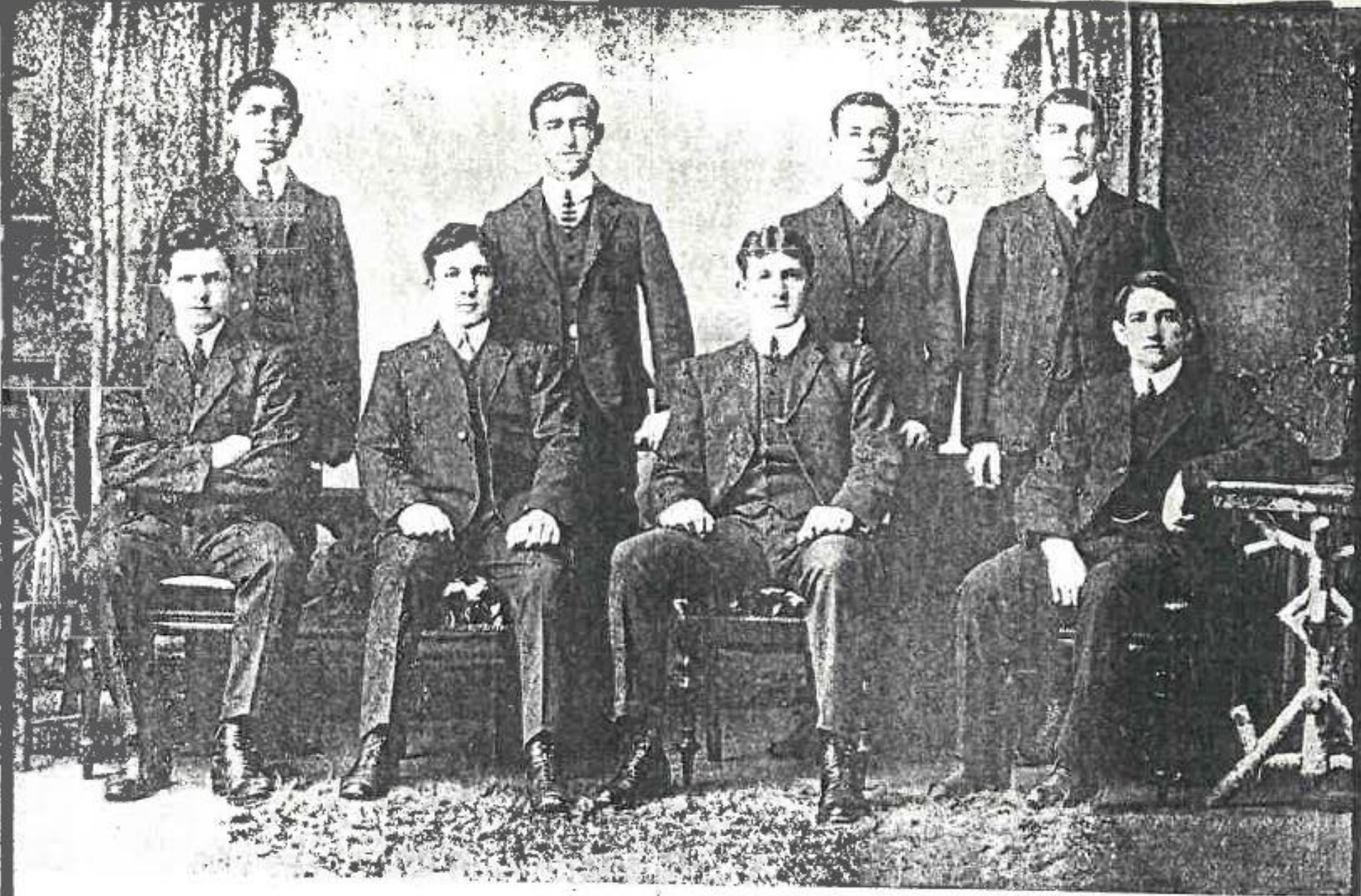




Percy Valentine Storkey VC

Rear Admiral The Hon. Justice M.J. Slattery RANR





THE PREFECTS, 1910.

Standing—W. B. King, A. Wilson, A. L. Bailey, P. V. Storkey.

Sitting—M. T. B. Hall, C. V. Chamberlain (Head of House), L. S. McLernon, (Head), A. Ramsden.





Sydney Law School, which
occupied the former
Wigram Chambers in Phillip
St in 1914.

Photo taken in 1968 (*University of Sydney Archives*)

Colonel Henry
Normand
MacLaurin



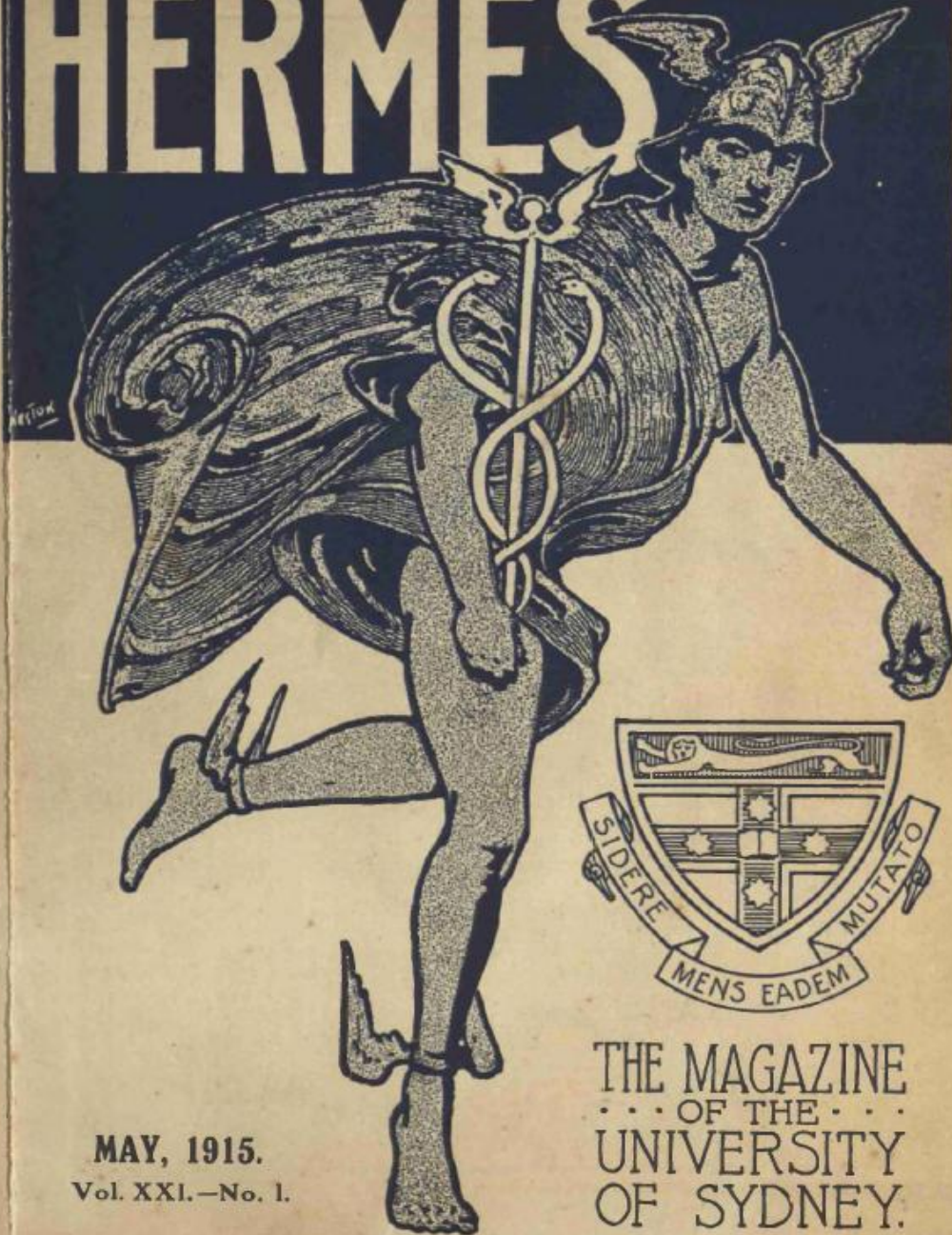
A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ENLIST NOW

H. J. Vogan.
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The War.

In comparison with the response made by other sections of the community to the appeals for military assistance, the University of Sydney may well be proud of the enthusiasm her sons have shown in responding to the Empire's call. Their action is the more commendable in that it entails the greater sacrifice. All faculties and departments are represented. Our Medical School, in particular, has shown a pre-eminent sense of duty. Recent medical graduates have sacrificed all chance of preferment in order to minister to stricken soldiers, either in the Australian ranks or with the less familiar R.A.M.C. The Engineers, too, have vied with their traditional "enemies" in

their enthusiasm for the King's service. This enthusiasm has permeated every faculty. And yet we do not hesitate to say that we are not responding as we should. We have still to realise that an inexorable conscience demands a greater obliteration of personal interest. We hope that the undergraduate body will bring to the consideration of its position a greater realisation of the danger threatening our civilisation, and of the imperious duty demanding an unselfish response.

Latterly, University men have been deeply moved by official confirmations of German atrocities. These reports have come from responsible sources, and their



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The Call to War.

Amid all the fearful accompaniments of a world-war, its ghastliness, its cruelties, its crimes, there is yet time for reflection on a boon which it brings in its train to humankind. It has been called patriotism, but it is not that. Some have called it the impulse of duty, driving men to the physical justification of right. But duty implies a moral basis, and this is not characteristic. Rather is it an indefinite, all-absorbing, all-contagious passion, which suffuses the souls of men, fires their imagination, and carries them into a heaven of exultation. The present war, based on the strength of two antagonising principles, is swept along in

the whirlwind of emotion such as we describe. That emotion finds its parallel in the devotion to every great cause, whether it be an intellectual new-birth or the dawning of a great religion.

The greatest wonder of this war is the metamorphosis it has produced in our fellow-men. Our dearest friends have changed from quiet professional or business men into the protagonists of a great cause. They have become soldier-missionaries of a world-doctrine of liberty and justice which part of the world has wilfully transgressed. We see the change in thousands of faces around us, not merely in those generous men to whom a



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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2125 Name STORKEY Percy Valentine
Unit 7th/19th
Joined on 10. 5. 15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Percy Valentine Storkey
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 153693 ymc
Wairarapa Bay in or near the Town of Napier in the County of New Zealand
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your age? 23 years & more
5. What is your trade or calling? Law Student
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) W. J. Storkey Esq. 10/- Nelson Crescent Napier New Zealand
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 5 Sports Training for Battalion
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day. Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

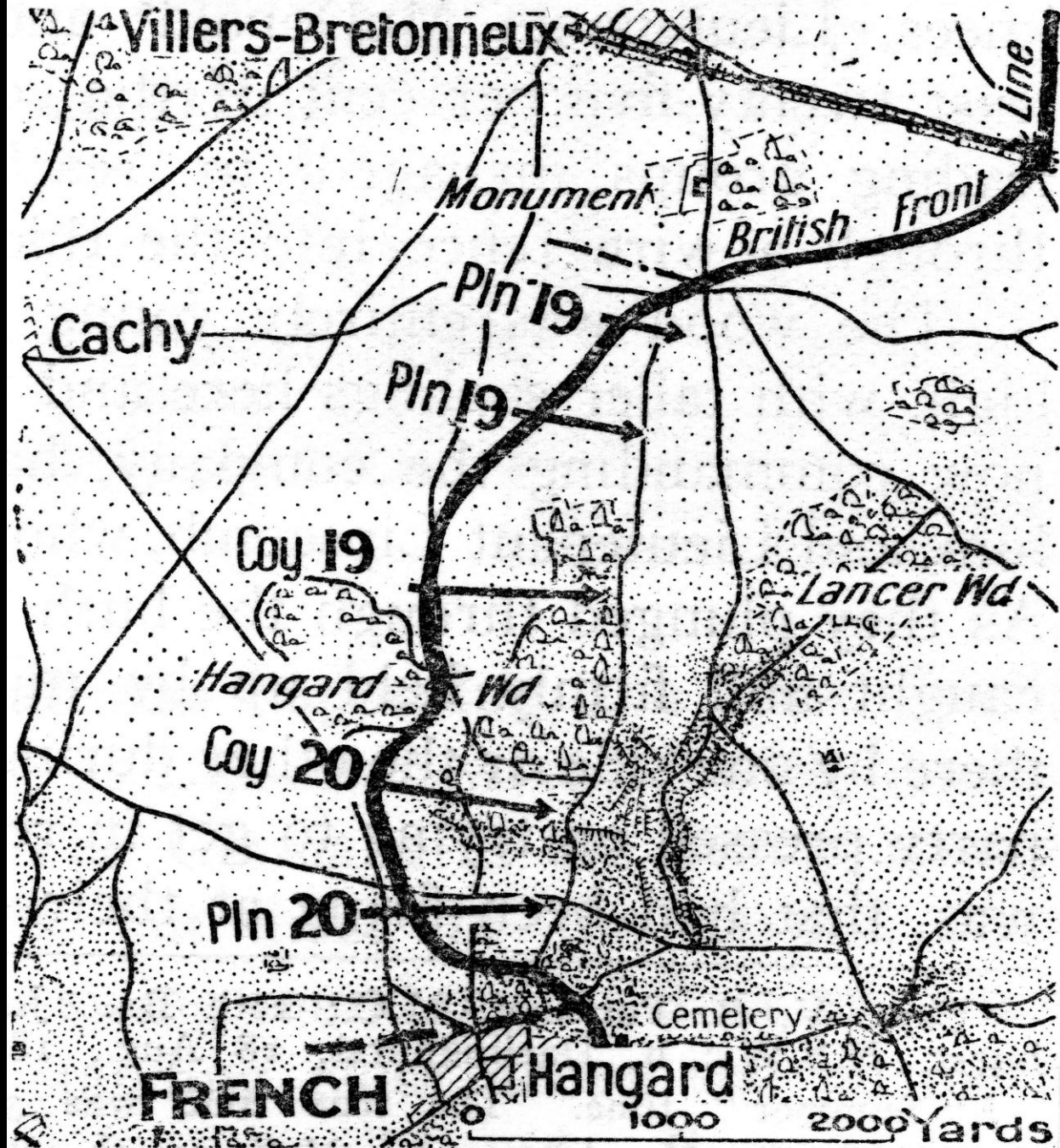
I, Percy Valentine Storkey do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 10th May 1915 (Sgd) Percy V. Storkey
Signature of person enlisted.

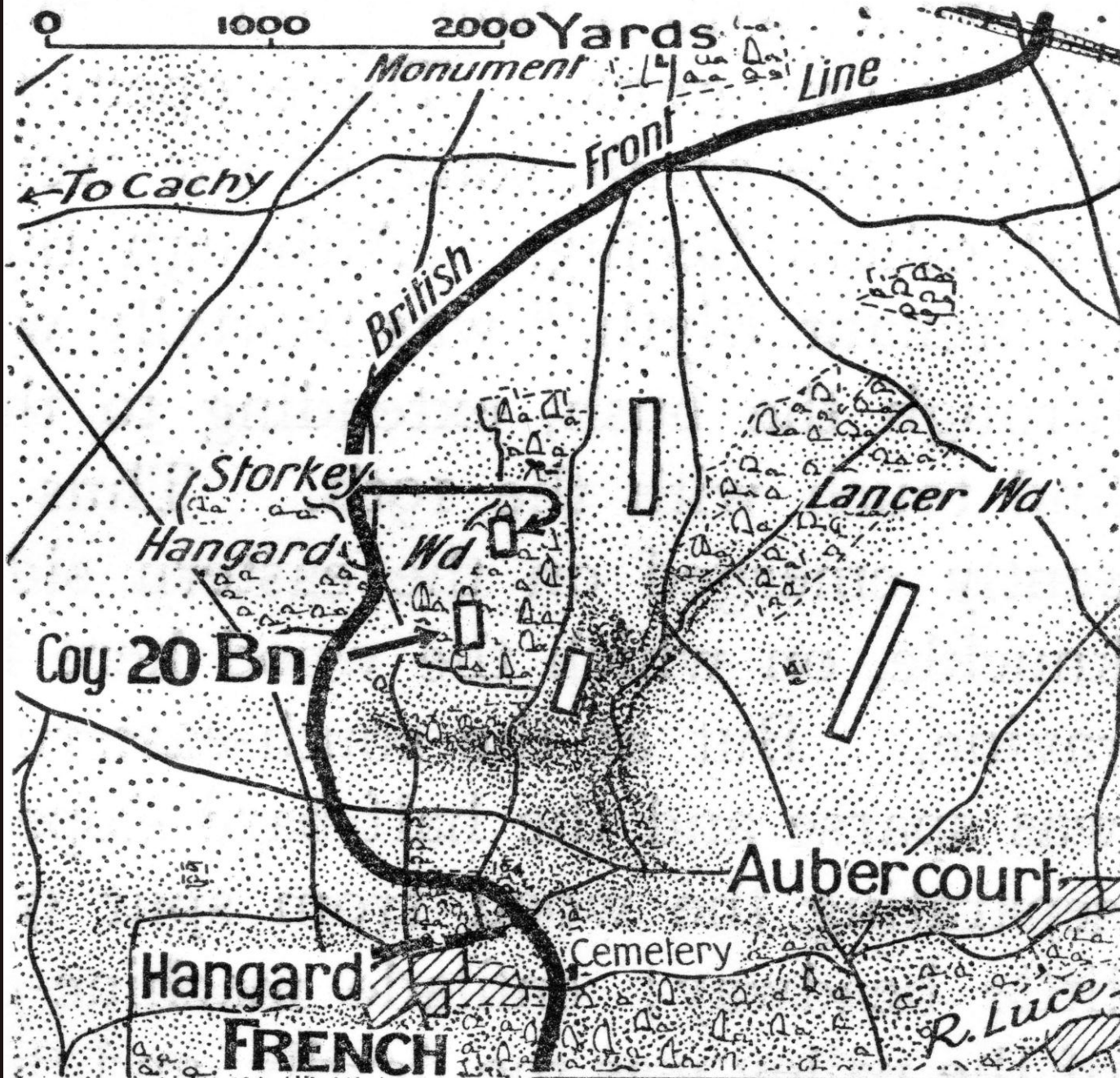
*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Percy Storkey
Attestation
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Attacking parties shown thus Pln 19 —→







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TO

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FRIDAY, 7 JUNE, 1918.

War Office,
7th June, 1918.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers and Non-commissioned Officer:—

Lt. Percy Valentine Storkey, Aust. Imp. Force.

For most conspicuous bravery, leadership and devotion to duty when in charge of a platoon in attack. On emerging from the wood the enemy trench line was encountered and Lt. Storkey found himself with six men. While continuing his move forward a large enemy party—about 80 to 100 strong—armed with several machine guns, was noticed to be holding up the advance of the troops on the right. Lt. Storkey immediately decided to attack this party from the flank and rear, and while moving forward in the attack was joined by Lt. Lipscomb and four men. Under the leadership of Lt. Storkey, this small party of two officers and ten other ranks charged the enemy position with fixed bayonets, driving the enemy out, killing and wounding about thirty, and capturing three officers and fifty men, also one machine gun.

The splendid courage shown by this officer in quickly deciding his course of action, and his skilful method of attacking against such great odds, removed a dangerous obstacle to the advance of the troops on the right, and inspired the remainder of our small party with the utmost confidence when advancing to the objective line.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred Cecil Herring, North'n R.

For most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty when, after severe fighting, the enemy gained a position on the south bank of the canal. His post was cut off from the troops on both flanks and surrounded. 2nd Lt. Herring, however, immediately counter-attacked, and recaptured the position together with twenty prisoners and six machine guns. During the night the post was continually attacked, but all attacks were beaten off. This was largely due to the splendid heroism displayed by 2nd Lt. Herring, who continually visited his men and cheered them up. It was entirely due to the bravery and initiative of this Officer that the enemy advance was held up for eleven hours at an exceedingly critical period. His magnificent heroism, coupled

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with the skilful handling of his troops, were most important factors leading to success.

No. 19/11 Sjt. Albert Mountain, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during an enemy attack, when his company was in an exposed position on a sunken road, having hastily dug themselves in. Owing to the intense artillery fire, they were obliged to vacate the road and fall back. The enemy in the meantime was advancing in mass preceded by an advanced patrol about 200 strong. The situation was critical, and volunteers for a counter-attack were called for. Sjt. Mountain immediately stepped forward, and his party of ten men followed him. He then advanced on the flank with a Lewis gun and brought enfilade fire to bear on the enemy patrol, killing about 100.

In the meantime the remainder of the

Company made a frontal attack, and the entire enemy patrol was cut up and thirty prisoners taken.

At this time the enemy main body appeared and the men, who were numerically many times weaker than the enemy, began to waver.

Sjt. Mountain rallied and organised his party and formed a defensive position from which to cover the retirement of the rest of the Company and the prisoners. With this party of one Non-commissioned Officer and four men he successfully held at bay 600 of the enemy for half an hour, eventually retiring and rejoining his Company.

He then took command of the flank post of the Battalion which was "in the air" and held on there for 27 hours until finally surrounded by the enemy.

Sjt. Mountain was one of the few who managed to fight their way back.

His supreme fearlessness and initiative undoubtedly saved the whole situation.

The Victoria Cross

- The highest award of military honour
- Instituted by Queen Victoria's Royal Warrant on 29 January 1856
- Awarded 'for valour'
- 100 Australians have received the award:
 - 6 in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902
 - 64 in World War I
 - 2 in North Russia in 1919
 - 20 in World War II
 - 4 in Vietnam in 1962 to 1972
 - 4 in Afghanistan in 2001 to 2013.
- Crafted from bronze taken from cannons captured from the Russians in the Crimean War.







1918

The *Women's Legal Status Act 1918* (NSW) passed

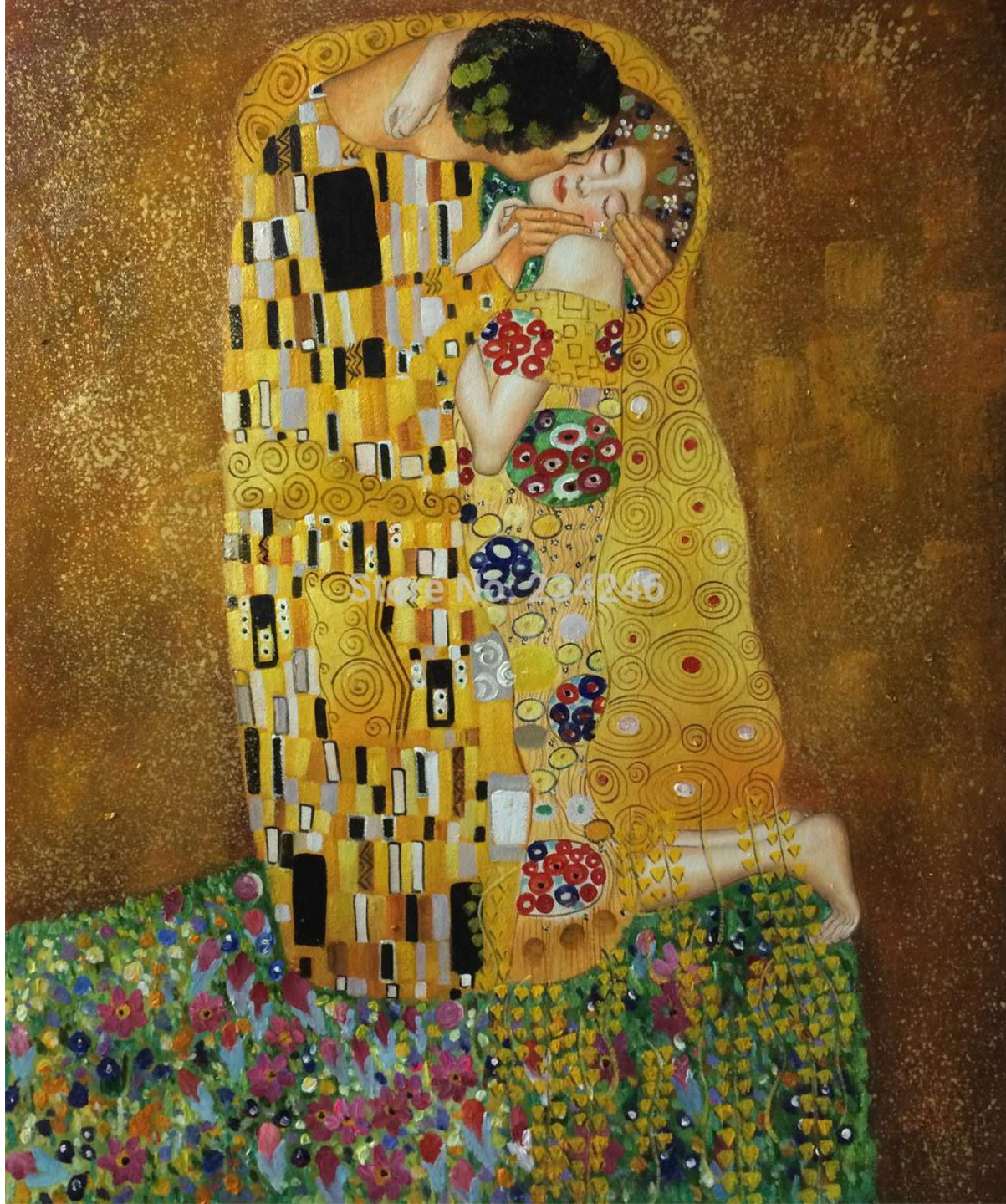
7 January – Mississippi ratified the 18th amendment

27 January – 'Tarzan of the Apes' premiered on Broadway

6 February – women over 30 years in Great Britain given the vote

4 March – first case of Spanish flu recorded

11 March – the capital of Russia moved from St Petersburg to Moscow



The Kiss
Gustav Klimt
(1907 -1908)

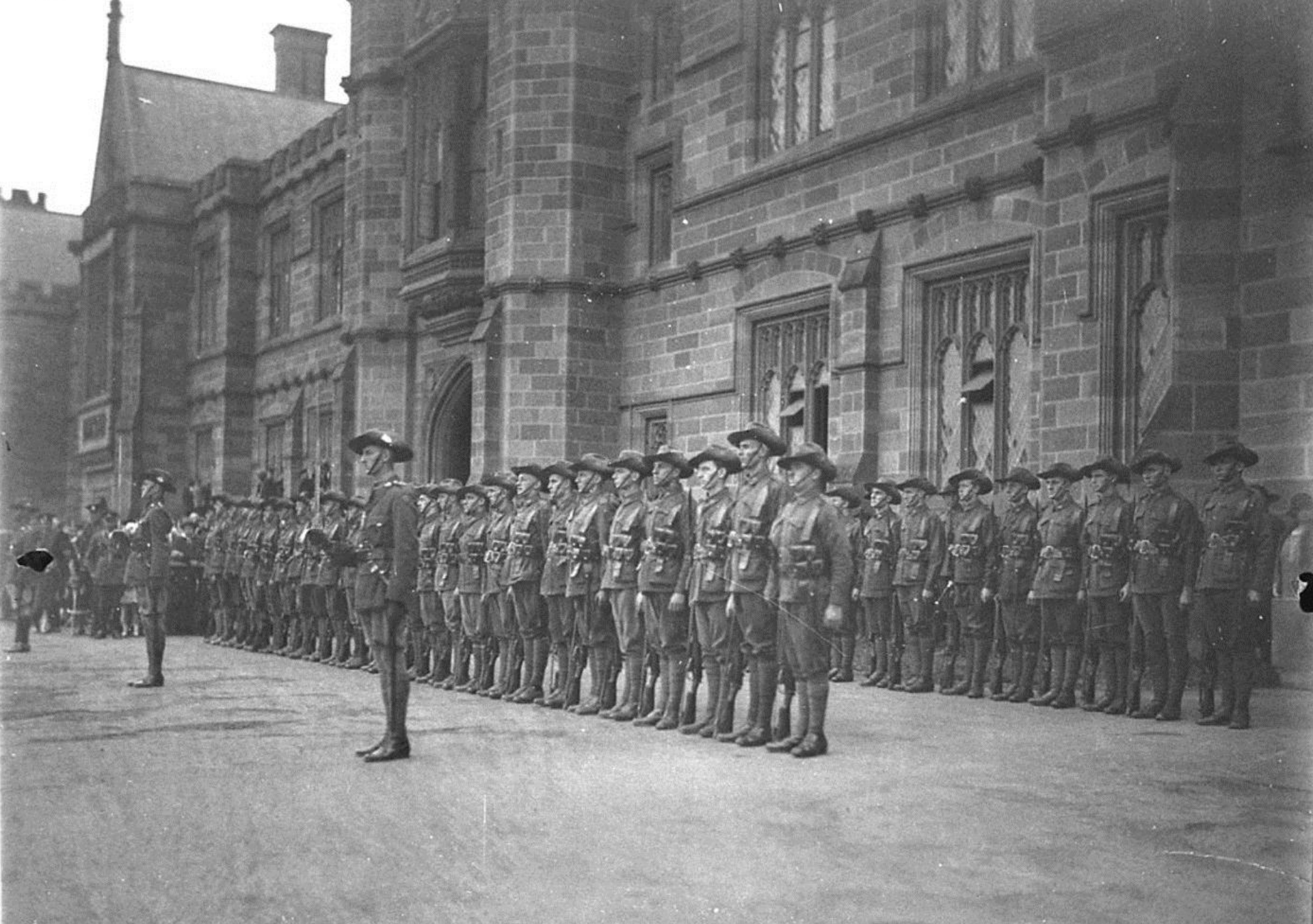


OWEN J. This is an appeal by the defendant from a decision of his Honour Judge *Storkey* V.C., in an action for damages in which the plaintiff recovered a verdict of £300. The respondent plaintiff was injured whilst a passenger in a car which was being negligently driven by her husband. The car belonged to the plaintiff's son, the present appellant, and was being driven by the father on the appellant's behalf.

The submissions in support of the appeal are based upon the legal fiction that husband and wife are in contemplation of law one person, a notion

(1) (1914) 211 N.Y. Reports 228.

(2) (1928) 249 N.Y. Reports at 257-8.



Australian Army Guard of Honour (University Regiment) for the Yorks
at Sydney University

