

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, BRIG/CORRECTIONAL CENTER
(U.S. Naval Air Station, Building No. 710)
528 South Avenue
Pensacola
Escambia County
Florida

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Location: 528 South Ave., U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

Significance: Constructed in 1943 as a brig, Building No. 710 currently houses administrative offices for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Building No. 710 was one of several buildings erected at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola during the World War II period. Although its function did not support the base's primary mission of aviation training, Building No. 710 played a supporting role in NAS Pensacola's day-to-day operation. The resource has undergone few alterations since its construction and is a good local example of the Art Deco style applied in an industrial setting. Building No. 710 is one of many buildings at the station that sustained damage by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004.

Description: Located directly west of the old navy yard gates in the south-central portion of NAS Pensacola, Building No. 710 is a one-story, rectangular-plan, load-bearing masonry building. The resource, which is oriented to the east, sits on a grassy lot with a paved parking lot directly to the north. A curved concrete sidewalk leads from Jayne Avenue to the building's primary (east facade) entrance. Building No. 710 has a concrete continuous raised perimeter foundation with interior concrete footings. The resource's flat, cast concrete-slab roof is topped with a mechanical penthouse at the rear. A brick parapet topped with a limestone coping is located on the front portion of the building. The rear portion of the building at the north, south, and west facades, is topped by a brick parapet with cast-stone coping. Exterior walls are clad with red brick. Sheet metal downspouts are on the building's north and south facades. The building's primary entrance, located on its east facade, is inset and is composed of a set of paired aluminum-frame doors with full-length vision panels and a decorative transom. A concrete, limestone, and brick stoop with a five-step rise and metal handrails leads to the entrance. Secondary doors, located on the building's west facade, are single, flush-panel, metal doors with vision panels. Building No. 710's windows are combination center-pivoting and fixed-light units with either limestone or cast-stone sills. Each of the building's windows is topped with an articulated lentic, formed by a single brick header course. The Art Deco building displays a number of noteworthy decorative details, including limestone pilasters and string courses on its east facade. The resource's east facade also features an elaborate limestone frieze. Alterations to the building are limited to the replacement of its original primary and secondary doors.

History: When the United States entered World War II, the Navy continued its massive overall expansion of NAS Pensacola begun in 1937, which helped to accommodate increased training activities and personnel levels on base. In 1943, the Hardaway Construction Co. of Columbus, Georgia, erected Building No. 710 as the station's brig, or correctional facility. Building No. 710 was situated outside the old navy yard walls directly northwest of an earlier brig, Building No. 8, which was built in 1908. The new brig, constructed to supplement its predecessor, was larger, could hold up to 100 men, and had a nearby visitor's lounge (Building No. 140). Building No. 710 served as the station's brig until 1986, when NAS Pensacola converted the interior into administrative offices for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

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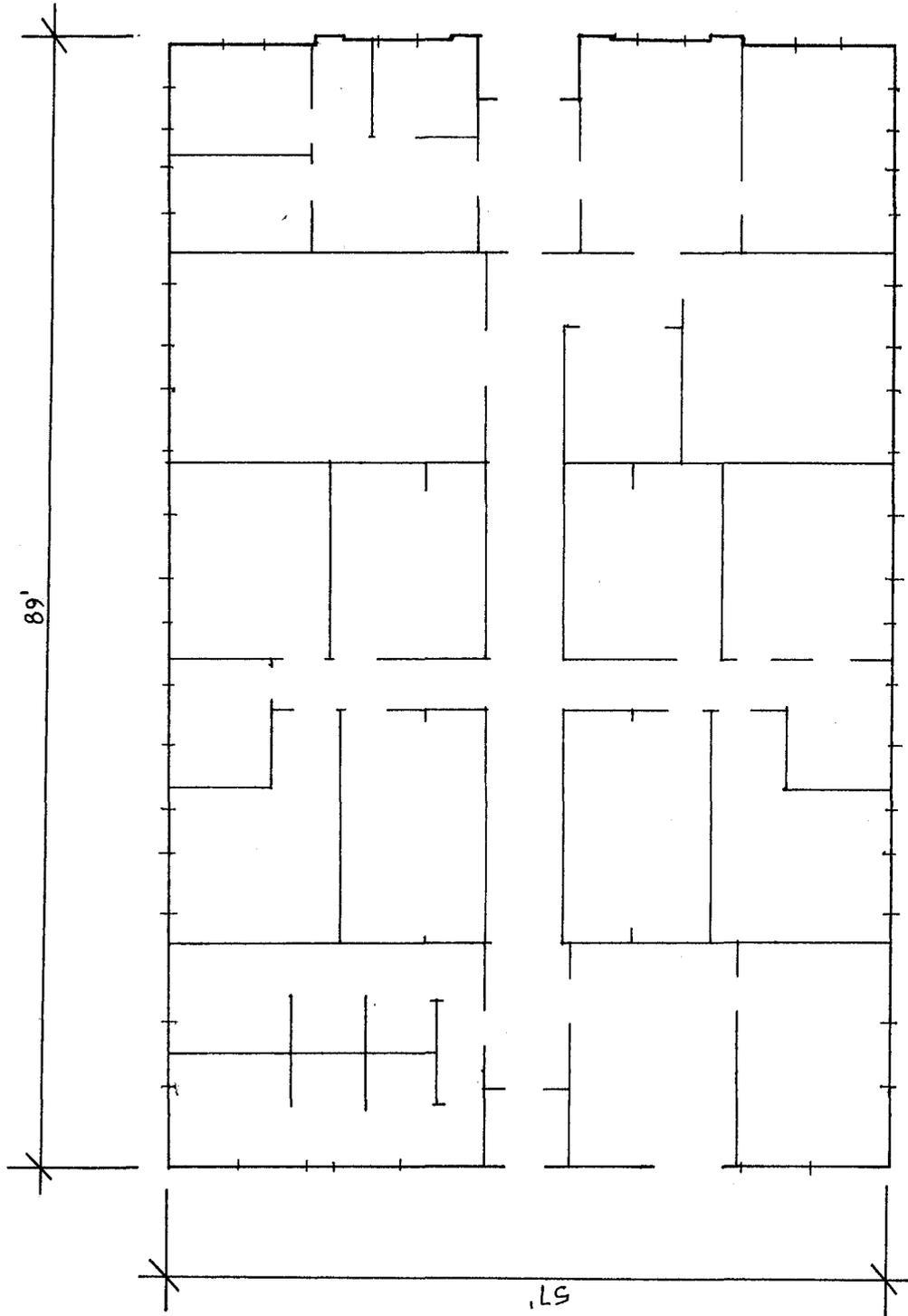
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