

APOLLO 17



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APOLLO 17 – SPLASHDOWN – DECEMBER 19, 1972 – 2:25 P. M. – The splashdown sequence went without flaw. At 2:12 P. M. as predicted, the spacecraft came into earth's atmosphere at 25,000 m.p.h. and began slowing down. At 2:25 P. M. Astronauts Cernan, Evans and Schmitt came within easy range of watching television cameras aboard the recovery ship U.S.S. Ticonderoga, enabling millions of viewers around the world to watch them splashdown in the blue Pacific waters just 3.5 miles from target. The last of the Apollo flights proved to be the most successful; bringing back more samples with more promise to scientists than ever before. The journey lasted a record 301 hours and 52 minutes. The end of a colorful era.