

Shortly before 1100 hrs on 14.12.42 a party of Japanese arrived at this hut, asked which was Whitfield, and upon being told that Whitfield was "outside boiling a billy", the man who was boiling the billy and who was, in fact, Whitfield, was seized and his hands tied behind his back, and his eyes blindfolded and the man immediately taken to the place of execution - a cemetery nearby-- and executed a few minutes later. There was no semblance of a trial. I conducted the burial service over his remains on that day. Lt Naito must have been responsible for the issuing of the execution order. The inference generally drawn was that