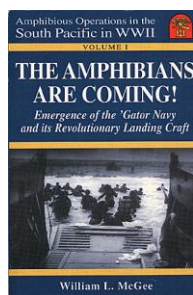


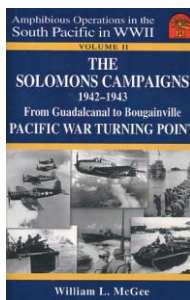
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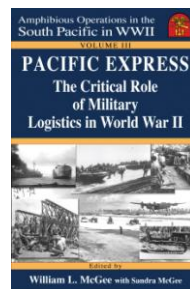
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■ As a Marine who landed on Guadalcanal on 7 August 1942, *Solomons Campaigns* is the most comprehensive book that I’ve read on the war in the Solomons. It brought back memories of those very dark days. Semper Fi.

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■ *Solomons Campaigns* is perfectly balanced between riveting history, personal narratives, and pleasing layout packed with photos, maps, and illustrations. As the son of a Flotilla Five veteran of the Pacific, McGee’s books are a fine tribute to all who served in that theater.

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■ Having experienced a full measure of life at sea during WWII, I find your military histories detailed, vivid, accurate. They capture the essence of that war.

—**Anthony P. Tesori, USNR, Gunnery Officer, LST-340**

■ I knew McGee’s years of exhaustive and intensive research would produce a lasting history of the Solomons campaigns. That he has done. Admirably.

—**Charles J. Adams Jr, LST-281**

■ One of the best books I’ve ever read on WWII. I was impressed with the scholarly effort the author put forth. I’m a former Marine and didn’t know the kind of detail that occurred in that sector of the campaign, but I sure do now.

—**Jim Comiskey, Author, *Academic Innovations***

■ I heard about this book from my cousin, John A. McNeill Sr, skipper of the LCT-159 of the Solomons campaign. I was a sailor on USS LSM-342 which evolved out of the LCT in 1943 and first hit the beaches in the Philippines in 1944. Thank you for this great history of the Gator Navy.

—**Royce McNeill, LSM-342**

■ Having done my own research for the famed “Green Dragons”—the history of the Four Stack APD (Destroyer Transports) in WWII—I consider your Amphib’s book a must read for anyone interested in the history of our great amphibious navy that was so instrumental in winning WWII.

—**Curt Clark, Secretary, The Four Stack APD Veterans**

■ A masterful job in dealing with the wide range of Amphibians. You included just the right amount of detail to make the book very readable.

—**Alfred J. Ormston, Skipper, LCI-334**

■ My father, a Flotilla Five veteran, pulled rank and read the book first. It's filled with many personal accounts of the pioneering men of Flotilla Five and gave me an idea of what life was like in those days of the war in the South Pacific. For my father, it brought back many memories.

—**Richard Fox, Webmaster,
LCT Flotillas of WWII**

■ Excellent reading.

—**"Frenchy" Maurais, Duty Yeoman,
USS McCawley (aka "Wackymac")**

■ Truly comprehensive.

—**Robert M. Carr, Skipper, LCT-364**

■ I went into the Amphib fleet after I saw the *Missouri* go out of commission in 1955. I'm fascinated with small craft of the Navy and thank you for the wonderful contribution you are making to keep this history alive.

—**Herbert Fahr Jr, President, 1998-2000,
USS Missouri (BB-63) Association**

■ Every 'amphib' needs to have all three volumes of William McGee's series, *Amphibious Operations in the South Pacific in WWII* so the next generation can read and learn what their loved ones went through.

—**Royce N. McNeill, USS LSM-LSMR Association**

■ I was on LCT-146 that was transported to Noumea, New Caledonia on LST-399 as narrated in your book. I am still in close contact with a navy buddy who was on LST-398 that transported his LCT-145 as narrated on page 162 in your book. I would like a copy of your book sent to him as a gift.

—**Howard Breckenfeld, USN**

■ *Amphibians Are Coming!* is a long-awaited dream since it deals with my kind of war. You've brought great pride and joy to thousands who were there and to future generations who will learn how America fought in World War II.

—**John A. McNeill Sr., USNR,
Officer-in-Charge, LCT-159**

■ Your book reminded me of how easy it was to lose one's life then. Your story of the ship's gun crew firing at planet Venus gave me a chuckle. Some gun crews were really trigger-happy and dangerous.

—**Paul Clodfelter, First Special Naval
Construction Battalion**

■ Another great book. There is very good coverage of the amphib's role during the Solomons campaigns.

—**Jacob Miller, Fightin' Foxes Reunions**

■ Being an "old amphib", I never really knew how much I didn't know about the new landing crafts' humble beginnings. I look forward to Volume II and highly recommend not only amphib sailors read it, but all those interested in the Navy and WWII. Great stuff!

—**Bill Bartz, Capt., USNR-R,
President, ACU Veterans Group**