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The Battle of Fromelles is one Australians will always remember.

It was in this battle that our young nation and our young men fought in what was to become a dark day in our military history. In ferocious combat 2,000 diggers lost their lives and scores more were wounded and injured, many trapped in no man's land.

Today we pause and offer our respects to these men who, so far away from home and loved ones, displayed the bravery, humanity and compassion that we wish to see in ourselves and our nation today.

Sadly, many of the dead were buried en masse in that far away soil with their graves unmarked. Our continuing efforts to identify and honour them, demonstrates our unending reverence and absolute determination to lay them to rest in final peace.

On this 102nd anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles we vigilantly fulfil our duty to remember those who fought and served in our name, in the name of our fledgling country.

Lest we forget.