

WEEKLY PERSONAL LOG 0005 / SERIAL A177251-W0005

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LOCATION MARE SERENITATIS LANDING STATION A / 28.0 DEG N 17.5 DEG E

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IT'S BEEN FIVE (05) WEEKS SINCE THE PHASE 1 ADVANCE PARTY LANDED HERE. WE ALL MISS HOME BUT KNOW THAT ULTIMATELY, IT'S FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYBODY BACK ON EARTH.

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE TEAM CARRIED OUT ACCLIMATISATION EXERCISES TO GET USED TO THE CLOUDLESS, BLINDINGLY BRIGHT DAYS AND FREEZING NIGHTS. I'M THANKFUL THAT WE RECEIVED THE 5TH GENERATION SUITS THAT ARE MUCH LIGHTER AND EASIER TO OPERATE THAN WHAT WE TRAINED WITH BACK ON EARTH.

WE ALSO SPENT A DAY AT THE TAURUS-LITTROW VALLEY AND SAW THE EQUIPMENT LEFT BEHIND BY APOLLO 17 ALMOST A HUNDRED (100) YEARS AGO. I WONDER, WHAT LEGACY ARE WE IN THE ADVANCE PARTY LEAVING BEHIND? HOPE? DESPAIR? THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE ON EARTH IS VERGING ON UNLIVEABLE. 34 DEGREES CELSIUS ON A GOOD DAY BACK IN SINGAPORE?

TOMORROW THE TEAM BEGINS CONSTRUCTING THE PHASE 2 SEMI-PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION THAT ARRIVED ON LAST WEEK'S UNMANNED SUPPLY LAUNCH. HOPEFULLY, EVERYTHING GOES ON SAFELY AND THERE WON'T BE ANY INJURIES. THEN, THE PHASE 2 ADVANCE PARTY WILL ARRIVE IN A MONTH'S TIME.

AS WE ALWAYS SAY, THE JOURNEY'S ONLY JUST BEGUN.

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