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Kidnapped Briton freed on border



Harare.— Mr John Burlison, a British ecologist who had been held for more than five months by guerrillas operating in Mozambique was released on the border of east Zimbabwe yesterday (Stephen Taylor writes).

One member of the British High Commission went to Mutare (formally Umtali), where Mr Burlison, aged 28, from Stockton on Tees, was in the care of police.

A wildlife specialist, he was abducted by guerrillas from a state-run ecology school at Gorongosa National Park in southern Mozambique on December 17.

Yesterday a telephone caller claiming to be speaking for the Mozambique Resistance Movement said Mr Burlison had been freed in the Inyanga region and was fit and well.