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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Apollo 4 Flight Recovery Film [Shomphe]
Date:	1967
Identifier:	NASM.2018.0032
Creator:	Shomphe, Peter
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 reel)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Apollo 4 (November 9, 1967) was the first unmanned test flight of the Saturn 5 AS-501 Launch Vehicle, as well as the first "all-up" test for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with all rocket stages and spacecraft fully functional. This collection consists of one reel of 8mm motion picture film shot by Peter Shomphe aboard the USS <i>Bennington</i> during the Apollo 4 recovery mission.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Peter Shomphe, Gift, 2018, NASM.2018.0032

Processing Information

Arranged and described (2018) and encoded (2020) by Jessamyn Lloyd.

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Biographical / Historical

Apollo 4 (November 9, 1967) was the first unmanned test flight of the Saturn 5 AS-501 Launch Vehicle, as well as the first "all-up" test for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with all rocket stages and spacecraft fully functional. The mission lasted nearly nine hours and all objectives were successfully completed. The Command Module splashed down in the North Pacific Ocean and was recovered by the USS *Bennington*. Peter Shomphe (Boilerman Petty Officer 3rd Class) was assigned to the number 4 fireroom

aboard the *Bennington* during the recovery mission and filmed the proceedings from the smoke watch station.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Project Apollo (U.S.)

Types of Materials:

Moving images