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DEATH OF SERVICES' BENEFACTOR WHO  
SENT 6,000,000 EGGS FOR BRITISH WOUNDED

The death has occurred at Buenos Aires of Mr. Henry Francis Minana Merness who, since the war began, has sent more than six million eggs to Britain for wounded servicemen in naval, military and R.A.F. hospitals.

A native of Liverpool, he was one of the best known Englishmen in Argentine, where he owned large poultry and farming interests. His famous Merness Fresh Egg Fund first came into being during the last war when, between September 1916 and the end of 1918, he despatched a quarter of a million eggs to this country.

Immediately on the outbreak of the present war he offered to organise a similar fund. The offer was readily accepted and the first batch of eggs arrived here in November, 1939. The eggs were delivered entirely free of charge, except for Customs dues.

Although he had spent most of life in Argentina, Mr. Merness was a great patriot, working in close association with the British community there in connection with his scheme which brought welcome supplies of eggs from all parts of that country to British hospitals.

He was 59.

A letter of sympathy has been sent to Mrs. Merness from the Army Council which pays tribute to the unselfish expenditure of time and labour on the part of the late Mr. Merness personally, whose services in this connection were given in an essentially whole-hearted and generous manner. The Army Council, the letter adds, learn with keen appreciation and gratitude of the intention of those associated with him to continue the valuable work.

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