

Capt. Uehlinger, U.S.N., Spending Leave in the City

Captain Archibald E. Uehlinger, U. S. Navy, has arrived home on a few days leave, which he will spend with his wife and son, John C. Uehlinger, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Uehlinger. Mrs. Uehlinger went to meet him, and accompanied him home.

He was recently advanced from the rank of Commander to Captain and given a new assignment, but regulations do not permit disclosing the name of the vessel, nor its location.

When asked about the naval battle in the vicinity of the Solomon Islands last October, as described in the book, "Old Nameless," by Sidney Shalett, he admitted that the story of the fight in which 32 Japanese airplanes were downed and three of the Emperor's warships sunk, was correct, but he is "burned up" by two minor inaccuracies. He insists that he didn't spend half the night looking for his shoe, and he says they didn't go back to the beach for drinking water. He explained a battleship provides its own drinking water by distillation of sea water.

Captain Uehlinger gets a great deal of pleasure out of reminiscences of his boyhood days in Kalispell. He recalled how he spent all day Saturdays melting linotype metal for the Inter Lake. This was done in a big pot holding about a half a ton of molten metal, which he dipped out and poured in molds to make enough "bligs" to keep the linotypes supplied for a week. He insists it made a pile as big as a haystack, and he can still remember what hot work it was.

Capt. A. E. Uehlinger, U. S. Navy, left for the coast to take over his new duties, after spending a wonderful vacation with his wife, Marjorie, and son, John, his father and mother and two sisters, Mrs. B. W. Ross of Wellington, Del., and Mrs. Victor Guest.

Another job he had was building the fires mornings for the Sisters' hospital, which was then located on the site of the Cozlon home on Fourth avenue east.

He also tells how he and two other boys decided on their future careers. It was on a Halloween day, and in the evening they had been up to the usual pranks.

Finally they decided they would upset the flagstaff at the court house, which is built like the framework of a windmill. Upon sizing it up, however, they decided it was too big a job, and sat down on the curb to talk over the future.

Lanky, red-headed Sam Smithers, who was also employed by the Inter Lake as a carrier boy, chose the Army for his career; Charlie Pohl, who was from Columbia Falls, selected the Marines, and Archie chose the Navy, and the strange part of it is they all realized their youthful ambitions. Smithers graduated from West Point and is now a colonel in the U. S. Army; Charlie Pohl enlisted as a plain leatherneck in the Marines, and became either a captain or major before his death, which occurred for or five years ago.

Captain Uehlinger—who is just plain Archie to those of us who remember his metal melting days—is greatly enjoying his reunion with his family and talking over old times with his friends.

Mrs. Uehlinger has been making her home in Kalispell for the past year, and their son is attending the Flathead County high school, the same as his father did.

James Uhde who has been accepted as an aviation cadet, left Tuesday for Sheppard Field, Texas.

Allan Ulrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva A. Ulrich, who has been with the Los Angeles Examiner since last July, will leave soon for Fort McArthur to join the army. Another son, Teddy, has been in the service at Camp Adair, Oregon, since last October.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ulrich, of Somers, have informed the Inter Lake that their son, Allan is at Camp Roberts, California. He was inducted into the U. S. Army March 4, so was among the first of the 18-year-old boys to be drawn into army service. His address is: Pvt. Allan Ulrich, 39286898, Btry. D 53 F. A. Tug. Bn., Camp Roberts, California.

Word has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ulrich of Somers, that Pvt. Allan F. Ulrich is attending radio training school at Davis, California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ulrich have received word that their son, Allan Ulrich, has been stationed at Davis, Cal., where he is learning to be a radio operator.

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Experience In Flood

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ulrich of Somers have received a letter from their son, Pvt. David T. Ulrich, who is stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon, telling of his experiences in the flood which occurred in western Oregon recently. He says:

"On the last day and a half of I went to Portland and visited with Aunt Lucille and Uncle Ralph. Returning it was 4 o'clock in the morning when the bus goes to Albany. The road was flooded so the bus went back to Salem. There were no buses from Salem for one and a half days, as that road was flooded too. The road back to camp was still flooded for two days after I went back on a special train, after being in town for two days.

"There were only two coaches on the train, the rest were box cars and cabooses. I rode in the last coach. I sat up in the top. I could see a great deal of the flooded lowlands although it was dark. The train did not leave until 8 p. m. I was two days A.W.O.L. in Albany but it could not be helped.

"When I first got there I saw the last truck come from Corvallis. It brought the films for the shows. There was an old car on dry ground just across the river by a service station. The people were moving everything out of the service station. Friday afternoon the car was under water.

"I saw tugboats go right up to houses to get people and their belongings. Some of the cows and horses swam ashore. I saw a small boat bring in a soldier who had been

stranded in a tree. I saw benches and house trailers washing down stream. I saw a two-story house with the lower floor flooded and people still living in the second story. Some of the low houses had the water up to the roof. The army sure used their amphibians. I saw one that came to Albany to pick up some officers."

A newspaper that was enclosed with the letter stated that the "Whimette river reached a 30.6 foot crest."

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Their son, David T. Ulrich, has recently finished his basic training at Boise, Idaho, and returned to Camp Adair, where he is serving as orderly at the station hospital.

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Pvt. David Teddy Ulrich arrived home Friday night on a ten-day furlough from Camp Adair, Oregon. This is his first visit home since he donned an army uniform. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva A. Ulrich of Somers.

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Pvt. William L. Ulrich writes home that he has been transferred to the army air base at Richmond, Va. He says he enjoys the Weekly Inter-Lake a great deal and would like to get in touch with any Kalmell boys who might be near him. His address is Pvt. Wm. L. Ulrich, 39200468, Batty, C 443 A.A.A. (A-W) Bn, Army Air Base, Richmond, Va.