Maxton Airborne Quint Plays Post '5' Tuesday

It will be one branch of the Air Force against another this Tuesday night at Sports Arena No. 2, as our Post Basketball team plays host to the 550th Airborne Battalion from the Maxton, N. C., AAB in another big-time hooping show for SJF fans.

The Maxton quint boasts one of the most impressive court slates that our varsity has yet gone against. Their total of 247 points scored while winning five out of five contests from the best at Maxton holds the promise for our team of a hard, hard evening of point-matching.

The 392nd Squadron of Maxton was stopped cold by the 550th in the opening game of the season for the 550th by a 47 to 32 tally. Pouring in 50 points against the 337th Squadron, the 550th had too much on the melon for them and their 27 points. Forty seven to 22 was the score by which the 550th trounced the 470th in their third game of the year. The Maxton AAB Base Team next bit the dust in a torrid 49 to 37 hardwood struggle for the fourth straight victory for the high-ridin' 550th. The basketeers from the Maxton Base Medical Detachment were the last ones to take it on the chin from the 550th. 54 to 22 was the tally on this rout.

Numbers

Maxtonites who figure to start against the variety on Tuesay night and their jersey numbers are: Whitaker (6), a Western State Teachers College Star and present second high scorer for the 550th; Schur (4), ex-Duquesne U. ace; Jannetti (1), alumni of the Mining Mechanical Inst. and team high scorer; Larson (2) formerly of the So. Dakota School of Mines; and Bailey (5), with much experience in the N. Y. inter-State League.

FITE NITE this week will be back on the usual Wednesday night date. Lt. Lester Rosenblum and his staff are working out a first rate eight or nine card show.

Halfway Mark . . .

Final Summary Of Leagues Reveals Tightness of Play

A roundup of the completed first half of the Post Basketball Tourney shows that a great deal of red-hot, tight competing took place before final compilation of the standings could be made.

The well-rounded 4th Academic quintet and its drive to the top of the Bomber league was a highlight of the firs round play. Eight games were won in clear style by the Academic five and only one contest was dropped. The 790th Technical School Group tied with the 716th Training Group for second-place honors in that league, each sporting a seven and two slate at the final curtain. In third and fourth place were the 797th T. S. S. and the 333rd AB Sq., respectively.

GOOD RECORDS

The other hardfighting league making up the tournament personnel, the Pursuit League was headed by the undefeated 711th Training Group basketballers who had a ten and nothing record for the course of competition. Just squeezed out of the championship in a last week crisis battle with the championship 711th was Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron had a firm hold on third spot in the loop at the close of festivities. They had an eight and two record for the league. Fourth place was awarded to the Meics.

Teams in the Pursuit League played ten games each and Bomber games went to the hardwood wars nine times.

THE ABOVE drawing shows the medal given for meritorious performance by Seymour Johnson Field boxers against the Cherry Point Air Station Marines. It was awarded to our fighting men after the meet of last month. Similar tokens are to be given to men who earn the Fighter Of The Night honors on future cards. The medal is made of sterling silver.

Outside Sports

Johnny Rucker, New York Giants outfielder, was telling a few baseball stories to GI patients at Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., when one of his listeners remarked that he had often watched Rucker play from the centerfield bleachers at the Polo Grounds in New York. "Really?" said Rucker. "I thought I recognized your voice."

Capt. Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers' great slugger, recently completed a 15-month tour of duty at the headquarters of Lt Genl Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command in Texas and has been given a new training assignment.

Having lost First Baseman Elote whereby they secured the services of a 4F initial sacker. He is smoothfielding Babe Dahlgren, rejected, for service because of a sinus condition.

Best all-around athlete now stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., is Pvt. Joe Derrico, a four-letter man from Melrose Park, Ill. A high school football, baseball, basketball and boxing star, Derrico hit .486 in the Wisconsin State semi-pro baseball league and twice made the All-State scholastic basketball team before he was drafted. At Camp Stewart he batted .383 last summer and enjoyed a 28-game hitting streak.

"Paw's the best shot in these parts."

"Yeah? So what does that make me?"

"My husband."

WAC: Why girlie, the boys run after my kisses.

Wave: Listen, dearie, after mine they limp.

Five-Minute Break

. . . By Sarge . . .

Our Post "5" really has been 'swishing" the New Year in these past few days as, at this writing, two decisive basketball wins are already written into the record books over visiting service quints.

The initial two bookings for 1944 made by Lt. Rosenblum with the Wake Forest Army Finance School and Camp Mackall teams saw us (and The Sarge uses the term 'us' just in the manner as this is our team with our boys playing for our field) successfully spin out winning scores of 48 to 31 over the Monday guests, Wake Forest, and the Wednesday visitors, Camp Mackall, 58 to 45.

The result of last night's Fort Bragg contest is not available for this issue of the AIR-O-MECH, but should our men make it three in a row for the year, it appears that the vaunted Cherry Point Marines, Camp Davis, etc., are in for more trouble than they may anticipate when they visit here in the future.

Let's all get out to all of the Post games and root our men in. That old chestnut about the importance of moral support to a team really has a lot to it. So, don't miss these big league basketball games nor the opportunity to cheer for your own representative team.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK is P. T. Dept. stalwart S-Sgt. Richard Allsen. Ritchie has earned the plaudits of his friends and this column for a quickthinking, act which meant the difference between life and death for one of his buddies. For fuller details see the writer anytime, anywhere. . . . Jimmy Downs, sweet-looking 130-pound soldier-boxer from Abilene, Texas, is a recent arrival at this station. He's had a good amount of experience both in pre-induction amateur scraps and in a dozen or so contests while in the AAF. . . . Sgt. John "Hi Ho" Kenny, blond adonis of the Officers P. T. program, also had a hand in another sport aside from the football that he played for the Galloping Gaels of St. Mary's College in California. He is up on the correct usage of his dukes and taught boxing for a while at the Presidio Army camp at San Francisco.

The teams that crossed the finish line first in the Pursuit and Bomber leagues were the guests at a victory chicken dinner set up by th P. T. Dept. Tuesday night at the Service Club cafeteria. The triumphant basketeers ate heartily and had a real, good old fashioned gabfest during the evening. Members of the winning teams, the 711th in the Pursuit and the 4th Acad. in the Bomber, also each received sterling silver medals emblematic of their victory. Banners will be hung in Sports Arena No. 2 to commemorate the championships won by the two quints.

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron and the 790th T.S.S. were in second positions at the close of the Pursuit and Bomber loops, respectively, and the players on those fives each got a booklt of War Department theater tickts as a reward for their efforts.

Happy Forlano, diminutive boxing instructor at the Arena, is now a dead pigeon. Announcement was recently made of the engagement of Hap to his hometown sweetie Helen. Mamaroneck, N. Y., is their home. . . . Here's a snappy sports salute to Pvt. Geneva "Arky" Martin, WAC, for her brilliant 180 game rolled at the Bowling Alleys several days ago. The little lady kegler from Santa Rosa, Cal., is a definite giantess on the alleys. . . . Capt. Miller, of the Hq. Scrubs, set a new high for individual scoring in the Officer's Basketball League the other day against the QM when he looped in 22 points.

JH

School Gp. and Cadet Officer Quintets Win

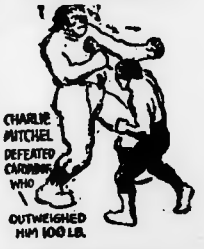
Major Kane's School Group basketball team served notice upon the members of the Officer's Basketball League that they were to be reckoned with in future loop competeih by the manner in which they thrashed a powerful Headquarters contingent, 35 to 23.

Leading the attack for the Hq. men, were Lt. Dick Rosenurgy and Arthur Shapiro, with seven points each. High scorers for the losers was Major Ralph Giles, 8, and Lt. Elden Eckman, 7.

The following day, Thursday, the Cadet officers nosed out a strong P. O. E. outfit, 31 to 28. Pacing the scoring for the victors was Lt. Smith, whose 17 points is the highest individual score yet made in the new loop. Outstanding for the losers was Lt. Stecher. 12 points.

Games for next week:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH
P. O. E. vs. QM
WEDNESDAY, JANURY 19TH
Medics vs. O. R. D.
THURSDY, JANUARY 20TH
Headquarters vs. Cadet Off.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST . . .
Hq. Scrubs vs. School Group
ALL GAMES ARE AT 1715 IN SPORTS ARENA NO. 2.



EM's Bowling Standings

"A" LEAGUE	W.	L.
4th Tng. Gp.	11	15
10th Acad.	10	17
712th Tng. Gp.	10	17
Medics	9	18
716th Tng. Gp.	9	18
80th Avn.	9	18
711th Tng. Gp.	5	22

Team	W.	L.
790th QM	20	7
797th TSS	20	7
36th TSS	20	7
763rd TSS	20	7
322nd Fighters	17	10
391st TSS	17	10
321st Fighters	15	12
797th TSS	13	14
794th TSS	11	16
326th Fighters	10	17
38th AAF Band	9	18
7th AAF Band	6	21
WACs	6	22

"B" LEAGUE		
Hq. and Hq.	25	2
9th Acad.	22	4
333rd AB Sq.	22	5
715th Tng. Gp.	16	11
40th Mess	15	12
Finance	14	13
39th Mess	12	15

The standings above are complete for the first half of the Post Bowling League for EM's. The league has been in progress for nine weeks with 27 games being played by almost every team.

Correction . .

In the answers to last week's Sports Quiz, the answer to question number 2 "How many games did the last World Series between the Yankees and the Cardinals last?" was given as "six." The Bronx Bombers from the Yankee Stadium actually won in FIVE games.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ
(Ques. on Pg. 12)

1. (a) 280 feet.
2. Track—long needlelike spikes on sole. Baseball—a three-pronged meta, semi-circular, low spike. One at toe and one on heel. Football—usually hard rubber cleat at toe and heel.
3. James J. (Jim) Jeffries, heavyweight champion of the world from 1895 to 1905.
4. False. They are hurdle men.
5. Horse Racing.
6. a. Aleinger 3. Left jab
   b. Cef 4. Right uppercut
   c. Jim Jeffries 5. Left hook
   d. G. Carpentier 2. Right cross
7. True.
8. Stymie. It is a term used when a ball is in a position which makes shooting for the hole difficult due to blocking of ball's path of travel. The others are varieties of golf sticks.
9. Quarterback.
10. Tom Sayers. He was a famous English bareknuckle fighter and the other names are collegiate football stars.