

*Air Ministry, 25th January, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

*Military Cross.*

Flight Lieutenant Robert James Leslie FERRIS, M.B., B.Ch. (63381), Royal Air Force, No. 74 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Ferris, the medical officer of No. 74 Squadron, has displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period in October, 1943, his headquarters was subjected to severe enemy air attacks. On one occasion 4 men were killed and two others were buried under the debris. Flight Lieutenant Ferris immediately set to work removing the bodies and releasing the buried men. His medical equipment had been destroyed and he was compelled to work with a pair of scissors and a small wood saw with which

he succeeded in releasing one man after amputating his leg. Flight Lieutenant Ferris accomplished this while the air attack was in progress and worked with very little light and while held upside down by his legs. During an engagement between British and enemy ground forces he treated military and civilian casualties alike. Flight Lieutenant Ferris worked incessantly under most rigorous conditions. His coolness and courage proved a source of inspiration to all.

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Flying Officer Sydney THOMPSON (119077), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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