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at the café in memory of the Fukuoka #4 POW camp.

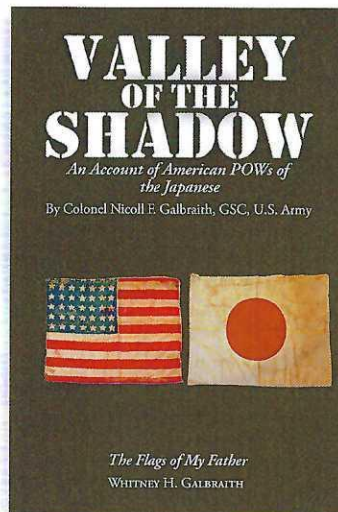
In the Port of Moji, we located the site of the former wharf where the hellships docked. However, there is a great deal of reclaimed land at Moji, and the bollards at the site of the former wharf for tying up the hellships are now several hundred yards from the water. Fortunately, someone had the foresight to preserve four bollards along the site of the former wharf and that area would be a perfect location for placement of a memorial marker. We also visited the Moji train station from which the POWs traveled to various camps in Japan. From the restaurant where we had lunch, we observed ships transiting the Kanmon Strait between Honshu and Kyushu on their way to or from Japan's Inland Sea. That afternoon, we boarded our flight to Tokyo where we rejoined our fellow travelers for a farewell dinner.

All of us wished we could have stayed an extra day or so just to unwind from a well-structured schedule and do some shopping. However, that was not to be since we had flights home the next day and mine was one of the first to depart. I consider the visit to Japan to be the trip of a lifetime and my sincere thanks goes out to all who made this possible. ★

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# New Books about the World War II Experience

**Valley of the Shadow** by Whitney H. Galbraith.

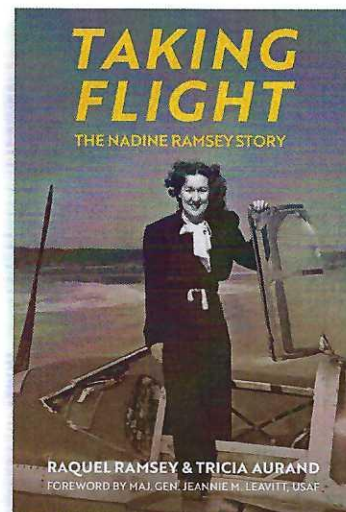


*Valley of the Shadow: An Account of American POWs of the Japanese* (published by Xlibris). narrates the life of Col. Nicoll F. Galbraith, the author's father, and shares a detailed description in it, an episode only briefly mentioned in existing literature.

*Valley of the Shadow* is an authoritative account of the Fall of the Philippines in 1942, particularly the final surrender of Corregidor, and the lives of American prisoners of war, as experienced by Col. Galbraith. His 1,100 or so flimsies that are the original longhand script were only recently retrieved from a deep family shelf, together with the two flags that represent Col. Galbraith's vital role.

The book takes readers to the Philippine Islands and various Japanese prison camps, including the POWs' release in August 1945 from Camp Hoten, Mukden, Manchuria, by an OSS team and the Russian Red Army. More than a historical retelling, the book also highlights a deeper understanding of the psychological and emotional effects of war on those serving and sacrificing for the country's national defense.

**Taking Flight:** by Raquel Ramsey and Tricia Aurand.



*Taking Flight: The Nadine Ramsey Story* by Raquel Ramsey and Tricia Aurand, published by University Press of Kansas, follows the story of Nadine Ramsey, one of 1,102 women to join the Women's Airforce Service Pilots and one of only 303 women pilots who were assigned to military cock-

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pits. Ramsey was also one of the first women to transport air mail, to earn a commercial license, and one of the few women to fly a Lockheed P-38, a fighter aircraft.

Ramsey also flew missions in Europe during World War II. Her courage and skills helped to open paths for women aviators today.

*Taking Flight* is available through the University of Kansas Press and is also offered in electronic format. ★