

EXTRACT FROM "MALTA'S GEORGE CROSS AND WAR GALLANTRY A WAR  
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Captain Arthur Samut, MC,  
The Wiltshire Regiment.



(Major P.G. Gatt)

Brigadier Alfred Gatt, OBE, MC,  
late Royal Malta Artillery.

2/Lieut (temporary Lieut) Arthur Samut of the Wiltshire Regiment, who was awarded the MC on the same day as Arthur Agius (January 1, 1917), also came from a "military" family — that of Colonel Achilles Samut, CB, CMG. In the First World War, Colonel Samut and four of his sons fought on the Western Front and at Gallipoli.

A family which provided officers for the Army in the 19th and 20th centuries was the Gatt family. While serving at Gallipoli in the First World War, Lieut (temporary Capt) Alfred Gatt of the Royal Malta Artillery was awarded the Military Cross — on June 3, 1916. Exactly eleven years later — again on King George V's Birthday on June 3, 1927 — he was awarded the OBE (Military): he was then a Captain, and was to reach the rank of Brigadier in 1940. Brigadier Gatt joined the RMA in 1902 and after his distinguished World War One record (he was also Mentioned in Despatches), commanded the Regiment from 1935 to the beginning of the Second World War when he was appointed Commander Fixed Defences. In 1941 he was made Colonel Commandant of the RMA. He died in 1950 aged 67.