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Further details of how Lieut. Robert Wynyard Powell, of the Engineers, won the bar to his Military Cross are given in the text of the official order awarding the second decoration. It says:

"For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and determination in digging a trench under very heavy fire. Later, severely knocked about by a shell, he continued at his work. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness throughout."

This splendid testimony, added to the former fine achievement of the young Public Works engineer, makes his record one of the finest of civil servants in the war. It is worth repeating what the order granting him the Military Cross in July, 1916, said:

"For conspicuous gallantry. When in charge of a working party he carried on his work during several days and nights with the greatest coolness under heavy artillery and machine gun fire and frequent bombing attacks. He assisted the wounded and set a fine example to his men. He was himself twice wounded during this period."