

Forest Service, being stationed at Waiotapu Forest and later transferred to Kaingaroa Forest as station clerk. Whilst employed as a clerical officer and in his own time, he compiled from the meagre information available a compartment history for the whole forest. This history still stands as a monument to his industry, efficiency and painstaking research.

On appointment to Forest Ranger status he was transferred to Canterbury Conservancy as Officer in Charge, Balmoral Forest, where he spent five years. Apart from this break his service was in the Rotorua Conservancy.

He was a man of kindly disposition, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. He will be greatly missed by those who were privileged to know him well. To his widow, two sons and daughter we extend our sympathy.

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#### R. C. CULBERT

Rae Carrington Culbert died under tragic and heroic circumstances in the Karakoram Himalayas last year. With other members of an Oxford University Mountaineering Expedition he was returning to camp from a reconnaissance of Mount Haramosh when two of the party were overwhelmed by an avalanche and carried a thousand feet down the mountain. Rae spent the next three days in a most determined and gallant attempt to rescue his comrades, and although one came out alive, Rae did not. Truly, he gave his life in an effort to save others.

Rae joined the Forest Service as a trainee in 1951, and soon impressed as a young officer of outstanding character and promise. In 1955 he was selected to undertake post-graduate studies at Oxford. He had completed his degree there and was about to return to New Zealand in 1957 when he was honoured by an invitation to join the Oxford University Mountaineering Expedition. The leader, Captain H. R. A. Streather, himself a famous Himalayan climber, writes of him as follows: "I had only known Rae a short time but we had become close friends. He was one of the finest people I have ever met. He was always straightforward and cheerful, and I never heard him say a bad word about anybody. I can never hope to meet a better person."

Those who knew Rae well will appreciate how justified this tribute was. A most valuable young life has been cut short and forestry in New Zealand will be the loser. The Institute offers its most profound and heartfelt sympathy to all members of his family.

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