

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SQUADRON OPERATIONS BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2716)
Off Alabama Avenue, Adjacent to the Flightline Apron
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CI

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: Off Alabama Avenue, Adjacent to the Flightline Apron,
Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.622180.4945220
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Squadron Operations Building provided an operational base for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews. Space was also provided for the care, storage, and issue of flying clothing and equipment for each crewmember, including parachutes, survival kits, liferafts, anti-exposure suits, arctic clothing, life preservers, transceiver radios, and oxygen masks. Space was provided for the operations officer to direct the flight operations and tactical functions of the squadron. The Squadron Operations Building also provided space for the squadron commander and his staff, storage of squadron records, control of unit flying and training tasks, intelligence, radar and navigation, cruise control, photos and maps, briefing room, locker area, radios, and electronic countermeasures.

Project Information: Building No. 2716 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Squadron Operations Building (Building No. 2716)

Layout

Building No. 2716 is a 5,376 square-foot, single story, reinforced concrete block building. It is rectangular in plan, measuring 43'-0" x 112'-0". The building has a flat roof. Building No. 2716 retains much of its original fenestration pattern, although none of the original window units remain today. Originally, windows were two-over-two, double hung sash windows occurring in groups of threes and fours. Today, the windows are one-over-one, double hung, metal sash windows. Security screens were added in 1971 when the use was changed to squadron operations. The interior of the building was not inspected.

Building No. 2714 and Building No. 2716 are adjacent to one another and are almost identical in plan, elevation and construction.

Alterations/Additions

Other than the window replacements and security screen additions, there have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2716.

Function

Building No. 2716 was originally used for weapons systems maintenance purposes. It was last used for squadron operations until the Base closed.

Significance

Building No. 2716 at Plattsburgh AFB was designed to accommodate a variety of uses and functions as needed in support of the Strategic Air Command Cold War mission. Toward that end, it proved to be an adaptable building type.

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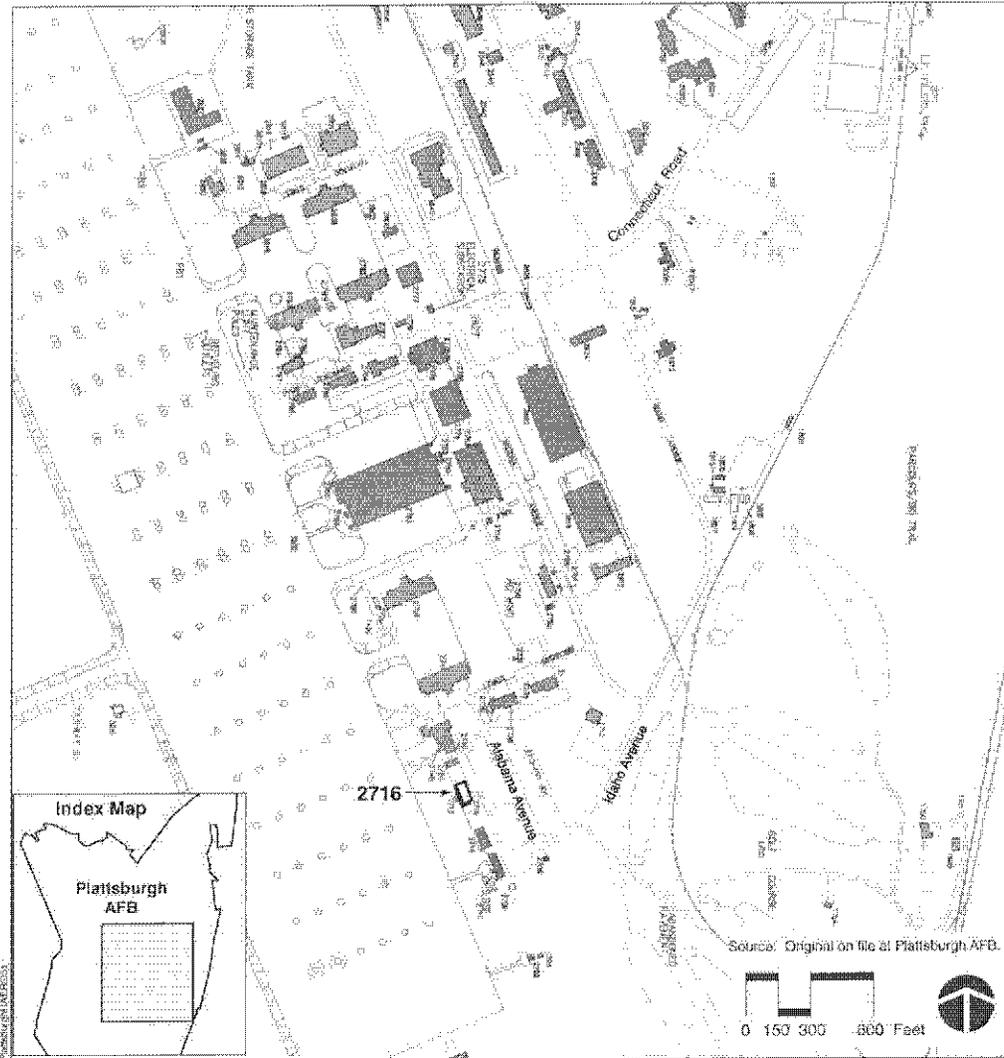
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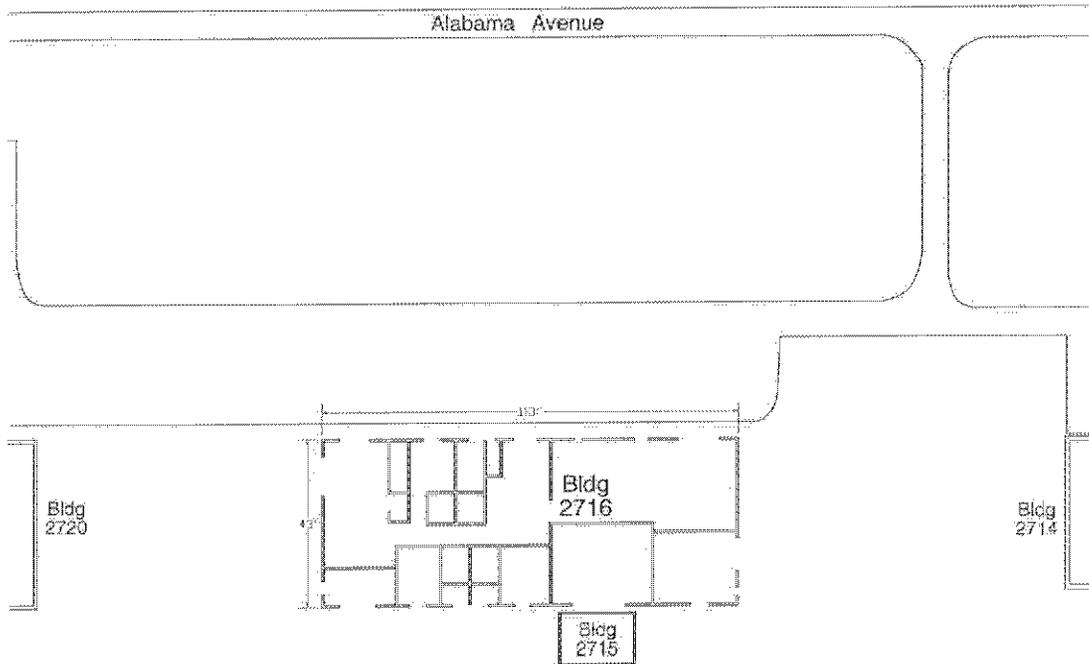
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Sketch not to Scale

Airfield Apron

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(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2716)
(Source: Plattsburgh AFB CAD File, Prepared by the United States Air Force, ca 2000)
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