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Lieutenant Percy Valentine STORKEY.  
19th. Bn. Australian Imperial Forces.

Lieut. STORKEY was in charge of a platoon which took part in the attack at BOIS DE HANGARD on morning of 7th. April, 1918. On emerging from the wood the enemy trench line was encountered and Lieut. STORKEY found himself with 6 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. Lieut. STORKEY immediately decided to attack this party from the flank and rear, and while moving forward to the attack was joined by Lieut. LIPSCOMB and four men. Under the leadership of Lieut. STORKEY this small party of 2 officers and 10 other ranks charged the enemy position with fixed bayonets driving the enemy out, killing and wounding about 30 and capturing the remainder, viz., 3 officers and 50 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 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 being led forward to the objective line.

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