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## Staff Plans Cruise Book To Appear In September

The ship's first Cruise Book since World War II will appear in September. It will tell the story of the ship from de-mothballing days in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, through the Caribbean cruise, and will include the ship's summer activities.

The Book will be leather bound, will contain about a hundred pages. The cost will depend on the volume of sales and will be about five dollars.

Men who wish to reserve a Cruise Book in advance

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## William Ricketts Better After Injury In Crash

According to the ship's Medical Department, the immediate condition of William G. Ricketts has improved.

AN Ricketts, a member of V-3 Division, was seriously injured in a crash on the hangar deck Monday, March 9th. *Plane landed*

Now, however, he is able to see visitors in the Hospital on the Base at Guantanamo from 1900 to 2100 every evening and from 1400 to 1600 on Saturdays and Sundays.

He would welcome hearing from the crew.

## Mid-Term Test, Haiti Liberty In Next Two Weeks

The ship will travel to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on the weekend of April 11th and 12th. It will be the first weekend spent away from Guantanamo Bay since the start of the Caribbean cruise.

Also scheduled for the next two weeks is the Mid-term Battle Problem, a traditional milestone in the Shakedown Cruise. The Battle Problem is set for the first of April.

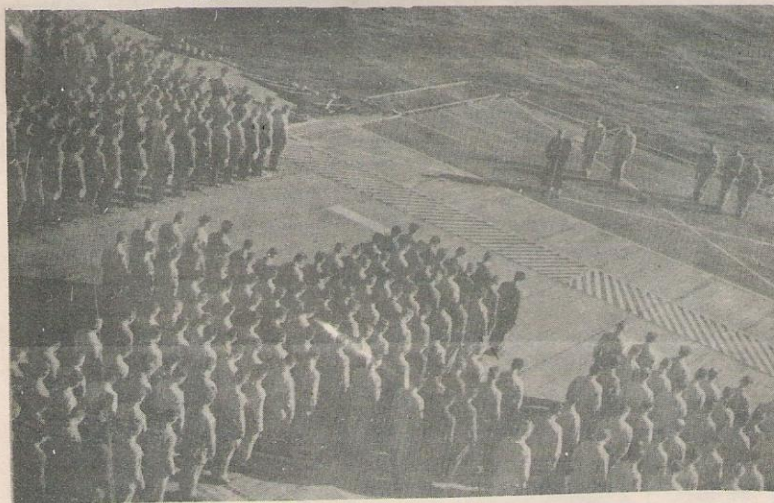
### Haiti

The Republic of Haiti occupies the western third of the island which it shares with the Dominican Republic. Port-au-Prince, it's capital, is in the western part of Haiti, about two hundred miles southeast of Guantanamo Bay. The ship will anchor in vast Port-au-Prince Bay early enough to insure Saturday liberty for the off-duty section.

### Good Liberty

With attractions ranging from the Cathedral to the street bazaars, densely-populated Port-au-Prince should prove to be interesting liberty for everyone on the ship.

## Memorial Services For Lt. Orr



Officers and men of Marine Fighter Squadron 223 and members of the ship's crew gather on the flight deck to pay their respects to Second Lieutenant Robert J. Orr, USMCR, who lost his life on the morning of 9 March 1953. Lt Orr's plane crashed into the sea during routine operations off the coast of Cuba. Protestant Chaplain Richard K. Titley officiated in the simple memorial services.

*On final approach - following Panther went thru barriers, and landed on hangar deck.*