

MAINTENANCE BUILDING
(Building 83)
Pacific Coast Torpedo Station, Keyport Industrial District
Second Street
Keyport
Kitsap
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- Location: This Maintenance Building, Building 83, was razed in 2004, but was originally located south of Second Street, between Buildings 234 and 40, at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Kitsap County, Washington.
- USGS Suquamish, Washington, Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10.528927.5282832.
- Present Owner: United States Department of the Navy
- Present Use: Razed in 2004.
- Last Use: Sheet metal shop
- Significance: Building 83 was associated with the accelerated development of the industrial district at Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, during mobilization for World War II. It served continuously as a production/sheet metal shop and telephone exchange. It was a good example of an industrial vernacular adaptation of the Art Moderne style, which characterizes many of the buildings in the Industrial District of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Physical History:
1. Date of erection: Building 83 was constructed in 1942.
 2. Architect: No architect is known, but standard plans for the buildings are filed in the Building 83 plans folder at Keyport. These plans were drawn by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington.
 3. Original and subsequent owners: The United States Department of the Navy.
 4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: This information is not known.

5. Original plans and construction: Building plans are on file at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington. Plans include Bureau of Yards and Docks drawing numbers 149361-149374, dated 1940. Other drawings used in this study include Nos. 42-34-83-3, 42-34-83-18, 42-34-83-19 and 42-34-83-20.
6. Alterations and additions: A 34'-0" x 70'-0" paint and spray booth was added in 1944. Alterations were made to provide a welding shop in 1954, and a precious-metal plating facility was added in 1963. Other alterations included the addition of a telephone exchange in 1967 and later of a sky bridge to connect the second floors of Buildings 82 and 83.

B. Historical Context:

1. For additional written historical context and descriptive information, please see the main entry for the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station, Keyport Industrial District, HABS WA-255.
2. Building History: Building 83 was constructed during the mobilization for the World War II. This period was a time of accelerated development at the Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, when, between 1941 and 1944, 29 major buildings were constructed or renovated. Originally Building 83 was called the Maintenance Building and included shops for sheet-metal work, woodworking and finished carpentry, a tool room, and space for pipe fitters, painters, electricians as well as rigging and upholstery work and a sail loft.
3. The work force at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, was reduced by 60 percent in the 1990s, resulting in a change of focus for the facility. Reorganizations and reassignment of work decreased the requirements for the shop space in Building 83, and the new technology of modern weapons and undersea vehicles lead to the replacement of the building by an updated facility.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement and condition of fabric:

Building 83 was a two-story, industrial vernacular building with Art Moderne elements. The building had multi-light, fixed-sash and pivot windows, symmetrically placed, a smooth-concrete/painted-brick surface devoid of ornamentation, and a rectangular plan. The building had an unusually low pitch gable roof, a flat west wing roof, and horizontal sliding, warehouse doors. Building 83 was razed in 2004.

B. Description:

1. Overall Dimensions: Building 83 was 247'-8¼" x 66'-2" with a 70'-4¼" x 34'-2" paint shop attached to the east façade at the building's southeast corner.
2. Foundations: Concrete.
3. Walls and structural systems: Concrete.
4. Openings: The building had multi-light, fixed-sash and pivot windows, symmetrically placed. Primary access was through horizontal sliding warehouse doors.
5. Roof: The building had a low-pitch gable roof.

C. Site:

Building 83 was oriented north to south and was surrounded by other industrial buildings and concrete and asphalt pavement.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural drawings: Plans of Building 83 are on file at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington.

B. Bibliography:

Harvey, David W. Torpedo Storehouse, Field No. 18-83, Historic Property Inventory Form. Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Olympia. Completed in 1991.

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- C. Supplemental Material: Historical photographs on file at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

This documentation was prepared as part of the mitigation for the redevelopment of the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station, Keyport Industrial District, which is located at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport. The project was funded by the United States Department of the Navy. Historian Sharon A. Boswell prepared the historic context and Lorelea Hudson, historic preservation specialist, and Eileen Heideman, architectural historian, compiled the individual building narratives. All three are on the staff of Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc., Seattle. Building descriptions relied primarily on previous work by historian David W. Harvey. Maps, plans, and historical and large-format photographs were provided by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport.

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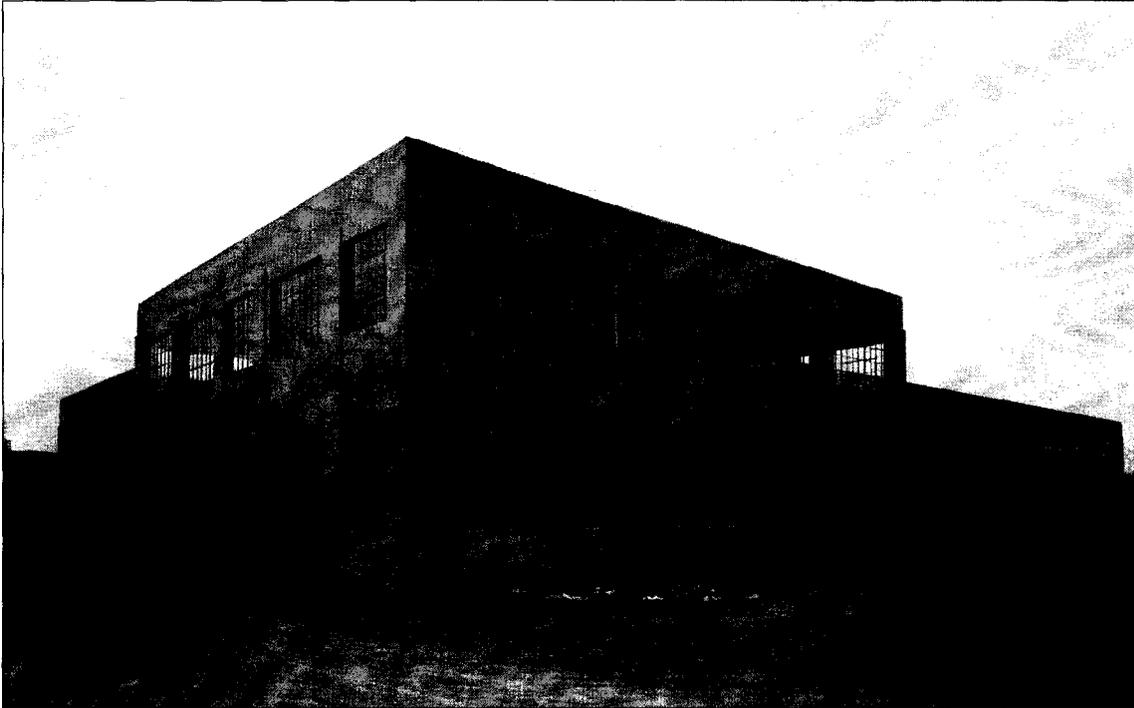


Figure 1. Building 83 on January 6, 1942; view to the northwest. Original image located at Command Staff Code OOTMA, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, WA.

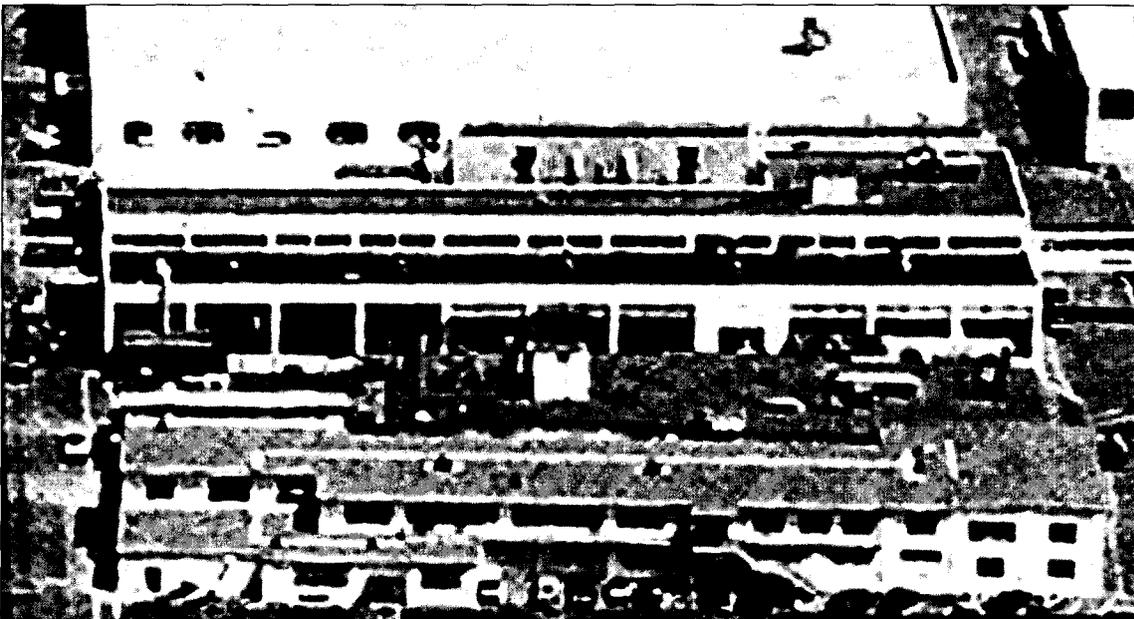


Figure 2. Building 83 (center of photograph) in June 1978; view to the east. Original image located at Command Staff Code OOTMA, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, WA.