AA-56

Fort George G. Meade; Post Exchange and Warehouse; Buildings 4461 and 213

Architectural Survey File

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Last Updated: 06-11-2004
Property/District Name: Building 4461 Survey Number: AA-56

Project: Proposed demolition Agency: F/Army

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name ______________________ Date ____________

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended ___

Criteria: __A __B __C __D Considerations: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G __None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Located on Wood Road at Fort George G. Meade, Building 4461 was constructed as one of 12 permanent World War II buildings. It served as the Post Exchange, the original frame post exchange no longer stands. The main component of the existing concrete block building appears to be a warehouse section (c.1941) The Army constructed additional wings to the Post Exchange throughout its evolution. Additions and alterations in the late 1950s including the demolition of the original frame section have substantially reduced the historic integrity of the building. The Trust concurs with the Army's determination that Building 4461 is not eligible for the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Prepared by: Mark Baker, Corps of Engineers

Lauren Bowlin
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 11/28/95 Date

NR program concurrence: < yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Catherine Equity
Reviewer, NR program 11-24-95 Date
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

___ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
___ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
___ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
___ Western Maryland ( Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

___ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
___ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
___ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
___ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
___ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
___ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
___ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
___ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
___ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
___ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
___ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
___ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
___ Unknown Period ( ___ prehistoric ___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

___ Subsistence Agriculture
___ Settlement Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
___ Political Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
___ Demographic Government/Law
___ Technology ___ Military
___ Religion Religion
___ Environmental Adaptation Social/Educational/Cultural
___ Technology Transportation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

___ Agriculture
___ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
___ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
___ Government/Law
___ Military
___ Religion
___ Social/Educational/Cultural
___ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): military/post exchange/warehouse

Known Design Source:
APPENDIX F

FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT: Building 4461, Fort Meade, Maryland

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Military

Resource Type:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Warehouse
Bowling Alley
Office Space
Bank

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None.
1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Building 4461

and/or common Building 213

2. Location

street & number Junction of Redwood and Broadfoot Roads

city, town Fort Meade

county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

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Public Acquisition

Accessible

X yes: restricted

Present Use

X yes: unrestricted

X no

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

name Fort George G. Meade

street & number Directorate of Public Works

city, town Fort George G. Meade

state and zip code MD20755

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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Building 4461 is an irregularly shaped, one and a half story front gable roofed building. The walls are poured concrete and the roof is covered with composition shingles. The is a plain milled wood cornice. The rectangular core of the building was constructed in 1941, probably as a warehouse for the nearby Post Exchange. The primary entrance was on the north facade. A small triangular pediment supported by wooden columns covers the entrance. The primary facade consists of seven bays. The entrance has been modified and one wooden, four glazed panel door remains. A frame addition sheltering steps to the basement has been added to the right of the main entrance. The windows are nine are nine pane single hung windows with concrete sills. A concrete block addition with a corrugated fiber-glass shed roof was added to the east facade in 1965. An entrance on this facade has been sealed and the stairs removed.

A small addition was added to the south part of the building during World War II. This area is now the primary entrance to the building. Four aluminum frame glass doors enter the building here. A flat metal roof suspended by cables covers the doorways. The addition and concrete stairs appear to have been added as a loading platform. A brick chimney extends from the middle of the roof in this area.

A rectangular two and a half story concrete block wing was added to the southwest corner of the building circa 1945. The addition has a steeply pitched gable roof covered with composition shingles. The second story is a shed style dormer. The cornice is plain milled wood. The south facade consists of five bays. Stairs leading to a second story entrance have been removed. The west facade has three bays. Second story windows on the entire wing are covered with metal screens.

In 1945 a one story side gable roofed building was added at the northwest corner of the building. The rectangularly shaped addition connected the building now numbered 4461 to the original building 4461, which is no longer extant. The addition was built to house a bank. The addition has a concrete foundation and brick end walls. The primary facade has three bays. Large 25 pane windows surround the wood frame doorway. The side walls are covered in German siding. A shed roof extends from the south elevation of the building covering a heating room built on a concrete pad.
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Mobilization construction under the "Emergency Construction Program Activity" began at Fort Meade in the Fall of 1940. The 29th National Guard Infantry Division occupied Fort Meade in February 1941. Approximately 273 buildings were built during this phase in 1940 and 1941.

The original Post Exchange, Building 4461, was a one story, "T" shaped wood frame temporary building sheathed with clapboards. It housed a shoe repair shop, barber shop, bar and rooms serving several other functions. This building was constructed in late 1940 and was demolished sometime after 1957.

Building plans at Fort Meade indicate that in early 1941 an "addition" was being considered nearby building "V-3", which was in reality the PX in building 4461. The addition was building 213 and it was built approximately 45 feet north of building 4461. Building 213 was 110' X 62' and had 10,005 square feet, it was built at a cost of $40,693.89. The building was designed to be a functional industrial type building. The Army accepted delivery of the building in July 1941. Subsequently a loading dock and small addition were added at the rear of the building. Building plans for building 213 indicate two layers of reinforced flooring and substantial foundation piers under the floor. These plans suggest that building 213 was constructed as a warehouse to store goods sold at the nearby Post Exchange in building 4461.

In 1945 a 26' X 45' one story wing was added at the south west corner of building 213, the wing connected building 213 to building 4461. The wing was built of concrete and housed a bank. A second addition was added after 1945. This 52' X 24', two story addition was added to the south east section of building 213 and appears to have housed office space.

The Post Exchange (the original building 4461) with the warehouse and southeast wing addition is visible on the 1957 Odenton USGS quad sheet. The Post Exchange was demolished sometime after 1957. After the demolition of the "T" shaped wood frame building the surviving building was renumbered 4461. The footprint of the existing building was not established until sometime after 1957.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Corps of Engineers History Office Records, Humphrey Engineer Center, Alexandria, Virginia

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.9

Quadrangle name: Odenton

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is a 200' square surrounding the building beginning at the junction of Redwood Road and Broadfoot Road. The boundary encompasses the building.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization: Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers
date: 23 September 1994
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city or town: Baltimore
state: Maryland

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438
Building 4461, Fort Meade, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

The building is located near six buildings that were constructed during the Second World War. Five of these buildings are World War II temporary buildings which have been extensively modified. Building 4471 is a World War II permanent construction building. It is located approximately 100 feet east of building 4461. Building 4471 has been extensively altered and retains little integrity.

Building 4461, while maintaining several aspects of integrity for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, is not significant and therefore is not eligible for listing on the National Register. The final form of the building was not determined until sometime after 1957 and it is not exceptionally significant. The building retains integrity of location and design. While other World War II buildings are present in the area, they have been altered and the setting retains little integrity. Original workmanship and materials are present but the building is in deteriorated condition and retains little integrity. The existing structure was constructed as a warehouse for the 1941 Post Exchange, which is no longer extant. The feeling and association of the historic function associated with the Post Exchange no longer exists. There are other World War II permanent buildings present at Fort Meade that have not been altered and are better representative samples of permanent construction during this period in American history.

Bibliography Continued

Fort George G. Meade Real Property Records.

Building 4461, Fort Meade
Anne Arundel Co., MD
Mark L. Baker
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Negatives on file, Baltimore District Corps
View looking south
BUILDING 4461, FORT MEADE
ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MD
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NEGATIVES ON FILE, BALTIMORE DISTRICT COE
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