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Putting veterans first

A local veteran has been reunited with his medals thanks to Veterans First Point, a service provided by NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

Eddie Gorman, 72 from Irvine, served with the Army in the Royal Highland Fusiliers in both Cyprus and Northern Ireland. He had never received the medal due to him for his service in Northern Ireland, but had been awarded a United Nations medal for his work in Cyprus. However, this had been stolen many years ago.

When Mr Gorman visited Veterans First Point in Irvine he asked if they could help reunite him with his medals. He and his partner Susan Lambie were delighted with the team at Veterans First Point when they managed to do just that.

Unfortunately, before Mr Gorman could receive his medals he was admitted to University Hospital Ayr. However, Veterans First Point and ward staff arranged for the Deputy Lord Lieutenant George Hay to present his medals to him in a small ceremony held on the ward.

Lindsay Kirkwood, Clinical Lead for Veterans First Point Ayrshire and Arran, commented: "We were delighted to be able to reunite Eddie with the medals he so rightly deserved. This is just one of the many ways we can help veterans and their families."

Mr Gorman sadly passed away on 25 July 2017.

Veterans First Point has been designed by veterans, for veterans and their families and is staffed by veterans.

You can contact Veterans First Point Ayrshire and Arran by:

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- visiting them at 12-14 Bridgegate, Irvine. They are open from Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm;
- calling 01294 310400;
- emailing AA-UHB.veteransfirstpoint@nhs.net; or
- visiting the website www.veteransfirstpoint.org.uk.

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**Photograph: Back row left to right - Lindsay Kirkwood, Rab Ogilvie, Anne Taylor and Alison Maitland from Veterans First Point.
Front row: Val Lambie, Susan Lambie, Eddie Gorman and Deputy Lord Lieutenant George Hay.**