

GEMINI-8 CREW ~~ON~~ RECOVERY SHIP -- U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong (left) and David Scott ~~walk~~
~~across the deck of~~ the recovery destroyer USS Leonard Mason at Naha, Okinawa. They arrived

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at the harbor on March 17, some 31 hours after they were sent into orbit aboard the

Gemini-8 spacecraft from Cape Kennedy in Florida. Their flight, originally scheduled for

three days, was terminated during the seventh orbit after they experienced trouble

controlling their spacecraft. The control problems arose after the successful docking for

an Agena target vehicle. The Gemini-8 crew returned to earth after 10 hours 40 minutes of

flight and splashed down in the Pacific Ocean some 800 kilometers east of Okinawa. The

spacecraft parachute descent was observed by waiting recovery plane crews. (66-0914)

