

3 December 1987, Position: In Port. This morning's overcast skies befit our sadness at leaving Vava'u and the kingdom of Tonga. It was a magnificent port, memorable especially for its underwater coral gardens and countless schools of colorful fish. Favorite attractions included Mariner's Cave, accessible only through an underwater tunnel where legend says a Tongan Chief and his beloved escaped their feuding families, and Swallow's Cave, a cathedral-like opening in the craggy coast inhabited by thousands of swallow. For our last evening in Neialu Bay, the Governor of Vava'u hosted a reception marked by the lovely Miss Tonga dancing in the traditional Tongan manner. Today we begin the last long leg of this phase of EAGLE's journey Down Under.

