Edward Entgelmeier was born on March 4, 1900 in Otter Tail County where his father had homesteaded. His parents were John F Entgelmeier (1861-1907) and Mollie Margaret Mercer Entgelmeier (1861-1929). When homesteading did not work out, the family moved to South St Paul, Minnesota where John was a police officer for seven years. This unlucky family would face many challenges in 1906 when several members became critically ill with Typhoid Fever. Alvin’s father, John would die in 1907 from tuberculosis, leaving his mother Mollie, almost blind to raise the family.

When Edward was just 18, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He trained at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The Great War was over by the time he graduated but Edward enlisted for life. He served on the USS Pennsylvania as a boatman’s mate, out of San Francisco and San Diego, California until he retired on December 19, 1934. He never married and died on October 8, 1938. He is buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.