

7/ of two backboards for a pair of basketball goals we had in our recreation pit. The playing court was a little hard, being of steel and the sidewalls were of the identical sturdy material, but we had plenty of room to rush through on set up, so with the exception of a few bruises the casualty list as a result of the so-called basketball game was very low. Our crew hadn't been ashore for over three months and with a number of days of super tension to get over, we had quite a time. I heard from Bruce Vank the other day, and I agree with him when he remarked that he never realized there was so much work to the game of basketball.

I scarcely however, that it was one of the first times, a basketball game had been played aboard ship with anything like regulation dimensions for a court. The opportunities for such activity is quite limited however, for we have ^{been} and will be loaded most of the time. It's amazing what a game basketball is though, Doc, - the boys