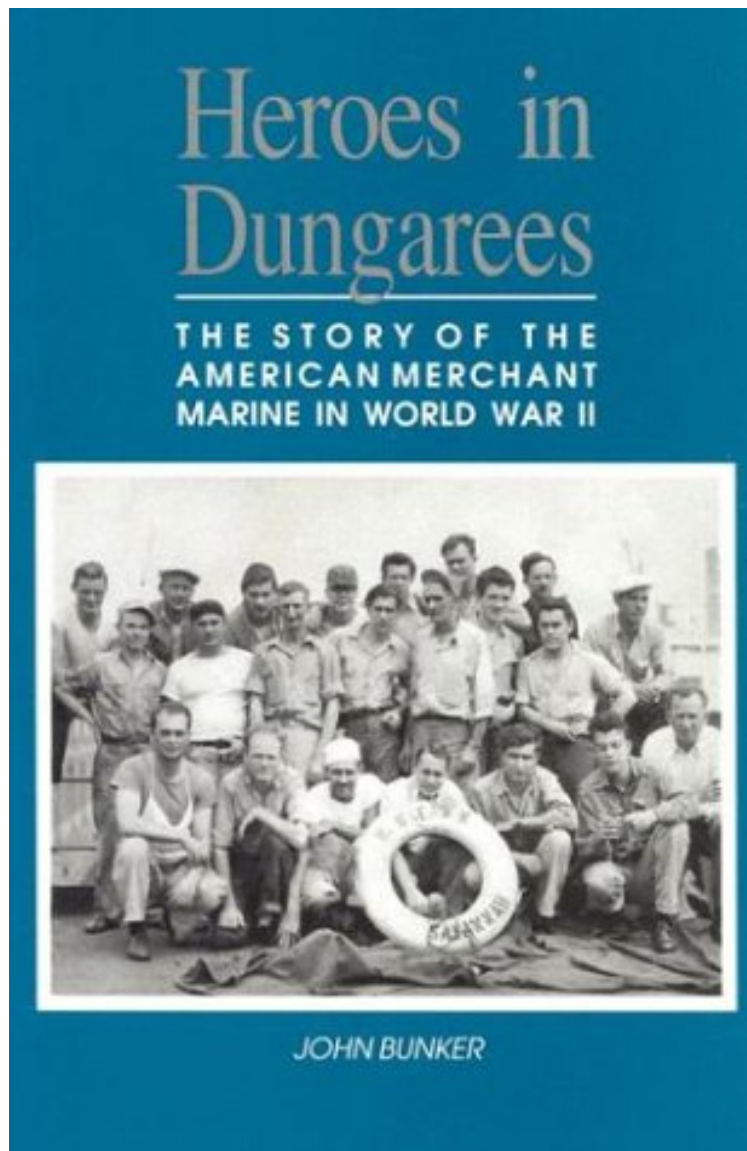


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About the Author John Bunker, a merchant seaman from 1942 to 1945, served in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Pacific, Middle East, and Mediterranean theaters and later enjoyed a distinguished career in maritime affairs before becoming a reporter for the Christian Science Monitor and San Diego Tribune. He died in 2003.