

Over study blamed for clerk's lapse

A sudden impulse, which might never recur, was responsible for an attack by a former airman on a woman, a psychiatrist told North Sydney Court today.

Peter Graham Dudley, 22, clerk, of Chandos Street, Crow's Nest, was charged with having assaulted Miss Lily Rose Lyle, 34, of Belgrave Street, Cremorne, on August 28.

Dr. Horace Layton Spearman, of Macquarie Street, said Dudley had told him he had been working hard and studying seven nights a week for accountancy exams.

The doctor added that he had ordered treatment, had advised Dudley to re-arrange his life, and did not think there would be a relapse.

Mr. Thornton, SM (to Dudley): When a woman can't go along the street without being grabbed by young men of your age things are coming to a sad pass.

The magistrate said that, if it were not for Dudley's Air Force service and previous good character, he would have no compunction in sending him to gaol.

Without proceeding to conviction, he placed Dudley on a £50 bond to be of good behavior for three years.