, and Coast Guard. I felt these non-combatant service personnel were (and are) often overshadowed by those who served in combat."

-William L. McGee

### FROM THE FOREWORD

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--Dennis R. Blocker II, National LCI Association, Pacific War Historian

# FROM THE BACK COVER

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During World War II, 16.1 million men and women served in the U.S. Armed Forces. However, for every one combatant, there were ten supportive personnel both overseas and on the home front. (Source: Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Record Administrator)

The editors profile many of the major components of the "Pacific express" including:

- \* U.S. Navy Seabees and U.S. Marine Corps Engineers who built the Advance Bases.
- \* U.S. Navy crews who manned the amphibious force and Fleets floating mobile Service Squadrons throughout the vast reaches of the Pacific.
- \* U.S. Merchant Marine and U.S. Naval Armed Guard who manned and defended the thousands of WSA cargo ships, transports, and tankers to "deliver the goods."
- \* U.S. Coast Guardsmen who manned hundreds of U.S. Army and Navy long-haul vessels and thousands of battle-loaded amphibious landing ships and craft.
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