lishing firmly the training and research developments. During this time the overseas professional-training scheme was developed and F.R.I., the Training Centres at Rotorua and Reefton, and the Junior Woodsman Schools came into being. He was Forest Service delegate to the World Forestry Congress in Finland in 1949, and on that trip was able to develop useful research and training contacts in Scandinavia and Britain.

During his years in the field and in forest mycology, Tom was the author of several published papers and Forest Service leaflets; the later years, with the daily round of committees, complaints, interviews, supervision, reports, and correspondence provided little time for writing other than what was concerned with the intricacies of training. One of his last substantial papers was for the 1957 British Commonwealth Forestry Conference.

Tom was devoted to his family and home, at which he was a warm host to many of us, and was active in suburban activities and especially in matters pertaining to the schools attended by his four children. Through the rough patches and the smooth he had the best of all possible allies — his wife.

—J.S.R.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL FORBES, 1896-1959

A. C. Forbes died on 1st November 1959. He was a native of Eire, son of the late A. C. Forbes, O.B.E., long-time Director of Forestry in the Republic of Ireland and a prolific writer on forestry subjects. Forbes the younger served throughout the First World War in the Royal Field Artillery, graduated in forestry from the Royal College of Science, Ireland, and came to New Zealand in 1923. Except for a short period in the employ of a private forestry company, the whole of his working life in this country was spent with the Forest Service.

"Mick" Forbes, as he was known to every forester in New Zealand and to countless others throughout the Commonwealth, was one of that very small group who formed the N.Z. Institute of Foresters in 1928. He was then elected to Associate Membership, later becoming a Member and finally in 1958 receiving Honorary Membership in recognition of the yeoman service he had given the Institute throughout its existence. He had the distinction of being the second Forbes to become an Honorary Member, his father having been similarly elected in 1936.

The Institute of Foresters was to Mick Forbes a precious possession to be jealously guarded, and he will long be remembered for his unstinting efforts as Honorary Treasurer over a period approaching twenty years. The generality of members will recall his perennial solicitude that they should remain in good financial standing; those who worked more closely with him in Council will remember his forthright but invariably correct attitude towards all matters of professional principle. Though he might (privately) inveigh and threaten
dire penalties against chronic slow payers – these are found even in the Institute – in practice he always showed monumental patience, and never accepted the proposition that blood is an unlikely extract of stones. The present-day strength of the Institute can be attributed in no small measure to the essential work done quietly in the background by such stalwarts as Mick Forbes.

Unpretentious and kindly, always “truth without mercy” when dealing with Institute affairs, Mick Forbes himself became literally an institution, one who will be sorely missed from future Institute events. The sympathy of every member goes to Mrs Forbes in her bereavement.

—D.K.

J. B. GRUBB

We regretfully have to record the death of Forest Ranger John Barbrook Grubb in the Wanganui Hospital on 17 August 1959 after an operation. He had not been in good health for some time.

Born in Christchurch in February 1895, John Grubb was employed in various capacities in State forests in Canterbury for over ten years before his appointment to the position of Forest Foreman, Eyrewell Forest, in June 1939. In 1940 he went overseas with one of the forestry companies. After returning to the Forest Service in 1943, he occupied various positions, ending up at Erua State Forest.

Grubb was a single man of quiet disposition, and was respected by fellow officers and workmen alike. In later years he also assumed his share of interest in local community life. He is survived by his sister.

—W.R.P.

BERNIE GUTHRIE

Bernie Guthrie died in hospital at Nelson on the morning of 3 July 1960. He was in his thirty-sixth year. Earlier, in January, he had suffered a serious illness but had made a good recovery. He returned to hospital for further minor treatment and unfortunately succumbed to post-operative pneumonia.

Guthrie started his career with the Valuation Department in 1940. After two years he applied to enter the Forest Service as a technical trainee but because of territorial military training did not take up the position until February 1944. Three months later he had enlisted in the RNZAF but the war ended soon after. At the end of 1945 he started work at Whangamata and Tairua, the beginning of his long association with the Coromandel Peninsula. In 1947 he was attached to the National Forest Survey, which was then at an early stage, and soon was in charge of work in the Coromandel unit. His knowledge of the area became intimate, for there were few areas that he did not visit himself. He was an excellent bushman.