



Building 86, Ford Is., Hawaii was the assembly point for personnel who were ordered to the JARVIS. This point marked the starting point for most of us. The old WW II buildings didn't have much resemblance to a new 378 foot cutter, but it was our new temporary home established for the purpose of assembling the new personnel, training them at the Fleet Training Group Schools and also, as the scene to establish all the required organization manuals, publications, administration, berthing and messing facilities while the ship was still under construction at Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans.

The Precommissioning Detail as it was called opened its doors for business on 19 September 1971. The first man to report for the detail was Ens. J. R. Nagle. Approximately 140 personnel reported to "Precom" and were "shaped up" for the coming assignment.

