

Hamilton Field, Officers' Swimming Pool
(Facility No. 205)
Between Bonito Circle and Caliente Real
Novato
Marin County
California

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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
Novato, Marin County, California
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

The officers' swimming pool was a focal point of the officers' recreation area, located in a beautifully landscaped area downhill from the officers' club.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

The officers' swimming pool is located atop a small hill in close proximity to the officers' mess and club. This structure is rectangular and measures 120 feet by 60 feet. It has a capacity for 265,000 gallons of water. It is made of reinforced concrete with standard tile edging and slopes from 2.5 feet deep to 10 feet deep.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

Finished on September 17, 1934, for a cost of \$9,108.50, this pool was labeled on maps and base plans as an auxiliary water storage tank, intended to supplement the base reservoir. Surrounded by carefully planned rock work, natural oaks, and conifers, the pool area available for officers is secluded and private. It is currently maintained by the U. S. Navy.

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Sources:

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Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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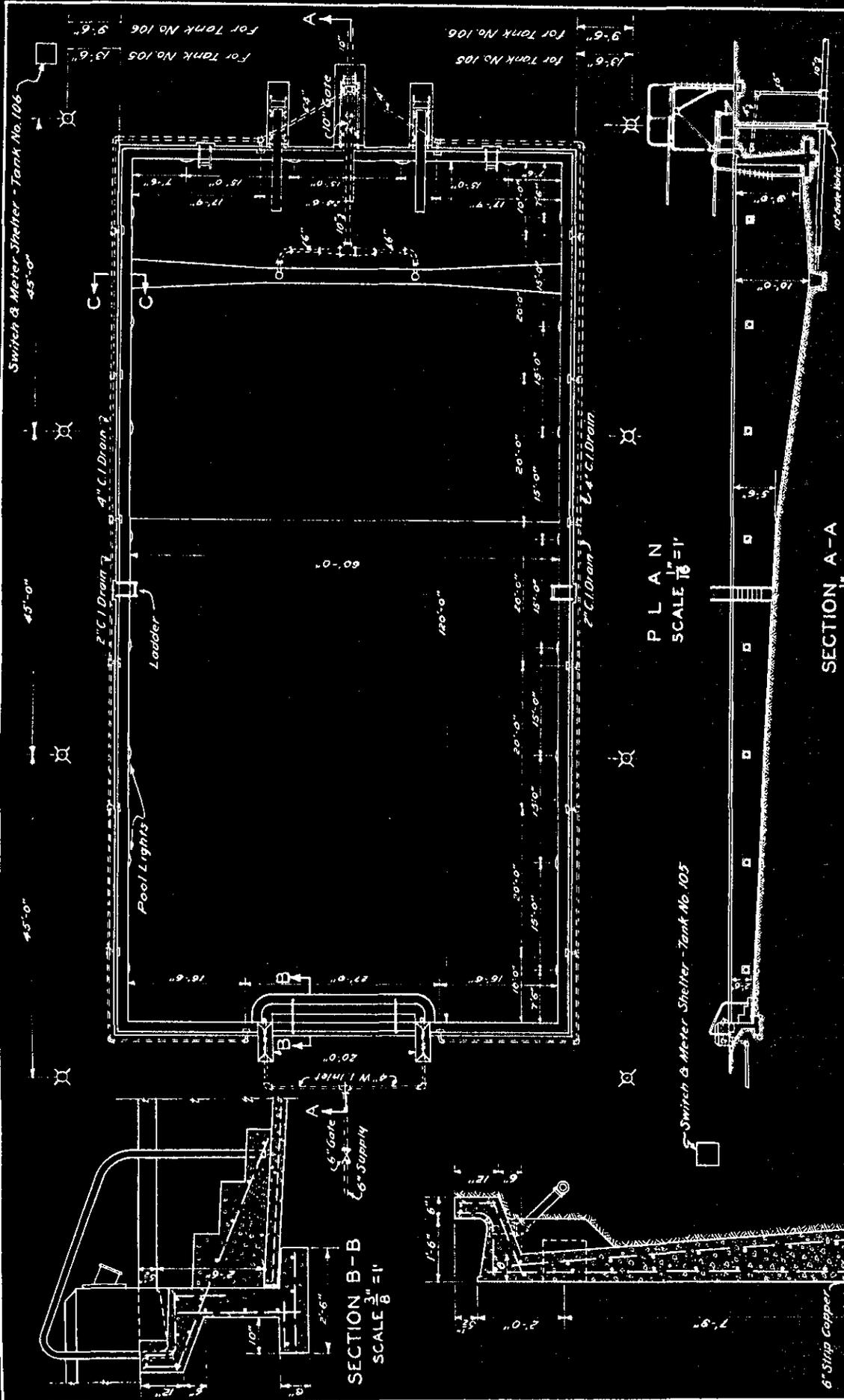
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE CONSTRUCTING QUARTERMASTER,
 HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF.

AUXILIARY WATER STORAGE TANKS.

Drawn G.L.R.
 Traced G.L.R.
 Checked B.E.E.
 Date 12-20-34

O.D.M.S. Finn
 Nos. 6154-201
 6344-204 6347-205
 Post Office
 H. B. Nurse,
 Capt. U.S. Army
 No. 323-34-34
 Constructing Quartermaster.

PLAN
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SECTION A-A
 SCALE 1/16" = 1'

SECTION B-B
 SCALE 3/8" = 1'

SECTION A-A
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'