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SKYLAB 4 PACIFIC RECOVERY AREA

Astronaut Edward G. Gibson smiling and happy to be aboard the recovery ship relaxes in between medical examinations.

The Skylab 4 Astronauts Gerald P. Carr, commander; Dr. Edward G. Gibson, science pilot; and William R. Pogue, pilot, completed 84 days aboard the earth orbiting space station conducting scientific and medical experiments and evaluations during their record setting flight marking the third and final manned mission in the Skylab Program designed to gain knowledge in space for improving life on earth. The Skylab 4 was launched from Kennedy Space Center, Fla. with a two-stage Saturn IB Rocket at 9:01 a.m. EST, November 16, 1973, and completed 1,214 orbits of the earth before re-entry and splashdown in the Pacific Ocean 283 kilometers (175 statute miles) southwest of San Diego, Calif. at 11:17 a.m. EDT, February 8, 1974.



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