

Hamilton Field, Storehouse Type B
(Facility Nos. 328, 415)
Hangar Avenue
Novato
Marin County
California

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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
Novato, Marin County, California
Storehouse Type B (Supply and Equipment Storehouses)
Facility Nos. 328 (northwest end of Hangar Avenue) and 415
(northwest side of 4th Street at Hangar Avenue)

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:

These temporary facilities were completed in 1941 to help meet the demand for additional storage space on the base. Although both buildings are quite deteriorated, they are good examples of unmodified World War II-era storehouses.

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 storehouses are one-story frame buildings with a rectilinear mass measuring 154 feet by 61 feet. They have low-pitched gable roofs covered with composition shingles; each has louvered vents in the gable ends. Metal ventilators are located along the roof ridgelines. The buildings have three (No. 415) or five (No. 328) elevated loading bays with suspended sliding wooden doors located along a wooden loading dock. Facility No. 328 has loading docks supported by concrete pier blocks on each side, with a concrete and wood ramp leading to the south side dock. Foundations are perimeter wall concrete, with venting provided by louvers. Pedestrian entry doors provide access to each end of the buildings; with wooden awnings over the glass and panel doors on Facility No. 328. Fenestration consists of four-over-four light and six-over-six light wood sash windows along the gable ends of the buildings and flanking the loading bays.

Interiors of these storehouses are divided into loading and storage areas, with shelving and wooden bins permanent fixtures inside Facility No. 328. Facility No. 415 has more open floor space and has a small office with vertical board panel walls. Ceilings are exposed wood beams supported with knee braces. Six-inch-square wood support posts are uniformly present in rows inside the structures. Some offices on the southeast side of Facility No. 328 have

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acoustical tiled walls and suspended acoustical tile ceilings. Lighting for this storehouse is provided through exposed conduit and consists of two tube florescence lights with a metal hood. Heating in Facility No. 328 is provided through a thermostat-controlled Reznor unit. Facility No. 415 has a Peerless heat condenser and a MARS furnace. Facility No. 328 does not have latrine facilities; Facility No. 415 has two latrines, each with one flush-valve toilet and one wall-mounted sink. Facility No. 415 is connected to a large two-story warehouse (Facility No. 410) by a wood landing and staircase on the northwest side.

Historical Context:

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

These storehouses were both completed on June 22, 1942. Facility No. 328 cost \$16,415.60 and Facility No. 415 cost \$13,915.57. Both served to accommodate expanded need for additional storage space brought about by World War II. Facility No. 415 was used as a group headquarters after World War II but was not altered for this functional change in use.

Sources:

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

The line drawn sketches were drafted on site in 1994 by Keith Syda, scanned into a computer and drawn by Christopher MacDonald in 1995, and corrected and finalized by Claire Warshaw in 1996 (all PAR Environmental Services, Inc. staff).

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.

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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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