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Stateside Static

ELMIRA, N.Y. (UPI)—The cop who stopped a car because there were five people in the front seat called headquarters for advice. The officer said he was certain five were in the front seat—because seven were in the back.

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...lenn Lands Safely ...fter Three Orbits

Lt Col John H. Glenn Jr.

Epic Trip Lasts 4 Hours 56 Min.

From Press Dispatches

CAPE CANAVERAL — Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr., orbited three times around the earth in the U.S.'s first attempt at a manned orbital flight, was plucked safely from the Atlantic Ocean and landed on a destroyer's deck Tuesday.

Glenn reported his condition was "excellent."

First reports said all flight objectives were met successfully.

Glenn's three-times-around-the-world flight took exactly 4 hours 56 minutes from lift-off to splash-down.

Glenn landed in the water near Grand Turk Island at 8:43 p.m. Central European Time and was picked up at 9:01 by a crane from the recovery destroyer Noa and hoisted aboard while still in the capsule. The capsule had landed 6 miles from the ship.

Glenn met with difficulties in attempting to crawl out of the narrow neck of the capsule, so a side hatch was blown to permit him to exit.

Glenn's space trip began with a near-perfect blast-off at 3:47. The Atlas missile lofting the astronaut flashed off the cape in near perfect weather and quickly roared into the upper atmosphere. There, five seconds after the capsule separated from the rocket, Friendship 7 was swung around 180 degrees to travel around the globe with its blunt end forward. It also was tilted downward slightly to allow Glenn as good a view as possible through his periscope.

Glenn reported everything was "OK" over the Canary Islands.

He said he had a view of the African coast through clouds.

At the time of the report he was over Kano, Nigeria.

Glenn reported this to Alan B. Shepard Jr., the first U.S. astronaut, who was standing by in the control center here.

Glenn was to circle around the earth once every 89 minutes at a maximum speed of 17,545 miles an hour.

'I Feel Fine,' Glenn Reports

As he lost all sense of weight, Glenn reported, "I feel fine."

Glenn kept up voice communication as he completed about one-fourth of his first orbit, passing over Zanzibar.

Glenn reported the engine cutoff came at 503 miles from the launch site, at an altitude of 100 miles with capsule velocity at 17,530 m.p.h.

At 4:22 p.m., the Mercury capsule was in contact with a tracking station at Zanzibar.

The astronaut said the horizon was "a brilliant blue."

Shepard, who made America's first suborbital space flight, radioed to Glenn in glee: "You have a go for at least seven orbits."

That message was taped and broadcast at the press site.

There was no plan for Glenn to go any such number of orbits. The maximum called for only three.

Glenn crossed over the Indian Ocean at 4:28 p.m.

Another report from the Kano tracking station said in-

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President Hails Astronaut

...ASHINGTON (AP)—President ...nedy personally congratulated ...naut John H. Glenn Jr. Tues... and told the first American to ... the globe he would see him ...ape Canaveral on Friday.

... Kennedy plans to fly to Palm ..., Fla., late Thursday and ... by plane to the cape Fri... morning to participate in a ...mony honoring Glenn.

The White House said Mr. Kennedy also would greet Glenn at the White House next Monday or Tuesday morning.

The White House meeting likely will touch off a mammoth celebration. The White House said there would be a parade through the city streets and a reception at the Capitol.

Washington turned out thousands of spectators when Alan B. Shepard, the first U.S. man in space, was welcomed by the President last May.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson will fly to the Bahamas — or wherever Glenn spends the next 48 hours with space agency officials, scientists and physicians — and accompany the astronaut to Cape Canaveral Friday morning.

Mr. Kennedy spoke with Glenn late Tuesday afternoon via Navy communications. What is known as a single side band radio system linked Mr. Kennedy at his desk in the White House with Glenn.