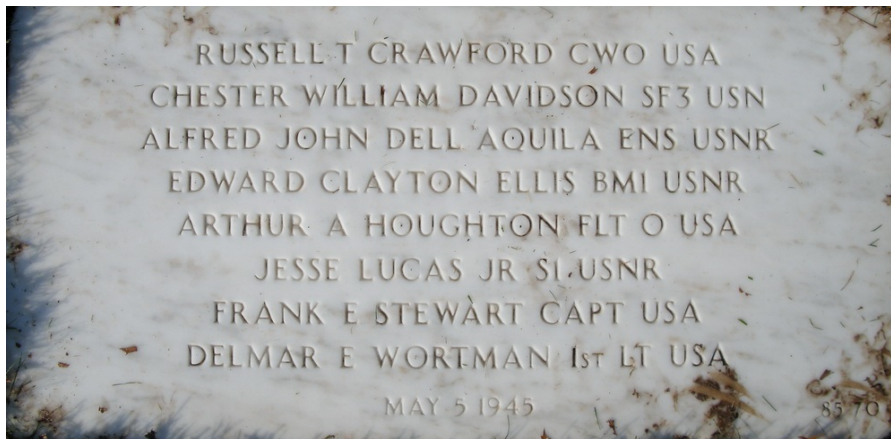


Alfredo John Dell'Aquila

Born: March 29, 1921
Hometown: Bayside, NY
Class: 1944
Service: USNR
Position / Rank: Ensign
Date / Place of death: May 5, 1945 / Four Miles West of Sorido Airstrip, Biak, Indonesia
Date / Place of burial: March 23, 1952 / Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Section 85 Site 70
Age: 24



Alfredo J. Dell'Aquila was sworn in as a Midshipman, USNR on September 18, 1942. On November 2, 1942, he signed on as Engine Cadet aboard the SS Examiner. After at least two voyages aboard that ship he signed off in early March 1943 and returned to Kings Point to complete his education. On September 24, 1943 he was recognized for academic achievement. Alfredo J. Dell'Aquila graduated from the Academy on January 8, 1944, a member of section A142. After graduation Alfredo Dell'Aquila requested that he be assigned to active duty with the Navy. His wish was granted. On March 20, 1944, he reported aboard the USS Jamestown (AGP 3), a PT Boat Tender, and was assigned to duty as the ship's Assistant Engineering Officer.



**Memorial to Victims of Air Crash at Sorido Air Strip, Biak, Indonesia on May 5, 1945
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery**

Ensign Alfredo J. Dell'Aquila, USNR was transferred to the Naval Base at Woendi, New Guinea on May 1, 1945, for further transport to the U.S. He died four days later, on May 5, 1945, in the crash of an Army Air Corps C-54 Transport (44-9043) which crashed on take off from the Sorido Air Strip, Biak en route to

Manus Island. The remains of the crash victims were initially buried in a common grave at Biak. In 1952 the remains were exhumed and re-interred in a mass grave at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

Ensign Alfredo J. Dell'Aquila, USNR was posthumously awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. For his merchant marine service he earned the Combat Bar, Atlantic War Zone Bar, Mediterranean-Middle East War Zone Bar, the Victory Medal and Presidential Testimonial Letter.

At the time of his death he was married to the former Marie C. Field of Bayside, Queens, NY. No further information on his background could be located.