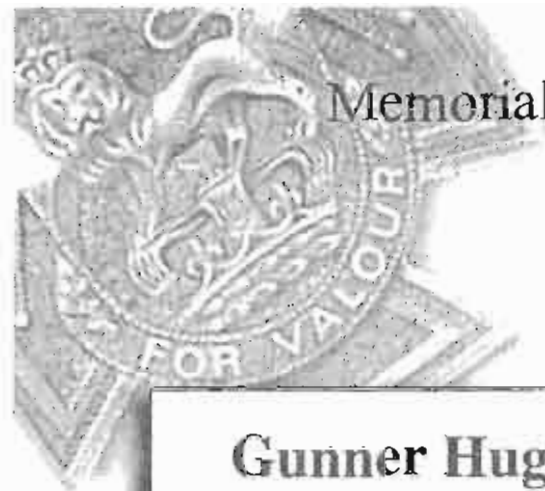


The International Association of Clan MacInnes

Dedicated to the memory of Hugh McInnes VC  
The Bengal Artillery  
1816-1879

## Memorial Dedication



**Gunner Hugh McInnes VC**  
**The Bengal Artillery**

1816 - 1879



The Victoria Cross

Muster at 11am. for 11-30am. Saturday 26th June 2004  
at St. Peter's Cemetery, Dalbeth, London Road, Glasgow.

**Saturday 26th June  
2004.**

### A Tribute to Gunner Hugh McInnes VC

**We have gathered together on this Saturday morning in high summer to pay tribute to a man – a soldier – who has lain here for one hundred and twenty-five years – unknown and forgotten.**

Gunner Hugh McInnes of the Bengal Artillery was born in the old Anderston district of Glasgow on the 10th of January 1816, his father Daniel, of Donald McInnes, was a serving soldier with the 79th Highlanders – later to become the Cameron Highlanders.

Hugh McInnes was from a humble background – like his wife and his Highland parents raised in the Gaelic tradition of the time, Hugh could neither read nor write. He made his 'mark' on all formal documents.

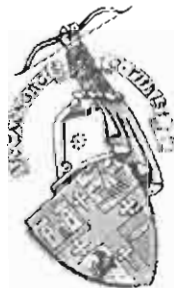
Yet this man from the tenements of Glasgow was to receive this nation's highest and ultimate honour for bravery – the legendary Victoria Cross.

The wording of the official citation of the award is terse and brief: "During the whole period of the 14th to the 22nd of November 1857 at The Relief of Lucknow, India, Gunner McInnes acted with conspicuous gallantry." Nine days of heroism during an appalling episode of colonial history that became known as The Indian Mutiny. Hugh was 41 years of age when he won the Victoria Cross and was elected for the honour by the officers and men of the regiment.

Twenty-two years later this Scottish hero was dead, buried, unknown and forgotten – he was buried here in an unmarked grave in the old Victorian "common burial ground" on the 9th December 1879

The whereabouts of Hugh's Victoria Cross medal is unknown – despite our intensive research to trace the medal.

The name of Hugh McInnes features on the Victoria Cross Memorial in the Chapel of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, London - but it is fitting - that this son of Glasgow – Gunner Hugh McInnes VC - should be remembered in the city of his birth on this Saturday morning.



## ORDER OF DEDICATION

### Parade Marshal

Lt. Colonel Malcolm McVittie – Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders  
Deputy: Tom Healy, DCM, RN.

### Tribute to Gunner Hugh MacInnes VC

Donald McInnes – International Adjutant, The International Association of Clan MacInnes

### Reading: Psalm 3

Colin McInnes – Secretary, UK The International Association of Clan McInnes

### The Highlander's Prayer

The Reverend Donald Michael MacInnes - St Columba Church of Scotland, Glasgow.

### The Collect of the Royal Artillery and Prayer

Major Duncan Kelly, TD -The Royal Artillery Association

### Unveiling of the Memorial

Baillie Robert Winter

Representative of the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Glasgow City Council

### Blessing and Dedication

The Most Reverend Mario Joseph Conti - Archbishop Of Glasgow.  
The Reverend Gerry Nugent - St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Aunderston, Glasgow.

### Laying of Wreaths

Ross MacAngus of Banton - The International Association of Clan MacInnes  
The Royal British Legion Scotland  
T P Healy, DCM, RN - Royal Navy Association Victoria Cross Memorial Fund

### The Last Post and Lowering of the Standards

The Royal British Legion

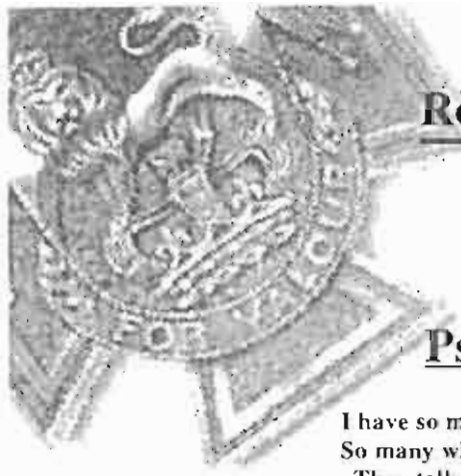
### One Minute's Silence

### A Piping Lament

Duncan Brown

### Reveille

Bugler: Lt. James McHugh, 205th Glasgow Company, Boys Brigade.



## Reading

### Psalm 3

I have so many enemies, Lord,  
So many who turn against me!  
They talk about me and say,  
“God will not help him.”

But you, O Lord, are always my shield from danger;  
Give me victory and restore my courage.  
I call to the Lord for help,  
and from his sacred hill he answers me.

I lie down and sleep,  
and all night long the Lord protects me.  
I am not afraid of the thousands of enemies  
Who surround me on every side.

Come, Lord! Save me, my God!  
You punish all my enemies  
And leave them powerless to harm me.  
Victory comes from the Lord -  
and may he bless his people.




## Prayer

### The Highlander's Prayer

O Rìgh nan Dùl's nam feart tha shuas,  
Do Bheannachd grasmhor doirt a-nuas.  
Le'r tìr's ar teangaidh soirbheich Fhein  
'S biodh clann nan Gaidheal fo sgail do sgeith

O King of all creation and the elements above  
Pour down your gracious blessing  
Let our land and language prosper  
And the children of the Gael be protected by your shield.





## Prayer



### The Collect of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost everywhere lead thy people in the way of righteousness, vouchsafe so to lead the Royal Regiment of Artillery, that wherever we serve, on land, or sea or in the air, we may win the glory of doing thy will.

Amen

As we meet today let us resolve to dedicate ourselves anew in the years that lie ahead, to the furthering of our proud tradition and inheritance.

O Lord God, when you givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of their work laid down his life for us, even our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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## The Blessing and Dedication

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The Parachute Regiment Association

The Victoria Cross & George Cross Association

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Glasgow



Please join us at the Post dedication buffet in:  
The Royal British Legion - Cumbernauld

### A Special Thank You

Buffet and Limousine by kind courtesy of Tony Docherty  
of T & R O'Brien Funeral Services,  
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