

About 14 days prior to 13.12.42 the undermentioned Dutch personnel escaped from Japanese captivity from WEGALIE Camp (appr oximately 8 kms fr on Thambuzayat):-

Capt J H W De ROCHEMENT
Capt F A M HARTERINK
Lt G A HERMANS

These ~~officers~~ were subsequently recaptured and placed in the camp prison. Brigadier Varley and Major Haartzenburg (Dutch CO) together with the Camp interpreter, interviewed the Japanese Camp Commander (Lt Col NAGATOMA) to intercede on the Dutchmen's behalf. This was in vain, and the officers were executed by a firing party under Lt NAITO about 0815 hours on 13.12.42. Lt Col NAGATOMA was Camp Commander of No 3 Group, P/W BURMA. No Padre was permitted to visit the men prior to execution.

On 27.12.42, the undermentioned Dutch personnel were executed for escaping from WEGALIE Camp :

Sgt Th H VAN HAASEN
Pte A N J VREDEVOOGD
Pte H R NEILLESSEN