



AT 2:07 SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JARVIS BECAME THE FIRST RESCUE VESSEL TO ARRIVE ON THE SCENE. JARVIS WENT TO WORK SENDING THREE LANDING PARTIES ASHORE TO ASSIST THOSE STRANDED BY THE HURRICANE, TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF NAWILIWILI HARBOR AND TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE TO USCGC POINT HARRIS (WPB 82376) AND THE COAST GUARD STATION. AS THE FIRST LANDING PARTY APPROACHED THE HARBOR, THE SCENE WAS REMINISCENT OF A WAR ZONE; FORTY FOOT PLEASURE BOATS SCATTERED LIKE BROKEN TOYS, BUILDINGS A TWISTED MASS OF STEEL BEAMS, TREES UPROOTED AND POWER LINES SNAPPED AT THE BASE. INSIDE THE HARBOR, THREE LARGE SAILBOATS HAD BEEN BLOWN UP AND WERE RESTING ON THE FINGER PIERS WHERE THEY HAD ONCE MOORED.

TO THE TIRED SURVIVORS WHO HAD WEATHERED THE RAVAGES OF INIKI, CUTTER JARVIS WAS INDEED A WELCOME SIGHT. WHILE THE LANDING PARTIES WERE ASHORE, THE SHIP'S CREW WAS KEPT BUSY ORGANIZING REPAIR MATERIALS, ASSIGNING VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN UP "TIGER TEAMS", AND TRANSFORMING JARVIS INTO A VITAL COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM. JARVIS WAS THE FIRST RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS PIVOT POINT FOR THE INITIAL RELIEF EFFORT. THE SHIP PROVIDED A RELAY FOR JRCC, COAST GUARD GROUP HONOLULU, AIR STATION BARBERS POINT, CUTTER POINT HARRIS, RESCUE AIRCRAFT AND AIDS TO NAVIGATION TEAM ONE. JARVIS ALSO RELAYED CALLS AND MESSAGES FROM INIKI SURVIVORS TO FAMILY MEMBERS ON NEIGHBORING ISLANDS AND ON THE MAINLAND.

THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF JARVIS PROVIDED UNPARALLELED SUPPORT IN THE INIKI RELIEF EFFORT. JARVIS REMAINED ON STATION OFF OF THE KAŪAI COAST FOR THREE DAYS PROVIDING SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND ACTING AS A HELICOPTER REFUELING PLATFORM. JARVIS PERSONNEL ASSISTED IN THE OFF-LOADING OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM HONOLULU, SPEARHEADED THE CLEAN UP OF NAWILIWILI HARBOR, HELPED REPAIR COAST GUARD AND ADJOINING LOCAL HOUSING, PROVIDED MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR A NEWBORN INFANT, INVESTIGATED AND LOCATED VESSELS BROADCASTING DISTRESS SIGNALS, ASSISTED IN THE RELIGHTING AND PROPER PLACEMENT OF NAVIGATION AIDS AND REPAIRED USCGC POINT HARRIS TO ENABLE THE CUTTER TO BE TOWED TO HONOLULU.

