

A Cutting from the Northern Scott.

A RETIRED Army Intelligence officer is hoping to reunite with a Moray serviceman he met in Munster half-a-century ago.

Professor Edward Hughes - then Corporal Hughes - remembers a young National Serviceman from the Elgin area who was with the Seaforth Highlanders, 6th Infantry Brigade, at Gremmendorf in 1961 or 1962.

While he recalls a hard-working, dedicated and enthusiastic colleague, he only knows him as 'Young Mackenzie'.

However, he hopes 'Scot' readers might be able to help tracing his one-time colleague, who came from a local fishing family.

"His father had his own boat with a crew of three or four.

"I remember he came to me one day and asked if I would like to read a letter from his mother, which contained some photographs that one of his father's crew members had taken over the side of the fishing boat when they were on their way home through Loch Ness.

"Now, I recall being amazed as it appeared to show an enormous creature rising from the Loch. It was not just one picture, there was several of them." <br/>

At the time, the professor (83) was Intelligence Corporal of the Brigade Intelligence Section.

He was sent by the then war office to Hong Kong University, where he studied Mandarin Chinese for three years.

"I was promoted to Captain and seconded to British Military Intelligence, so of course I lost touch," said the professor, who believes Young Mackenzie would now be in his 70s.

The Brigade Intelligence Officer at the time was Captain Michael Shwabe.

"Young Mackenzie was really a splendid worker and dedicated. I never knew him to go off to the NAAFI drinking with the other lads, he just dedicated himself to work.

"I will be coming up to Scotland later in the year, to Oban, and it would be lovely to take a day trip to Elgin on the train and it would give me enormous pleasure to see the lad again," he said.

If you have any information on above please get in touch with Sarah at the Northern Scott on the email address below. Email [s.rollo@northern-scot.co.uk](mailto:s.rollo@northern-scot.co.uk) if you can help.