



29 November 1987, Position: 19-041.6S, 175-02.7W. This morning the sunrise silhouetted the island of Tofua off our starboard side, and the plume of steam and smoke belched by its volcanic core was painted majestically with the coming of the dawn. It was in this area of this island and Kao Island off our port side that Fletcher Christian and much of the crew of HMS Bounty mutinied, making the piece of Bounty's ballast that we carry a part of an infamous chapter in maritime history. To quell any similar uprising on EAGLE, the Executive Officer has granted holiday routine to celebrate the Sabbath. With 96 miles to Vava'u, we are looking forward to our transit through the lush, fjord-like cuts to our mooring tomorrow in the town of Nela'u.

