"We deeply regret to have to report the receipt of a radio message from Tulagi, Solomon Islands, over the signature of Pastor Norman Ferris, advising us of the tragic death of little Colleen Ferris, the elder child of Brother and Sister David Ferris, who are engaged in mission work in Malaita. Colleen would now be about three years of age, and left Wahroonga with her mother and baby brother in August last. We extend to the family and relatives our deepest sympathy." (Australasian Record, 4 Dec 1939, p8)

    "FERRIS. —  Little Colleen was born at Wahroonga, May 27, 1936, and passed away at the Mission Station, Kwilibisi (sic - should be spelled Kwailabesi), Malaita, Solomon Islands, October 23, 1939. Colleen was a very affectionate child, and was loved by all who knew her, both in the homeland and in the mission fields, where most of her brief life was lived.

  From letters received from her grief-stricken parents, we learn that about midnight on October 22, little Colleen showed symptoms of fever, and a quinine tablet was administered. This caused a choking spasm, which was of only a few minutes' duration, and the little life ended. A subsequent report from a resident doctor in the islands reports that the cause of death was thymus trouble." (*Australasian Record*, 11 Dec 1939, p7)