

Mary Lou & Eldon Kiehler

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Dear Jack,

It was great to talk with you today. Sorry that you will not be able to attend the reunion of the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans, DD-754, starting on July 31st in near by Long Beach, CA. We will be there and look forward to see many of our shipmates. Those who will be there will have a "Toast" to any of those who are missing from the reunion. Gosh, the time really flies by since many of us were together...

Just received a Full Color Framed WW-II Profile of our ship from the "*TIN CAN SAILORS*" and it is Great !!! Have it proudly hanging on the wall of our den, and we have had many nice comments on it. I have enclosed a copy of my order to assist anyone who might like to obtain one.

Also, just came across a couple of old photos that were in a "battered brown envelope", and what do you know? These were of our ship taken in Shanghai and Tsingtao, China. These were compliments of Carl Annextad, who gave them to me just before I left the ship in San Francisco. Thanks Carl, and I hope that all of you enjoy them from Carl & I.

I just went to a very interesting web site called *History of the U.S. Naval Uniforms and Insignia*. This has a host of information about uniforms and the relation to those of the British Navy, wars & conflicts of the navy, etc., enough data to fill up a file. This is worth a couple of hours to review the material available. Just type the web site name into "Internet", or "Keyword" notation on (aol), and it will come up and you will just click on the article in the "Google" section. This expands and when you click on a button another amount of data appears, WOW, just exciting... Also the site might be found by clicking on: <http://users.sisna.com/justinb/unifhome.html> Please let me know if you need any assistance in finding this interesting stack of material..

Jack, we wish you the best and please keep in touch. I am sending copies of this letter to our shipmates for their reference. Also, will all of you please let Jack and I know your e-mail addresses so that we might more easily communicate with each of you?

Many thanks for the kind cooperation, Mary Lou and I hope that things are going very well for all of you and your wonderful families.

Best Regards to All,

Mary Lou & Eldon