

Trip Subject of Wide Publicity

Our visit to Australia will result in the widest press coverage BENNINGTON has been subject to for a long time. The combined effects of an augmented ship's public information team and Australian press should produce such recognition for the ship and the crew.

All members of the ship's company and flag who have previously indicated a desire for publicity will be the subject of individual home town news releases outlining the purpose and scope of our trip to Sydney. Similar stories will be filed later next month on our return to the U.S.

News releases on the ship's activities are being dispatched regularly noting such events as our crossing of the equator, the memorial services in the Coral Sea and our arrival in Sydney.

Ensign James R. McCain, USN, Public Information Officer of the USS SHANGRI-LA, has been assigned to the ship for temporary additional duty in connection with publicizing the visit.

Also on board are three members of the Pacific Combat Camera group who will provide motion picture coverage of the events for use by television and newscasts. These men are equipped with about 1500 pounds of gear including 3 16mm movie cameras and thousands of feet of black and white and commercial color film.

Navy Writers

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will be acceptable in most cases.

It is noted that the Navy Public Information Manual directs commands to encourage personnel writing on their own time to prepare and sell articles and stories on Naval matters. Pull particulars on security clearance and other details are contained in the manual and anyone who wishes may submit finished manuscripts to CHINPO for evaluation, comment and/or assistance in marketing.



Littlejohn, Planey Cop Scoring Honors

For the second straight year, lanky center Charles Littlejohn topped 'Big Bens' warriors in the scoring department. The 6'2" scoring ace pumped in 138 points in 13 games to nose out teammates Leslie Haynie and Gill Planey who racked up 136 and 134 points, respectively.

Although Littlejohn didn't come anywhere near to equalling his scoring feats of last season when he dropped in 180 points in 11 games, he still was one of the key figures, in BENN's winning nine of 14 games, bettering last year's record of six wins and five losses.



Littlejohn



Planey

With other scoring threats on the squad such as Haynie, Planey, Milford Roebuck, Horace Turner and Jim McCoy, his services were at a minimum in the scoring column.

Going into the final game of the season against the USS ESTEE Littlejohn trailed both Planey and Haynie in the scoring race by 18 and seven tallies each. Taking advantage of Planey's absence, Littlejohn rang up 22

counters, his highest output of the year, to Haynie's 13, thus sewing up scoring honors.

Even though Planey a former U.S. Merchant Marine Academy star, didn't participate in the season's finale, he managed to win individual scoring honors with his 13.4 scoring average per game, edging out his closest competitor, Littlejohn, who had a 10.6 average.

Final 1956-57 Basketball Statistics

NAME	GAMES	TP	AVE
Charles Littlejohn (C)	13	138	10.6
Leslie Haynie (F-C)	14	136	9.7
Gill Planey (G)	9	134	14.9
Horace Turner (F)	10	95	9.5
Milford Roebuck (F)	14	92	6.6
Jim McCoy (G)	12	62	5.2
Roland Pampel (G)	7	32	4.6
Thomas Moore (F-G)	8	30	3.8
John Renwick (F)	9	24	2.7
Joseph Comeaux (F)	9	23	2.6
Wilbur Jeffries (G)	7	15	2.1
James Fiorenza (G)	5	12	2.4
Eugene Fortna (G)	4	9	2.3
Others	9	25	2.8
Totals	14	827	59.1