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GETS WINGS . . . Staff Sergeant Joseph Lafond, 18108 Faysmith Ave., receives his wings after making his first parachute jump in 16 years. Presenting Sgt. Lafond with his wings is Brig. Gen. Rollin B. Moore Jr., commander of the 349th Troop Carrier Wing. Lafond is a member of a special section known as Combat Control. He and his fellow jumpers are the first to jump into a drop zone to guide supply planes.

Ryan to Produce Saturn Altimeter

Ryan Electronics division of Ryan Aeronautical Co. has been awarded a \$450,000 contract by National Aeronautics and Space Administration's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., covering the design, development and fabrication of high altitude Radar Altimeters for the Saturn space vehicle.

Under the agreement Ryan Electronics is to develop a radar system capable of recording altitude measurements up

to 250 miles. Although radar altimeters are being used in current rockets, none meet the long-range requirements of the Saturn program.

The Ryan Saturn altimeter will measure the travel time of a single radar pulse transmitted from the vehicle to the ocean (in this application) and reflected back to the vehicle. Weighing only some 16 pounds, the compact unit will be employed in later multi-stage firing of the 1.5 million pound thrust Saturn.

THE FIRST Saturn booster carrying two inert upper stages will be launched by the Marshall Center later this year from Cape Canaveral. Radar altimeters will not be needed in early Saturn booster flight tests where retrievals of low altitude of about 100 miles will permit land-based and ship-board track.

Saturn, a project of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under direction of Dr. Wernher von

Braun, represents the largest space vehicle under development in the United States. It will be capable of sending payloads of several tons into orbit, to the moon, or into deep space. One of the main purposes of Saturn is manned space exploration leading to lunar landing of men and equipment within this decade.

RYAN ELECTRONICS last

Armed Forces

Serving aboard the attack carrier USS Hancock, undergoing overhaul at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton Wash., is Richard L. Anderson, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Anderson, 108 W. 224th Ave.

While the Hancock is receiving a \$4 million face-lifting, her crew is being trained at nearby service schools, training courses, lectures and films.

The attack carrier will be equipped with improved aircraft catapults, arresting gear and a new type flight deck planking made of plywood. Its flight deck also is to be remodeled for safer and more mobile operations.

The Hancock is scheduled to return to sea in the early fall.

Serving aboard the destroyer USS Ault which departed Norfolk, Va., Aug. 3, for a seven-month cruise with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean is Cleon D. Loyd, commissaryman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D.

Loyd, 5520 Towers St. During the cruise, crewmembers are scheduled to visit many ports in the Mediterranean sea while operating with the Sixth Fleet, one of the most powerful forces for peace in the world.

Serving in the Pacific aboard the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles, operating out of San Pedro, is Gage C. Enoch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll K. Enoch, 2415 Grand Summit Road.

The Los Angeles is scheduled to participate in a "fleet sail," Aug. 26, when it joins 20 First Fleet ships steaming for Hawaii to relieve sister ships operating in the Far East with the Seventh Fleet.

The two fleets have the responsibility of maintaining Free World control of the 85 million-square-mile Pacific Ocean area; the First Fleet in the eastern and mid-Pacific, the Seventh in the west.

James F. Cullen, son of Mrs. Mayme Cullen, 424 W. 214th St., recently was promoted to captain in Germany, where he is a member of the 34th Armored.

Captain Cullen, assistant operations officer of the armor's 3rd Medium Tank Battalion in Munich, entered the Army in March 1955 and arrived overseas on this tour of duty in 1959.

The 28-year-old officer attended Banning High School in Wilmington and is a 1959 graduate of Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

His wife, Helen, is with him in Germany.

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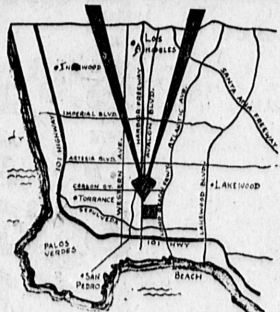
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