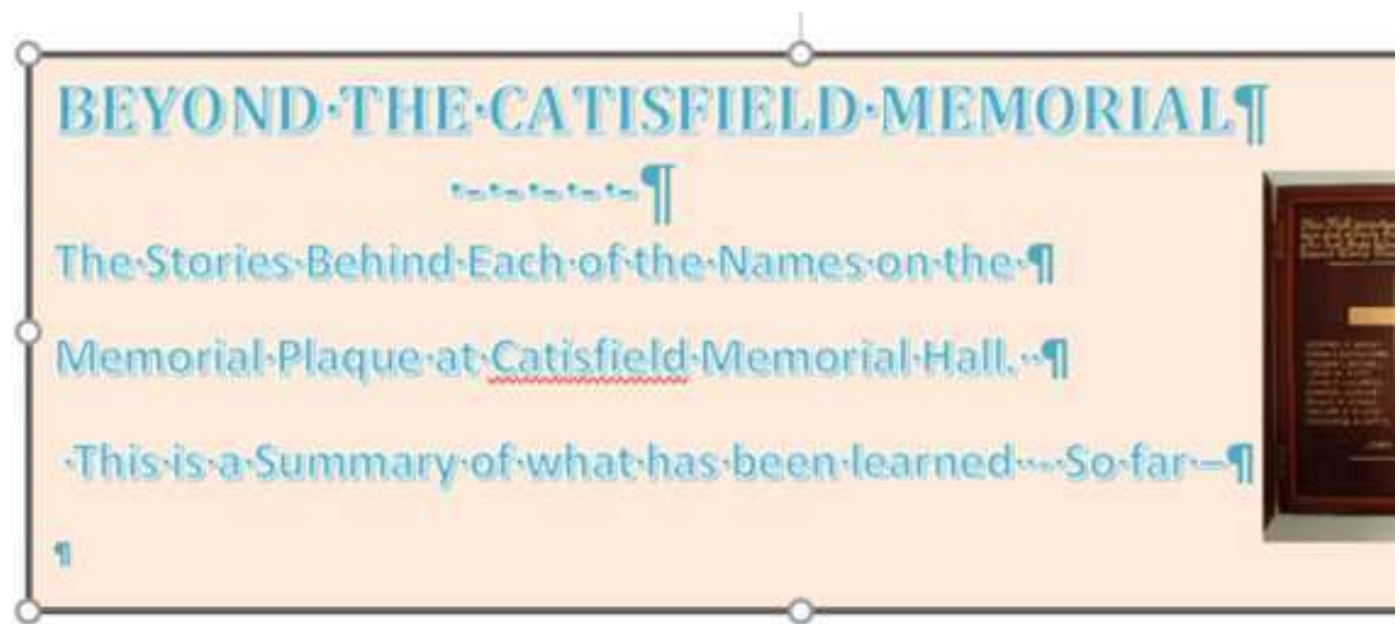




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9. The Story of Frederick Gates

Warrant Officer Class I Frederick Augustus Gates - Died Malta On 15/11/1941 age 27

- Frederick was brought up by his grand-parents. In 1911 he was living with his grandparents Charles and Louisa Gates at 9 Cams Hill, Fareham. In 1921 he was still living with them, and employed as a Butcher's Delivery lad in West Street, Fareham.

His father was Augustus Edmund/Edward Gates, one of the 9 children of Charles and Louisa, born 5 Aug 1883.

Frederick was born 2Q1904 in Portsmouth. Augustus married Maud Thurlow in 1Q1904 in Portsmouth.

Frederick's birth certificate....

He enlisted in Feb 1924 with the Royal Artillery on a 6 year engagement.

He was the **RSM** of 4th Coast Regiment / 12th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery [Service number 1056171]

Malta was largely left alone during the summer of 1941, but Luftwaffe attacks resumed in November. Air raids became increasingly common during November and December, and rations and supplies began to run short. - 484 Searchlight Battery HQ at Naxxar was hit with the loss of three killed and two wounded.

Frederick was one of those killed. His death record cays he was digging when hit by bomb.



Army No	Rank	Name in full (Surname first)	Age	Country of birth	Date of death	Place of death	Cause of death
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1056171	RSM	GATES,FREDERICK AUGUSTUS	36	MALTA	15.11.41	MALTA	ACCIDENTALLY KILLED, STRUCK BOMB WHILE DIGGING

- He is buried at Pembroke Military Cemetery Malta
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- **Personal Inscription on his memorial says:** “DEEP IN OUR HEARTS YOUR MEMORY IS KEPT WE SHALL NEVER FORGET. LOVING WIFE PHYL AND SON ERIC”

- **Catisfield connection:** *Husband of Phyllis Nora Gates nee Dougan, of 5 Fairthorne Cottages, Catisfield.*

location: east side of Catisfield Lane, just north of The Avenue (eg 4 Fairthorne Cottages is now 79 Catisfield Lane

Phyllis was born 1909 in Fareham. In 1911 and 1921 she was living with sister & brother in the Thurlow home at 5 Fairthorne Cottages. She married Frederick in Oct 1930. Their son was Eric.

- (NB some records say: “Frederick is said to have been born in Ipswich about 1904 to Edward Augustus and Maud Gates” Leeds seems incorrect).