

FROMELLES DAY

Monday 20 July 2020



The Digger in the photo is not known.
It is hoped that he will be recognised & his identity restored.
Photo courtesy Sharon Barrett

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ANZAC MEMORIAL HYDE PARK SYDNEY

Photos: *Cobbers* – David Meale, Melbourne

Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery – Carole Laignel, Fromelles



**COMMEMORATIVE PROCESSION FOR
THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES**

From the Archibald Fountain to the Anzac Memorial steps

WELCOME

Darren Mitchell, Master of Ceremonies

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Lament

Piper Jim Braid, NSW Scottish Regimental Association Pipes and Drums

PROCEED TO THE AUDITORIUM

GATHERING SONGS

NSW Police Band led by Director of Music John Saunders

O Valiant Hearts

NSW Police Band Vocalist Belinda Parsons

WELCOME and Message from the Governor General

Darren Mitchell, Master of Ceremonies

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Harry Allie BEM

Chair of the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Veterans Commemoration Service Committee

PROLOGUE

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
The Governor of New South Wales

PRAYER

Pastor Bob Durbin

Chaplain, Returned and Services League LifeCare

Abide with Me

NSW Police Band Vocalist Belinda Parsons

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

Brigadier Brendan Casey
Commander 8th Brigade, The Australian Army

FAMILY REFLECTION

Geoffrey Benn, Fromelles Association, for the relatives of
Acting Sergeant William Polding Ryan, 31 Bn, KIA Fromelles

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Pastor Bob Durbin

MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

Mrs Anne Boillon
Consul-General for the Republic of France

EPILOGUE

The Hon Geoff Lee MP
Acting Minister for Veterans

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF
FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND AND UNITED KINGDOM**

The Recessional

NSW Police Band Vocalist Belinda Parsons

PROCEED TO THE HALL OF MEMORY

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

COMMEMORATIVE STAR CEREMONY

THE ODE

Brigadier Brendan Casey, Commander 8th Brigade

THE LAST POST

Bugler Bandsman Terry McCleary
Fire and Rescue New South Wales Band

SILENCE

THE ROUSE

Bugler Bandsman Terry McCleary

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES

O VALIANT HEARTS

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.
Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA

Le Marseillaise

*Allons enfants de la Patrie,
Le jour de gloire est arrivé !
Contre nous de la tyrannie,
L'étendard sanglant est levé,
L'étendard sanglant est levé,
Entendez-vous dans les campagnes
Mugir ces féroces soldats ?
Ils viennent jusque dans vos bras
Egorger vos fils, vos compagnes !*

*Aux armes, citoyens,
Formez vos bataillons,
Marchons, marchons !
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons !*

God Save The Queen

*God save our gracious Queen.
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen
Send her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the Queen*

God Defend New Zealand

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand*

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our land is gift by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair*