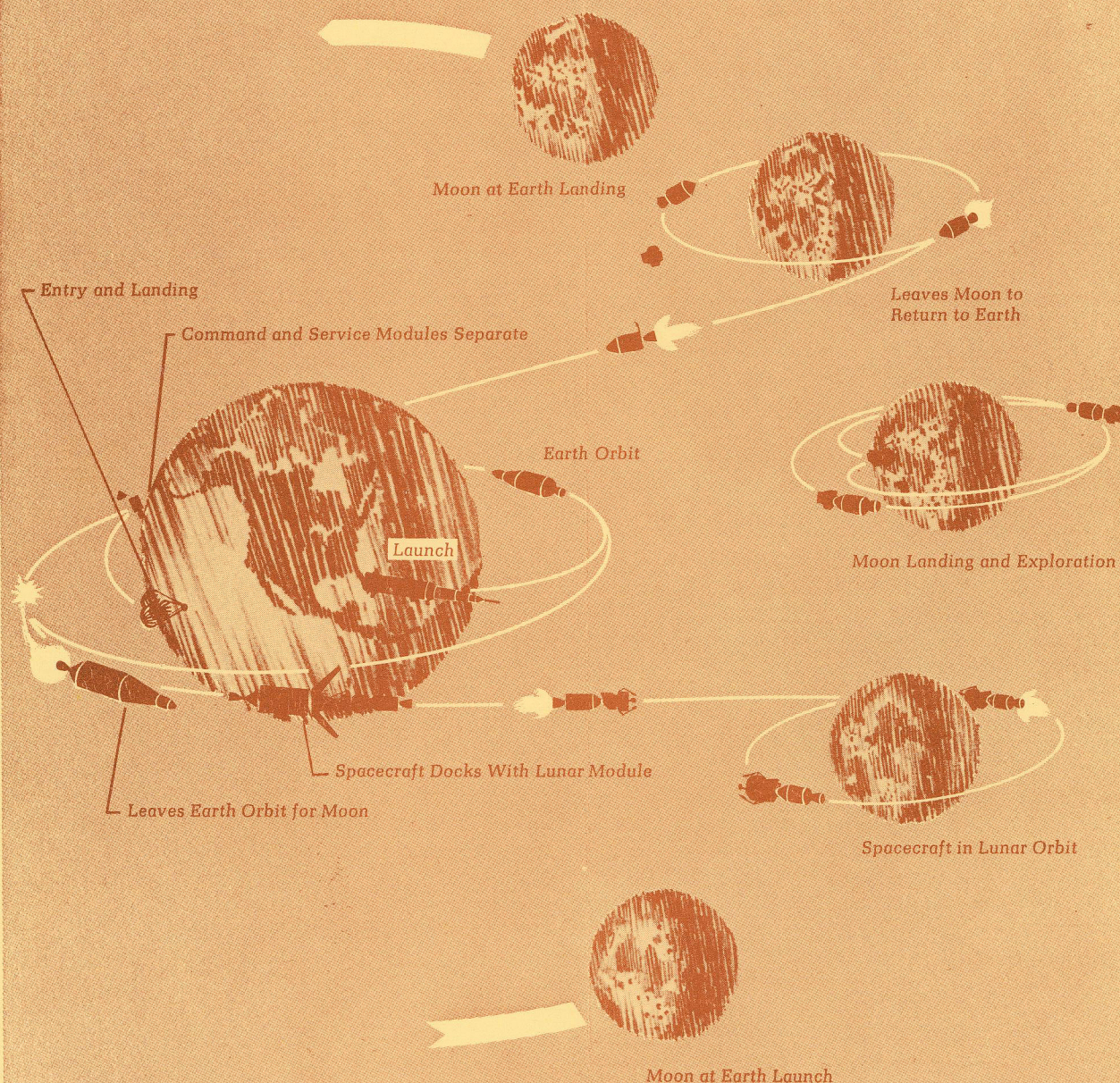


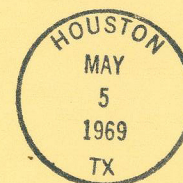
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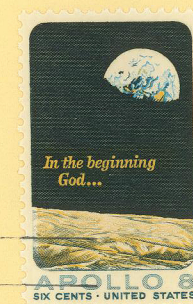
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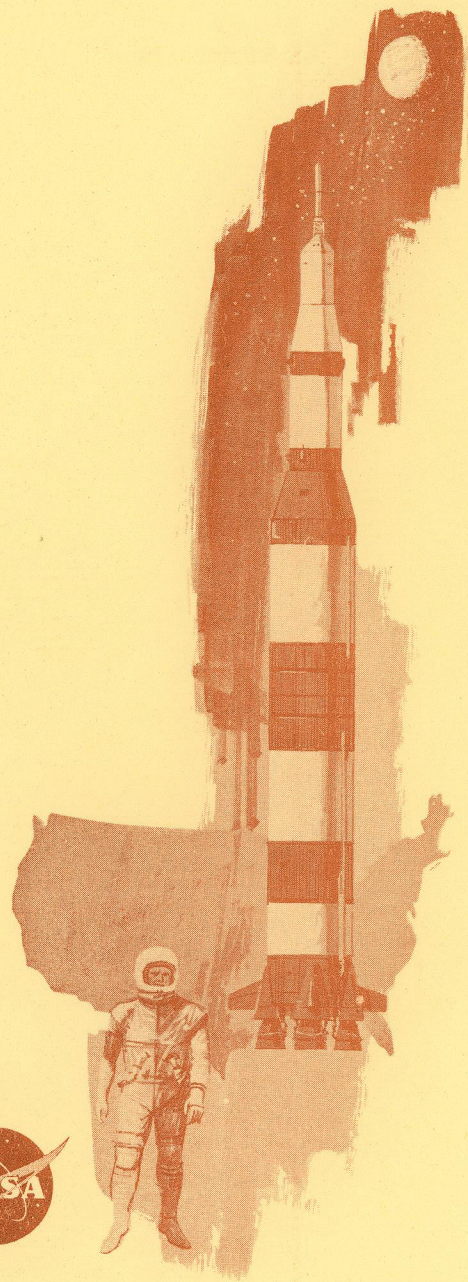
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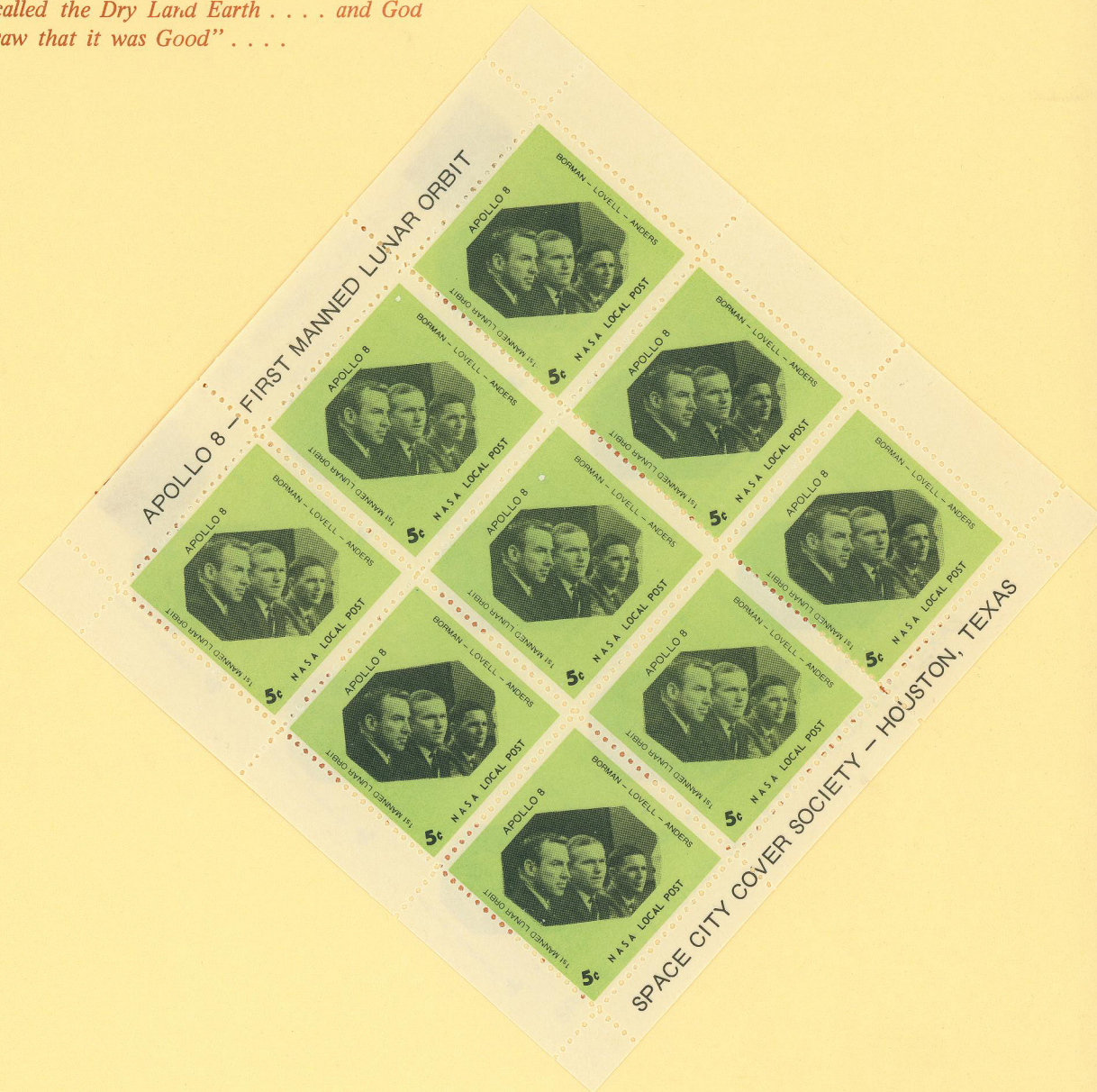
APOLLO 8 MISSION

Mankind has done something it has never done before — something that seemed like a mere dream only a few years ago. U. S. Astronauts Frank Borman, James A. Lovell, Jr. and William A. Anders have traveled to a distant heavenly body. They circled it, seeing something no other human beings have seen — the back side of the Moon. And they safely returned to earth at speeds faster than anyone has ever gone before.

It all started at 6:51 a.m. (Houston time) December 21, 1968, when the Apollo 8 was launched, and ended at 11:04 a.m. (Houston time) December 27, 1968 when the hatch of the spacecraft was opened and the astronauts stepped out into a liferaft. In between these times a string of “firsts” was established. The mission’s records include:

- Closest man has been to the Moon — 70 miles
- Farthest man has been from Earth — 220,000 miles
- First time man has left the Earth’s gravitational influence, about 185,000 miles out
- Fastest man has traveled, about 25,000 mph; reached at re-entry into Earth’s atmosphere
- Slowest any spacecraft has traveled, about 1148 mph; when the ship entered the Moon’s gravitational influence
- Heaviest payload put into Earth orbit — 280,000 pounds — and heaviest exclusive of the booster vehicle — 96,431 pounds
- Heaviest payload for any mission to the Moon — 87,550 pounds

... “In the beginning God created the Heaven and The Earth and God called the Dry Land Earth and God saw that it was Good”



... “And from the crew of Apollo 8 we close with good night, good luck and God Bless All of You — All of You on The Good Earth”. . . .