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# Obituary

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## SIR THOMAS JONES

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### DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN WAR

Sir Thomas George Jones, K.B.E., Chief Divisional Food Officer for Wales, Midland and North-Western Divisions until 1945, died at his home at Porthcawl, Glamorganshire, on Tuesday at the age of 67.

He was the only son of the late George Jones and was born at Pontnewydd, Monmouthshire, on January 5, 1881. Until the 1914-18 war he was engaged quietly in business in his native Wales, but after the outbreak of war was drawn more and more into the organization for combating the shortage of food due to the German submarine campaign. Thus in 1917 he joined the Ministry of Food as director of ships' stores and thereafter had much to do with Government policy in the distribution of food in England and Wales.

From 1921 to 1936 he was a divisional food officer under the food department of the Board of Trade, and from the latter year until the outbreak of war had a great deal to do with the shaping of food defence plans. During the 1939-45 war he served as divisional food officer, first for South Wales and Monmouthshire and from 1941 for the whole of Wales and for the North-Western and Midland areas of England as well. In 1944 he published "The Unbroken Front," which he modestly described as "not a history of the Ministry of Food, but gleanings, notes, and memories of personalities and problems."

He married in 1901 May, second daughter of the late Alfred Matthews. There were four children of the marriage—a son and three daughters. The son was killed in a motor-car accident in 1944.

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