

Larkhill

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The soldiers from 32 Regiment Royal Artillery remotely control the unmanned aircraft, which delivers live video to ground units in Helmand.

The men received their Operation Herrick medals at Roberts Barracks from the veteran footballer Sir Geoff Hurst.

The British Army's Hermes 450 has provided more than 30,000 hours of service in Afghanistan.

Presenting the medals, Sir Geoff said it had been an honour to be in the soldiers' company.

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The soldiers from 22 Gibraltar Battery, part of 32 Regiment Royal Artillery, returned from Helmand province last month.

Their task was to fly the unmanned aircraft, which delivers live video to ground units in Helmand.

The men received their Operation Herrick medals at Roberts Barracks from the Mayor of Salisbury John Collier.

Presenting the medals, Mr Collier paid tribute to the soldiers' families who he said were the "unsung heroes - that have held things together back home awaiting the return of loved ones".

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