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1. This Report deals with the growth and development of the Canadian Forestry Corps between May 1941 and May 1943. The present Report should be read in conjunction with Report No. 29 which outlined the history and work of the C.F.C. from the date of its origin until May 1941.

2. The materials upon which this Report is based include the pertinent Forestry files at C.M.H.Q., the War Diaries of H.Q., C.F.C., and H.Qs. Districts 1 to 5, C.F.C.; and personal conversations with Brigadier-General J.B. White, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Commander, Canadian Forestry Corps, Lt.-Col. A.E. Caldwell, A.D.T.O. (Transport) and Lt.-Col. R.P. Roe, A.D.T.O. (Milling and Shipping). The writer has not had access to the correspondence between the C.F.C. and the British Ministry of Supply. Accordingly, this Report does not go into any of the detailed arrangements with respect to the timber policy of the British Government or the allotment of the various areas for logging purposes, etc.

VISIT TO UNITS OF THE C.F.C. 9-16 May 43

3. The writer accompanied a party arranged by the D.D.P.R., C.M.H.Q., to visit different units of the C.F.C. 9-16 May 43. The party included Mr. J.A.M. Cook, War Correspondent, representing the Sifton newspapers of Western Canada, Lieut. Alex Stirton, Photographer (Public Relations Department, C.M.H.Q.) and Lieut. G. Noble, Canadian Film Unit, C.M.H.Q. Capt. J.F. Macfarlane, P.A. to Brigadier-General White, met the visitors at BLAIR ATHOLL and was responsible for all arrangements made.

4. After viewing the General Workshop and Technical Equipment and Supplies Sections at BLAIR ATHOLL, the visiting party saw the mill of No. 5 Coy, and watched the Company's logging operations in the Pass of KILLIECRANKIE, a locality of historical interest associated with the name of John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee. We proceeded by motor car on 11 May to No. 13 Coy at BRECHIN. Snow blocked both routes across the Grampians towards DEESIDE via the SPITTAL of GLENSHEE and the DEVIL'S ELBOW (the route followed by the Historical Officer on the occasion of his visit to the C.F.C. in May 1941 - see Report No. 29), and CAIRN O'MOUNT; and it was necessary to continue to the coast to STONEHAVEN and from thence to BANCHORY and ABOYNE (H.Q., No. 2 District).

5. On 12 May 43 visits were paid to several companies on the DEE including Nos. 2, 4, 22-24, and 25. The last mentioned was conducting logging and milling operations near MAR LODGE, one of the estates of the late Duke of Connaught. On the following day the party continued by motor to NAIRN (H.Q., No. 3 District) and, after seeing the mills and quarters at No. 23 and No. 27 Companies, on the Darnaway Estate (Lord Moray), arrived at BEAULY (H.Q., C.F.C.).



