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The National President Mr. Ken Foster today expressed his relief at the news the recent decision by the Australian War Memorial management to remove the words "Known unto God" from the tomb of the unknown soldier has been reversed.

Many service men and women, particularly from the Second World War and later would have gone to war with the knowledge if they were killed and their remains were not recovered at least God was aware of their resting place.

While there were no Australian servicemen or women from the Vietnam War in this category we as veterans understand the comfort these words give to the families of those whose final resting place is at least known unto God.

The upcoming commemoration of the 100 years since ANZAC may have had a different taste if suddenly we were expected to accept that this basic fact of faith was in question.

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