

*Tribute of the 7th generation Andrew Swinley to his grandfather. The medals are:*

- *1939 -1945 star:*

*British Military Award to Air Force and Navy personnel. A condition for the award was that the recipient had been in operational service for at least six months during the period 3 September 1939 – 8 May 1945 (2 September 1945 in the Far East). The 3 colors of the ribbon symbolize the 3 parts of the British armed forces: army, air force and navy.*

- *France and Germany star:*

*British Commonwealth Award for involvement in combat in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Germany during the period 6 June 1944 - 8 May 1945. The award is one of the six campaign stars or campaign medals of the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth. The colors of the ribbon symbolize the national colors of the United Kingdom, France and The Netherlands.*

- *Defence medal:*

*British Commonwealth award which is included in the campaign medals and was awarded to non-operational services (service personnel who worked at headquarters, training camps, airports, etc.). This award has also been presented in British overseas territories such as India and South Africa. The colors of the ribbon symbolize the enemy attack on the British green land and the Blackout (in which the entire United Kingdom had to be shrouded in total darkness at night in order to make it more difficult for German aircraft, ships and submarines to target).*

- *War medal:*

*British decoration for people who served a minimum of 28 days in the period between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945 in the British Army or Merchant Navy. The medal has a diameter of 36mm and is made of a copper-nickel alloy. The colors of the ribbon symbolize the colors of the Union Jack, the British flag.*