

Extract from Golspie's "Northern Times" in their "Embo" section telling of the death of Peter John Mackay "Bonner" in the Himalayan republic of Bhutan. Date of the extract and Peter's death are not given but they were sometime in 1985.

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Far Travelled — The sudden death of 49-year-old Peter John Mackay in hospital in Bhutan has prematurely ended a self-sacrificing career of giving expert technical assistance to underdeveloped countries of the Third World.

Born on 2nd April 1939, Mr Mackay was educated at Dornoch Academy and Edinburgh University and subsequently at Reading and Slough Technical Colleges. He was a graduate of the Institute of Electronic and Radio Engineers and an Associate of the Institute of Physics.

Within four years of completing his studies in Edinburgh in 1962, he took up a post in the work that was to occupy him for the rest of his life. He joined the Ministry of Overseas Development as a physicist researching, advising and teaching the measurement of physical factors of food storage, especially in developing countries.

In 1970 he joined the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, where he was appointed technical adviser to the Produce Marketing Board of Uganda. His expertise was devoted to helping with improvements in all aspects of grain procurement and storage.

In 1974 he returned to the UK Overseas Development Administration and was posted to the Solomon Islands as marketing adviser to the government on technical, economic and policy matters affecting the external marketing of agricultural, marine,

industrial and forest products. He spent six happy years in the Solomons, completing the job in 1980.

The following year saw him return once more to the Food and Agricultural Organisation as a project manager concerned with post harvest management of crops and training, this time in the Republic of Laos. This project finished in late 1983 and he used the early part of 1984 to study senior management techniques at Strathclyde University, followed by a short period as a consultant in Mauritius with a trade mission from Tanzania.

His last tour of duty with FAO started in 1985 when he accepted the post of project manager responsible for the improvements in storage and storage techniques in the East Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. This project was due for completion in November, but Peter Mackay died in hospital in Bhutan last month.

A regular subscriber to *The Northern Times*, no matter in what part of the world he was, Mr Mackay loved his Highland connections and particularly had a strong attachment to Embo. The family home was at 3 Terrace Street.

He is survived by his wife Mary, born in Fiji, and two sons — Kenneth aged 17½ and Andrew 16 — at their home in Maidenhead, Berkshire. Mr Mackay's mother, Mrs Eva Mackay, also resides in Maidenhead.