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Amphibious Operations in the South Pacific in World War II (series title) by William L. McGee (BMC Publications) is available direct from the publisher at www.PacificWarTrilogy.com or from Amazon.com.

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