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<p>00-04. Oh, it is the mid-watch on New Year's Day, and the Mary Mary's rigged in battle array. The U.S. at war with the Germans, Italians, and Japanese (Rumanian, Hungarian, Albanian, and Japanese). The Mary Mary's moored in berth twenty-nine. With eight fathoms of chain instead of a line. Anchor chain to starboard out through the house. Attached to a buoy. (Now I must pause). In fifteen fathoms of water, she sits very dandy in the British harbor of Tombago, Mandli - (which appears on the chart as Lema Viti). (This is transposed - it's an Island of Fiji). Number two kettle cut in on the line. For auxiliary purposes this is so fine. Let's see now, number two goes with the forward (which is just how we have it in the present case). The ship is all darkened, and Yoke we have set, Modified slightly because of the net. (Which includes the ship, torpedoes to turn away from both sides, from our stern to our stern. At present the net is opened to starboard, and has swung with the current around to the starboard. Guns we have manned, in condition "trees". To let bullets fly at the Jap's evil face. Here there is gathered the Pacific Fleet. Minus some ships that will not be defeat. Oop! The district craft I almost forgot. Which gives us a headache - every one of the lot! In the New Mex. is the SOFA, New Com Bat Pac for the USA. That's all for the present I have to relate. Any more details will just have to wait.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. A. Shefrin Lieutenant, USNR</p> <p>04-08 Moved as before.</p> <p>Approved: <u>J. A. Shefrin</u> 47037 Captain</p> <p>Examined: <u>H. B. Williams</u> Lieutenant (jg) US Navy <u>J. E. K. Hoff</u> Comdr., U. S. N., Navigator.</p>				