

TORPEDO STOREHOUSE

(Building 12)

Pacific Coast Torpedo Station, Keyport Industrial District

Second & Dowell Streets

Keyport

Kitsap

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- Location: The Torpedo Storehouse, or Building 12, is located at the southwest corner of Second Street and Dowell Street just east of Building 233 at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Kitsap County, Washington.
- USGS Suquamish, Washington, Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10.528833.582814.
- Present Owner: United States Department of the Navy
- Present Use: Warehouse, shop, supply and fiscal offices.
- Significance: Building 12 was constructed in three stages during 1918, 1935, and 1942. The three periods represent important eras of the development at the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station: World War I, Inter-War, and World War II. This building was one of the first major buildings at the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station, functioning as a torpedo storage facility. The later additions provided storage and offices for fiscal operations.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Physical History:
1. Date of erection: The Torpedo Storehouse, Building 12, was constructed in 1918 with substantial additions in 1935 and 1942.
 2. Architect: No architect is known but plans for the 1935 and 1942 additions were from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.
 3. Original and subsequent owners: The United States Department of the Navy has always owned Building No.12.
 4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: This information is not known.

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5. Original plans and construction: Building plans are on file at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington. Drawings used in this study include Nos. 42-34-12-1, 42-34-12-3, 42-34-12-4, 42-34-12-14, 42-34-12-15, 42-34-12-20 and 42-34-12-21.
6. Alterations and additions: There are two additions to the original 1918 building, one constructed in 1935 and the other in 1942. The double sliding doors at the north end (1918 section) of the building have been replaced with a smaller door and the remaining area in-filled. In addition, a window is in-filled on the east side and a door was added to one of the bays. Windows in the 1942 section have been replaced.

B. Historic 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 12 was completed in 1918 during the initial development of the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station from 1914 to 1919. The building was expanded in 1935, when Depression work-relief programs employed more workers at the station than the Navy, and again in 1942 as the county mobilized for World War II. The 1918 section of the building fronts Second Street and was originally designed to store 460 torpedoes. The 1935 addition extended south from the southern end of Building 12 and provided storage and offices for fiscal operations. The 1942 addition continued the pattern of southward expansion and was one of 29 major buildings at the station constructed or renovated during the World War II era. The primary use of the addition was for storage and offices. The division of buildings into separate facilities is typical of a number of industrial buildings at Keyport.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement and condition of fabric:

1. Building 12 is an example of the industrial vernacular style and is in good condition.

B. Description:

1. Overall Dimensions: Building 12 is 406'-10" x 52'-10" and is oriented north to south. The 1918 section is 172'-0" long, the 1935 section is 81'-10", and the 1942 section is 153'-0" long.

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2. Foundations: The building has 6" concrete floors and a concrete foundation.
3. Walls and structural systems: All three sections of the building are covered with stucco. The core of the 1918 section is brick and the 1935 and 1942 sections were built of hollow tile before being covered with stucco. The 1918 and 1935 sections are one story and the 1942 addition is two stories.
4. Openings: Most of the original steel-frame, multi-light sash and pivot windows remain in the 1918 and 1935 sections, but all of the windows in the 1942 addition have been replaced with aluminum sliding and pivot windows.

The double doors at the north end of building have been replaced by a smaller door and the remaining space in-filled. Side door openings remain the same, although doors have been replaced.

5. Roof: The 1918 and 1935 sections have a gable roof covered with composition shingles. The gable end (1918) has a parapet. The 1942 is covered by a flat roof.

A. Site:

Building 12 is surrounded by other industrial buildings and concrete and asphalt pavement with very little vegetation.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural drawings: Plans for each section of Building 12 are on file at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington.

B. Bibliography:

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- C. Supplemental Material: Historical photographs are 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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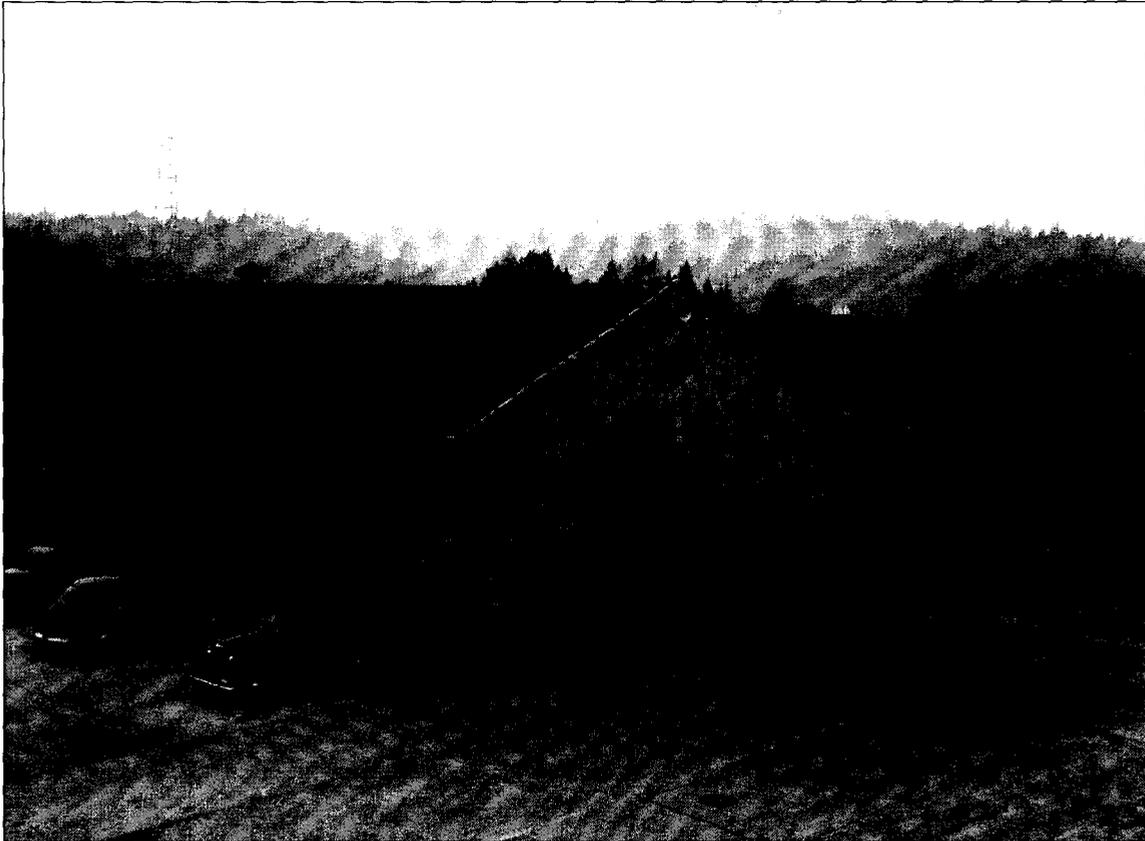


Figure 1. Building 12 in 1941; view to the southwest. Original image located at Command Staff Code OOTMA, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Washington.