

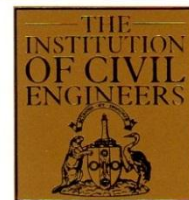
“THE CIVIL ENGINEERS”

By virtue of composing this tune Alex was to find some additional recognition.

He was the official piper to The Glasgow and West of Scotland Association of The Institution of Civil Engineers and played at their annual dinner which was held in the Central Hotel and then moved to the Albany Hotel in Bothwell Street since demolished, in the early 80s.



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CENTENARY
—1884-1984—

PROGRAMME OF CELEBRATIONS

Pipe Major Alex M. MacIver

Seumas MacNeill, at that time, principal of The College of Piping, published this tune in his book of pipe tunes, *SEUMAS MACNEILL BOOK 2*. Seumas also published this score in THE PIPING TIMES (PT 32/12 page 12) as “Tune of the Month” in a double-page spread.

Seumas wrote:-

Tune of the Month

Our tune this month was composed by Alex MacIver specially as a tribute to the Institution of Civil Engineers, Glasgow and West of Scotland Association, at whose annual dinner he has played for the last thirty years. Alex MacIver is chiefly renowned for the splendid work he has done with the 214 G.C.Boys' Brigade for a very long time. He is the current holder of the "Donald MacLeod Silver Tassie." presented each year for outstanding service to piping.

4/4 March **The Civil Engineers** Alex M MacIver



The image shows a musical score for a 4/4 march titled "The Civil Engineers" by Alex M MacIver. The score is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, creating a rhythmic pattern typical of a march. The score ends with a double bar line.

Three months later Alex was again to feature in The Piping Times (Vol. 33/3 page 28) this time under the heading of *PIPING HONOUR* showing him being presented with a crystal decanter in appreciation of his thirty years service as piper to The Institution of Civil Engineers.

PIPING HONOUR

In appreciation of his 30 years' service as piper to the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. Alex. MacIver was presented with a crystal decanter at the Annual Dinner of the Association.

Alex. is well known for the tremendous amount of work he has done, principally with his famous 214 Boys' Brigade Pipe Band, but in many other ways also. In September last we



published his excellent 4/4 march "The Civil Engineers".

Our photograph shows Mr. Linn making the presentation to Alex. Mr. Linn was the Association chairman in 1949 when Alex. first played for the Dinner. The introductions were made by Professor Hugh B. Sutherland of Glasgow University, himself a piper and a past Chairman of the Glasgow Association.

This may not be the most flattering image but this scan from the Piping Times is reflective of a time when this internationally published magazine was by today's standards somewhat "rustic" in its presentation.