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In over two hours on the surface, Armstrong and Collins collected rock samples, made a photographic record of the landing site, and conducted a number of scientific experiments before reentering *Eagle*. Departing the moon on July 22, they returned to earth to splash down in the Pacific Ocean on July 24.

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