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JUNIOR
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Student, Forester Training School, Glentress.

passed the Society's Junior Examination on

23rd October 1947.



W. J. Galloway

President

R. Galloway

Secretary

After one year from the above date the holder may be a candidate for the Senior Certificate.

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SENIOR
FORESTER'S CERTIFICATE

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HAMISH CLARK BROWNLIE PARK

Student, Forester Training School, Glentress

passed the Society's Senior Examination on

11th August, 1948.



A. Kilbride

President

R. Galloway

Secretary

After three years from the above date the holder, if 25 years of age, may apply for the Diploma

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FORESTER'S DIPLOMA

This Diploma has been awarded to

HAMISH CLARK BROWNLIE PARK,

Forester Grade II, FORESTRY COMMISSION.

who already holds the Society's Junior and Senior Forester's Certificates, and has now satisfied the Council that he has sufficient practical experience to enable him to take full charge of the forestry department of a well-wooded estate.

8th November, 1951.



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President

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Secretary



From Our Own Reporter

HAMISH PARK, a former flight engineer, who was shot down while his Stirling bomber was attacking Frankfurt in 1942, and David Bridges, who won the Military Cross in Burma, are two young men whose war-time experiences gave them a taste for an active, outdoor life, and left them with no desire whatever to return to their former occupations, apprentice engineer and cost accountant.

They will find their future in the forests of their homeland, for at the end of August they will be part of the first course to pass out after two years training at the Glentress Forestry School, Peebles.

The great expansion of forestry in Britain under the aegis of the Forestry Commission demanded the training of men to take charge of forest workmen and eventually of forest units. The Glentress School is one of three schools added to the two which existed before the war to provide the men needed; and in the course of a Press visit to Glentress at the week end I saw what excellent types our future foresters are.

The sixty students at Glentress are lucky, for they were selected from many applicants. Six hundred applications have been received and already there is a waiting list of 100 for vacancies in the five schools of the United Kingdom. From the 600 applicants, 150 will be selected to await further vacancies in those schools, which have a total capacity of 272.

At Glentress the students get a thorough practical training, linked with theoretical work on protection from fire, fungi, and insects, on surveying, felling, conversion, and utilisation of timber.

The recruits are mainly ex-Service who come in under the Ministry of Labour vocational training scheme, which, in case of forestry at any rate, is providing a valuable solution to the problems of the men who entered the Services while young or half-way through their civil occupation, or professional training and came out after several years of war behind them with a different outlook. Former bank clerks, insurance men, and other "indoor" men form a large proportion of the students.

Hamish Park, whose home is at Strathclyde, told me he had no desire to go back to engineering. He decided on forestry as all students have to do, he did a year as a forest as an ordinary worker and then passed the examination for entry into the forestry training school. The same applied to David Bridges, whose home is at Colinton, Edinburgh.

Unmarried men get full board and plus an allowance of 39s per week. A married man with one child gets maintenance in school plus £3 10s per week—to give two examples of the conditions. They are assured of positions in forestry, usually with the Commission, but some with private owners.

The party which visited Glentress was led by their chief guide Mr H. C. Beresford, Director of Forestry for Scotland, and T. A. Robbie, District Officer, who is in charge of the school, and senior official of the Commission.

The visitors were given a full insight into the training of the men who will have the care of the valuable forests now being created in Britain.

The picture shows trainees transacting business down roads in the Glentress Forest.

Scottish Amateur

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