

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Llewellyn Avenue German POW Bridge, Ft. Meade Inventory Number: AA-2366
 Address: Llewellyn Avenue City: Fort George G. Meade Zip Code: 20755-5115
 County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Odenton, MD
 Owner: Fort George G. Meade Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Fort Meade Cultural Resource Management Plan Update Agency: U.S. Army
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Fort Meade Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, Dec. 2006

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The German POW-constructed Llewellyn Avenue bridge is significant for its contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The area of significance is U.S. Military history, and the period of significance is 194, the date of its construction. The stone bridge at Fort Meade is historically significant for its association with the German POW's in Maryland during World War II. The bridge is significant as one of only three know structures (bridges) built by POW labor on a military installation in Maryland during the war.

A portion of the southwestern portion of Fort Meade was utilized as a prisoner of war (POW) camp during the Second World War. The facilities were used to house both Italian and German POWs. The POW facilities consisted of temporary wood frame buildings and tents. The first shipment of POWs, consisting of 1,632 Italian and 58 German soldiers arrived at Fort Meade in September of 1943. During the Second World War POWs were spread across 511 branch camps in 44 states across the nation. The German POW population in the United States reached a peak of 425,000 in May and June 1945.

In May of 1944 the Fort Meade POW camp was expanded to house 2,000 German POWs. The camp was divided into three sections, Enlisted Men's, Anti -Nazi, and Officer's Camps. In addition to the main camp at Fort Meade there were an additional 18 branch/work camps located in Maryland. In August of 1945 the German POW population reached a peak of

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR-Program	_____ Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

AA-2366

9,300 soldiers in Maryland. Nationwide many of the POWs were employed during the war. They were primarily used in agriculture and manufacturing to replace men serving in the military. In Maryland POWs were typically employed in agricultural, pulp wood, and industrial activities. In 1944 the German POWs began operating the post laundry on Fort Meade.

At Fort Meade German POWs were also utilized in the construction of three bridges on the installation. The bridges are located at stream crossings across the Franklin Branch Creek. The bridges are located on Llewellyn, Redwood, and Leonard Wood Avenues. There is also oral history that indicates the POWs may have been involved in conducting maintenance and repair work in the residences on Fort Meade.

Since the POWs were primarily involved with agricultural production there are virtually no physical reminders of their presence in Maryland. The facilities associated with the POW camp have all been removed. The bridges are among the few tangible reminders of the POW presence at Fort Meade and in Maryland during World War II. The bridges are the only known structures built on a military installation in Maryland by POW labor. The only other known structure in Maryland built by POW labor is the entrance gate to a satellite POW camp located in Germantown, Maryland. Today the stone gate serves as the entrance to the Emory Grove Center near Gaithersburg, Maryland. The bridges at Fort Meade were all designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and were constructed utilizing POW labor.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD
21203-1715

Prepared by: _____

December 2006

Date Prepared: _____

Llewellyn Avenue Bridge
MIHP #: AA 2366
Fort George G. Meade
1945
Public Access

Capsule Summary

The Llewellyn Avenue Bridge was constructed in 1945. It is a two-lane, flat concrete slab structure with stone-faced, raised side walls topped with cement capstones. The bridge itself is 39' 2" wide at its narrowest portion (the center of its span), and is 60' wide at its widest portion (from wing wall to wing wall). The bridge is 39' 2" long. Two concrete channels carry the stream under the bridge. The bridge has a sandstone memorial plaque that reads: *Hoc opus captive germanici perfecerunt AD MCMXLV*. The rough translation of the Latin for the inscriptions is: "The hard work of German prisoners built this."

Three bridges built by German POWs were evaluated for NRHP eligibility under Criterion A, for "events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history." The level of significance was considered at the local and state level. The Area of Significance considered was military history, and the period of significance is 1944 to 1946, the dates of construction. The three stone bridges at Fort Meade are historically significant for their association with the German POWs in Maryland during World War II. The bridges are significant as the only known structures built by POW labor on a military installation in Maryland during the war. The bridges are all recommended as being eligible for listing in the NRHP.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2366

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Llewellyn Avenue German Prisoner of War (POW) Bridge

other _____

2. Location

street and number Llewellyn Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Fort George G. Meade _____ vicinity

county Anne Arundel

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fort George G. Meade

street and number _____ telephone 301-677-9855

city, town Fort Meade state MD zip code 20755-5115

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber _____ folio _____

city, town _____ tax map _____ tax parcel _____ tax ID number _____

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defense	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>1</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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*Hoc Opus Captivi
Germannici Perfecterunt
MCMLXV*

The rough translation of the Latin for this inscription reads:

"The hard work of German prisoners built this"

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1944 - 1946 **Architect/Builder** German Prisoners of War

Construction dates 1945

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Draft Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan
Fort George G. Meade,
Anne Arundel County, Maryland
December 2006

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.1
Acreage of historical setting 5,506 (acreage of Ft. Meade)
Quadrangle name Odenton, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The bridge is located along Llewellyn Avenue at Fort George G. Meade, MD.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title			
organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	date	December 2006
street & number	P.O. Box 1715	telephone	410-962-4995
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

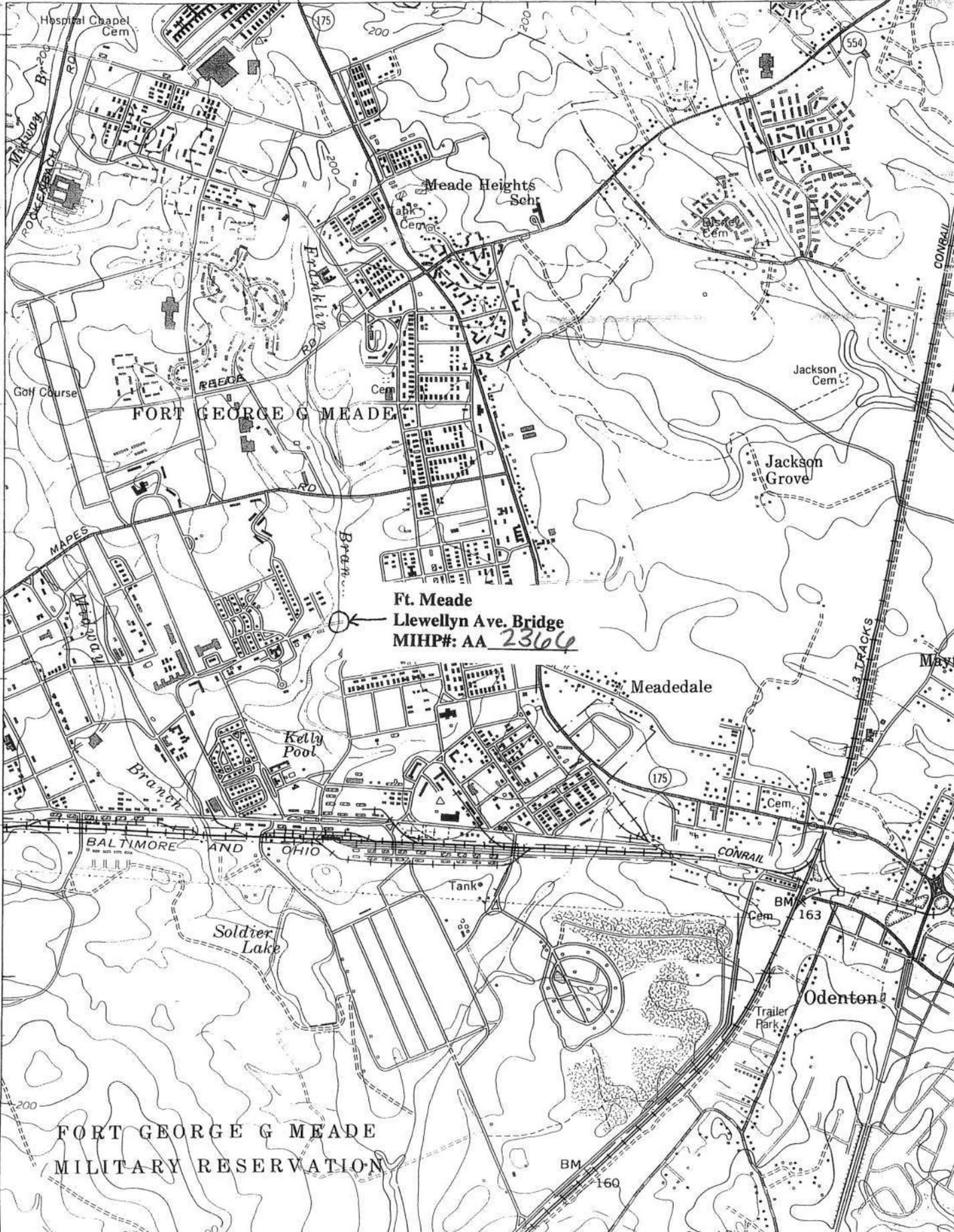
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



ODENTON QUAD
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES

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39 07'30" 4331000m N. 4329 4328 5' 4327



FORT GEORGE G MEADE

Ft. Meade
Llewellyn Ave. Bridge
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FORT GEORGE G MEADE
MILITARY RESERVATION

Odenton

BM 160

BM 163

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LAUREL (JUNC. U.S. 1) 6.1 MI.
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARKWAY 3 MI

Hospital Chapel Cem

Meade Heights Sch

Jackson Cem

Jackson Grove

Meadedale

Kelly Pool

Soldier Lake

Tank

Trailer Park

CONRAIL

Golf Course

MAPES

Branch

BALTIMORE AND OHIO

CONRAIL

3 TRACKS

MAY



1. AA 2366

2. LLEWELLYN AVENUE BRIDGE, FORT MAJOR

3. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

4. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT

5. NOVEMBER 2005

6. USACE, BALTIMORE DISTRICT

7. DETAIL FACING SOUTHEAST

8. 20K2

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