

27 November 1987, Position: In port. This morning it was EAGLE's honor to be the first the world over to hoist Old Glory as we begin the new day just west of the International Date Line. So, with the Stars and Stripes proudly at the gaff we departed Nuku'lofa, bound for our second Tongan port of Vava'u. Behind us we left an island of many sights such as flying foxes, Captain Cook's landing site of more than 200 years ago, and a strange but beautiful shoreline dotted with magnificent coral reefs and blowholes that shot spume high into the air. Some of us left behind more than memories, having received a minor scraping from those very same coral protrusions.

