

H.G. Gidden, 9 Steele's Road. (1928 Directory)

Lt/Genr Ernest Oliver GIDDEN won his George Cross for defusing a parachute mine on Hungerford Bridge in 1942. His obituary in The Times noted that when he arrived on the scene, trains and sleepers at Charing Cross were all right, as was the hotel. Tubes had been stopped and many local buildings, including the War Office, had been evacuated. After 6 hours' work, during which ~~mechanism~~ the timing mechanism began to tick, Gidden prised out the fuse with a chisel.

Gidden, who had earlier won the George Medal, was educated at UCS and lived at 21 Elmworthy Road.