EDWARD DE LIMA, SUGAR BROKER, 63

Retired Aide of Lowry & Co. Dies—Led National Unit

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CHAPPAQUA, N. Y., Sept. 20—Edward A. de Lima of 280 Douglas Road, retired executive vice president of Lowry & Co., Inc., New York sugar brokers, died yesterday in Northern Westchester Hospital at Mount Kisco after a long illness. He was 63 years old.

Mr. de Lima, who was born in Macon, France, was a grandson of Carlos Manuel deCespedes, first president of the Cuban Republic, and, as a youth, became involved in the family's large Cuban sugar interests.

He graduated from Union College in Schenectady in 1923 and five years later became associated with Lowry. Mr. de Lima enlisted in the Marine Corps at the outset of World War II, but was drafted by the Army Quartermaster General to help administer subsistence purchasing for the armed forces. He was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1945.

Mr. de Lima became a vice president of Lowry, in charge of its refined-sugar department, in 1951. He became executive vice president in 1963 and retired last April. He continued with the company as a special consultant until his death. He served as president of the National Sugar Brokers Association from 1960 to 1964. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Drake de Lima; two sons, Edward A. Jr., and David, both of Chappaqua, and a sister Mrs. Ana Sara Van Minden of Paris.

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