

OBITUARY

ROLAND WILLIAM JANSON (1903-1963)

The death of Roly Janson came as a great shock to the great number of friends and acquaintances he made throughout the country during his long and varied life with the Forest Service.

He will be remembered for his kindly and generous nature and his willingness at all times to render a good turn.

In 1924 he was stationed at Kaingaroa Forest. It is now difficult to comprehend the conditions which applied in those days and an occasional moment of thought is due to Roly and his contemporaries who overcame what nowadays appear to be insurmountable problems if confronted with the limited facilities they had at their disposal. Today we have vast stands of pines and high grade Douglas fir supporting a colossal industry. These are a monument to those who assisted with establishment and Roly Janson was deservedly proud of his early endeavours. It was while planting at Kaingaroa that he was associated with the discovery of the ancient Maori cliff carvings.

During his 41 years with the Forest Service he worked in the Southland, Westland, Wellington and Nelson Conservancies and progressed from Forest Guard status to that of Assistant Conservator of Forests.

He was a loyal servant to the Forest Service and never missed an opportunity of promoting good relations with other organizations and the general public. His meticulous care and correct method of approach to all problems set a good example for others to emulate.

The welfare of staff under his control was always his concern and a sympathetic hearing with kindly advice helped many a junior officer on his way to success.

It is regretted that Roly Janson was not spared to enjoy a period of well earned retirement and our sympathy is extended to Mrs Janson, their daughter and two sons.