LUNAR MODULE BACKUP PILOT TO BE FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON

The magazine, "Aviation Week and Space Technology", reported on January 2, 1967, that the right-seat (third) pilot of the Apollo space craft designed for NASA will probably be the first man to walk on the lunar surface. Consequently, NASA is providing strong training in geology for astronauts. The academic phase of the training program for Apollo astronauts includes 50 hours of geology, and an additional 100 hours of geology for astronauts who will land on the surface of the moon.

(How about that, soil scientists? Will the first astronaut who walks on the moon walk on geology or soil? Evidently NASA is betting on geology. But will the first astronaut on the moon really walk on tessera or polypedon? Lithosequence or toposequence? Aridisol or Entisol? — Ed.)

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PROFILE DESCRIPTIONS MADE EASIER

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Soil scientists in Mississippi have developed a procedure to make writing soil profile descriptions easier and quicker.

In order to record all of the soil characteristics for an accurate profile description, the digging of some sort of a pit has usually been necessary. This involved a lot of work which was time consuming and also involved getting permission from the landowner.

The new procedure developed by soil scientists in Miss.