

APOLLO LUNAR LANDING MISSION

HORNET Is Chosen Primary Recovery Ship. Although just returning from a 7½ month cruise, in the West Pacific, HORNET's personnel "turned-to" in their typical quest for excellence, to meet this forth-comming challenge.

Departing CONUS, on 27 June and after a brief stop in Pearl Harbor, HORNET began practicing for the recovery. On 16 July, the launch date, HORNET was stationed in the abort recovery area. HORNET moved to the prime recovery area following the successful early stages of the mission. With President Nixon embarked, She stood ready to greet the astronauts at splashdown on 24 July.

The memories of Apollo Eleven's conquest of the moon will be well remembered by all of us on HORNET and all posterity. The members of the Wardroom wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of NASA, G. E., ABC, TV/Radio, press pool and all those who helped make the recovery of Apollo Eleven a successful one.

APOLLO 11 SPLASHDOWN
24 JULY 1969

USS HORNET (CVS-12)

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"SPLASH DOWN DINNER"

TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL

BROILED LOBSTER TAILS

Lemon Butter Sauce

Mushroom Sauce

BROTLED FILET MIGNON

FRENCH FRIED POTATO BALLS

FRENCH GREEN BEANS

CREAMED CAULIFLOWER

FRUIT SUPERB SALAD

SPECIAL SPLASH DOWN CAKE

TCE CREAM

ASSORTED HOT ROLLS

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WELCOME HOME

Edwin E. Aldrin. Jr. born in Montclair, New Jersey, January 20, 1930; graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1951; completed pilot training at Bryan, Texas in 1952; chosen as one of fourteen astronauts selected by NASA in 1963; was pilot for the backup crew of the Gemini 1X mission and pilot for the Gemini X11 flight; awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal for space flight achievments.

Neil A. Armstrong: was born on August 5, 1930, in Wapakoneta, Ohio; graduated from Purdue University in 1955; a Naval Aviator from 1949 to 1952; a test pilot for the X-15; one of nine astronauts chosen by NASA in 1962; was command pilot for the Gemini VIII mission; backup command pilot for the Gemini V and XI missions; recipient of the 1962 Institute of Aeronautical Sciences Octave Chanute Award plus the NASA Exceptional Service Award.

Michael Collins; born in Rome, Italy, October 31, 1930; attended United States Military Academy and was graduated in 1952; one of fourteen astronauts selected by NASA in 1963; backup pilot for Gemini VIII mission; pilot of the prime crew for Gemini X launched July 18,1966 and performed three separate periods of extravehicular activity; the recipient of the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

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