



QUESTION:  
WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL OPINION  
OF THE MIRROR LANDING SYSTEM?



CDR BLOUIN LCDR COLEMAN  
COMMANDER C.A. BLOUIN, COMMANDER  
AIR TASK GROUP 201. "The pilots  
use their own abilities landing  
aboard the carrier with the  
mirror. As far as it being any  
safer, I do not believe it is.  
The same problems are there as  
with the old system where there  
were two human elements to be  
considered, the LSO and the  
pilot. The mirror is a mechan-  
ically correct presentation -  
therefore the errors made are  
by the pilots themselves except  
in cases of a pitching deck.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER T.T. COLE-  
MAN JR., VA-36. "Like shooting  
fish in a barrel. You can't  
tell the Ensigns from the Com-  
manders."



LTJG RUPPERT LTJG BROWN  
LIEUTENANT (JG) R.R. RUPPERT,  
VC-4. "I think it makes landing  
a lot safer at night for us, and  
it takes all the sweat out of  
it. The main thing I like about  
it is the pilot is controlling  
the situation at all times in-  
stead of relying on the LSO  
implicitly."

LIEUTENANT (JG) D.A. BROWN,  
VA-36. "It's the only way to  
land on a Carrier. LSO's can  
stick around, BUT - - - - -"



## Big Benn Cagers Drop Two Against NAS Sangley Team

Arrival in Manila brought  
the Bennington Cagers back into  
action with two games against  
the NAS Sangley Point All-Stars  
on the 4th and 5th of January.

The first basketball game  
kept the crowd on the edge of  
their seats as the two teams  
exchanged shot for shot. In  
the closing minutes the score  
was 78 - 75 until William Wal-  
ters, AN (V-6 Div) potted a  
hookshot for two additional  
points, with 20 seconds remain-  
ing. Time ran out too soon  
though, and the Benn Cagers

went down in defeat 78 - 77.  
The Bennington attack was led  
by Charles Littlejohn, SN, (3rd  
Div), Horace Turner, SN, (3rd  
Div), and Jesse Waller, BM2,  
(3rd Div).

"The following game and  
score," says Coach ENS Ulser,  
"was decided by the superior  
condition of the Sangley Point-  
ers. Our boys were just run  
down."

They lost this one---82 - 50.

## Divisional Hoop League Formed

USS Bennington is forming a  
Divisional Basketball League to  
begin 1 February 1956. The  
intramural basketball games will  
be played in Hangar Bay 1 each  
working day at 1615 when the  
bay is available and also during  
holiday routines.

Each division is encouraged  
to submit a team consisting of  
at least eight men and a petty  
officer in charge, with a limit  
of one team per division. Team  
rosters will be taken by either  
Ensign Bellanca, Athletic Offi-  
cer, or the custodian of the  
Athletic Gear Locker, not later  
than 25 January.

The program will be well  
governed and NCAA Basketball  
Rules will be in effect during  
league play. At the completion  
of the regular season, a tourna-  
ment will be played to deter-  
mine Bennington's Basketball  
Champions.

### AIR GROUP TOURNEY

All squadrons which have  
formed teams will play a tourna-  
ment in the same manner early in  
April. Those squadrons wishing  
to compete should also submit  
team rosters to either Mr.  
Bellanca or the gear locker.

## Tennis Team Bows In Opening Match

The Bennington Tennis Team  
played their first game of the  
season January 8th, against the  
NAS Sangley Point team while in  
Manila.

Though the team was eager for  
a victory, they were forced to  
play a defensive game. The  
entire team showed well but the  
lack of practice kept them from  
bringing home the bacon and  
they lost the match eight to  
one.

The highlight player of the  
match for Bennington was LTJG  
W.R. Ebling from Operations,  
scoring 4-6, 7-5 and 7-3 for the  
only Bennington win.

Members of the team are; LTJG  
L.C. Lewis; ENS W.D. Baker; ENS  
L. Ames; and LTJG W.R. Ebling;  
Bob Weir, SN, X Division; John  
Baltos, AN, V-1 Division; Peter  
Shahinian, AN, V-1 Division; and  
Tom Kent, SN, X Division.

Additional matches will be  
scheduled in Subic Bay with the  
base team during Big Benn's 14  
day liberty.