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## Crisfield Armory

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Crisfield Armory  
Crisfield  
public (restricted)

1927

The Crisfield Armory, built in 1927, stands on the eastern edge of Crisfield along East Main Street. Designed to emulate a medieval fortification, the two-story, seven-bay red-brick structure is trimmed with limestone accents that highlight the watertable, buttresses, stringcourse, and the entrance bay. The center bay is distinguished by a stone arch that marks the entrance and identifies the structure, while the state seal of Maryland, carved in stone, marks the uppermost section of the crenellated wall. Twin towers, which flank the entrance, rise above the main block and are trimmed with similar stone finishes.

The Armory was built after a commission of local residents and the American Legion joined in an effort to establish a permanent facility to honor young men returning home from World War I. In addition, the armory has served in various ways from a skating rink to a meeting hall. Recently, the building has undergone extensive interior and exterior renovations.

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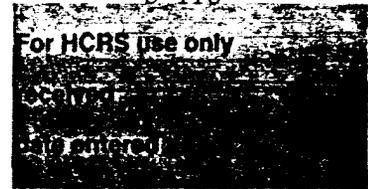
1927

The Crisfield Armory, located west of downtown Crisfield, is a two story brick structure with full basement which emulates a medieval fortification.

The Armory was erected after a commission of local residents and the American Legion set out to establish a permanent facility to show their appreciation for young men returning home from World War I. The Armory served the community variously as a skating rink and as space for meetings and exhibitions over the years. It has recently undergone extensive interior and exterior renovations.

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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Crisfield Armory

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Main Street Extended (MD R-150) N/A not for publication

city, town Crisfield N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Somerset code 039

**3. Classification**

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                                   | <b>Status</b>                                       | <b>Present Use</b>                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private                   | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial          |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum              |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park                |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence   |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religious           |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific          |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |

**4. Owner of Property**

name State of Maryland, Military Department Contact: Col. Raymond Clift  
728-3388 x 244

street & number 231 West Hoffman Street

city, town Baltimore N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21201

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   | date N/A  |

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Crisfield Armory, built in 1927, is located east of downtown Crisfield in a pleasant residential neighborhood. The brick building, two stories tall with a full basement, emulates a Medieval fortification. Attached to the rear of this two story main block is a narrower one-story drill hall.

The front facade, oriented to the north, consists of one-bay divisions on either side of a central section, itself flanked by two, three-story tall towers. Basement windows have been blocked over across the entire front. The windows in the entire building have been replaced with dark tinted stationary plexiglass panels with transoms at top and bottom. An early postcard (undated) in the possession of the building superintendent shows the front facade with 4/5 casement windows in the side sections and 2/5 casements in the towers. The bases of the first floor windows rest on the stone water table, and those at second floor level have stone sills in each of the side sections. There are two windows at each first and second floor windows, all with flat brick arches. A line of stone coping runs across the facade above the basement level.

A frieze of thin stone molding surmounting 8 stone dentils crosses each section. Four crenelles with stone caps crown the side sections. One strip buttress brackets each end of the side sections, capped with stone and with stone trims corresponding to the level of the stone water table, the vertical center of the front wall and the dentilled frieze.

The towers of the center section project slightly from the front wall plane and contain narrow windows at first and second floor levels, with some stone sills and flat brick arches. Each tower is flanked by strip buttresses capped with stone and trimmed with stone as in the side sections. A stone lozenge-shaped panel is placed at the level of the buttress caps in the center of each tower. A band of stone molding crosses the towers at a line corresponding to the stone caps on the crenelles of the center bay. The towers are crowned by three crenelles capped with stone, and a small square stone panel is centered directly beneath the center crenelles.

The center front facade features a segmentally arched doorway with double doors recessed 4-5 feet, surmounted by a stone plate which identifies the building. At second floor level is a double window with flat brick arch and stone keystone at center. The seal of the State of Maryland appears in a large square stone panel at the roofline, surmounted by three crenelles with stone caps.

The front yard contains a tall horseshoe-shaped ramp trimmed in brick with painted iron railings. A small cannon of undetermined date or origin graces the lawn between the arms of the ramp.

On the west side of the center block, all three basement windows are blocked. Three windows are placed at the first floor level, their bases set into the stone water table which continues from the front facade. At second floor level are two windows with stone sills. The dentilled frieze and roof crenelles with stone caps also continue as on the front facade. Strip buttresses bracket the two ends of the side block.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

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The rear one-story tall drill hall over full basement contains six bays with two windows in each, all filled with new plexiglas as on the front facade. All windows have frick sills and flat brick arches. Buttresses separate the bays with stone set-backs at approximately window top level.

The roof of the hall is a shallow barrel vault, and sits over a corbelled cornice and a row of brick dentils, seven per bay. Both the east and west rear sides are identical.

The rear of the drill hall has been altered with a two story brick addition with double flights of cement stairs leading to first floor doorways. the rear motor compound is sealed by high modern metal fencing topped with barbed wire.

### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

#### Verbal Boundary Description:

All that lot or parcel of land situate and lying and being in the Town of Crisfield, Somerset County, in the State of Maryland, on the south side of Main Street, extended, being the same and all the real estate and premises conveyed unto the said Rastus R. Norris, Stephen P. Fuller, T. Edward Webb and Lorie C. Quinn, Jr., Trustees of the Crisfield Armory Commission of Somerset County, by Charles A. Loockerman and Martha J. Loockerman, his wife, ... recorded among the said Land Records in Liber OTB No. 30, folio 127.

#### Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource.

# 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)    |

Specific dates 1927 Builder/Architect unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Applicable Criteria: A, C  
 Applicable Exceptions: none  
 Significance Evaluated: state

The Crisfield, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill house" extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval fortifications, with towers flanking the central entrance, crenellated parapets, and strip buttresses.

The Crisfield Armory was built in 1927 to house Company L, Third Battalion, 115 Infantry of the 29th Division. After subsequent reorganizations, Company L re-emerged as the 1229th Transportation Company, the name by which it is presently known. As part of the 29th Division, the Company shares in the honors bestowed upon the Division at the close of World War II, most notably the distinguished unit citation and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

In an effort to express appreciation to the men of the unit returning from World War I, the County (Somerset) established a commission headed by Crisfield citizens and members of the local American Legion to establish an armory at Crisfield.

Over the years the Armory has been used for many community events - fairs, dances, auto shows, and has served as a roller skating rink for the young people of the town.

The Armory undertook a program of complete interior and exterior renovations in 1978. National Guard activity was minimal during renovations but resumed at the facility in 1980.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wilson, Woodrow T., Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) History of Crisfield and Surrounding Areas on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1973.

Interview with Lt. Col. Woodrow T. Wilson, U.S. Army (Ret.)

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1.6 acre

Quadrangle name Crisfield, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

|   |                   |   |  |
|---|-------------------|---|--|
| A | <u>1</u> <u>8</u> | <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>6</u> <u>0</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u> | <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u> <u>3</u> <u>8</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> |
|   | Zone              | Easting   | Northing   |

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|---|------|---------|----------|
| B |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

|   |      |         |          |
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| C |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

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| D |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

|   |      |         |          |
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| E |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

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| F |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

|   |      |         |          |
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| G |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

|   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| H |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 1

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| N/A   |      |        |      |

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|       |      |        |      |

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Maryland Historical Trust date July 1980; revised 1985

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 2692438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*J. M. A.* 8-14-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

**For HCRS use only**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Crisfield Armory

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street Extended

CITY, TOWN

Crisfield

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Somerset

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                  | STATUS  | PRESENT USE                                  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE           | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL          | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH              | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL         | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT          | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL          | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION    |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER             |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Contact: Col. Raymond Clift

NAME

State of Maryland, Military Department

Telephone #: 728-3388 X 244

STREET & NUMBER

231 W. Hoffman Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: WJS 93

Folio #: 289

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Somerset County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Princess Anne

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The front facade, oriented to the north, consists of one-bay divisions on either side of a central section, itself flanked by two, three-story tall towers. Basement windows have been blocked over across the entire front. The windows in the entire building have been replaced with dark tinted stationary plexiglass panels with transoms at top and bottom. An early postcard (undated) in the possession of the building superintendent shows the front facade with 4/5 casement windows in the side sections and 2/5 casements in the towers. The bases of the first floor windows rest on the stone water table, and those at second floor level have stone sills in each of the side sections. There are two windows at each first and second floor windows, all with flat brick arches. A line of stone coping runs across the facade above basement level.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD                                    | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                        |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)                |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1927

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Armory undertook a program of complete interior and exterior renovations in 1978 which are nearing completion at this date (July 1980). National Guard activity has been minimal during renovations but is expected to resume at the facility this year.

RECOMMENDATION: Continue use of the Crisfield Armory as a National Guard Armory with selected community activities.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.6

Quadrangle name: Crisfield      Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

See Continuation Sheet #2

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susanne Moore, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle /Shaw House

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Crisfield Armory  
Crisfield, Maryland

WJS 93/289  
7/21/1926  
Deed

From Rastus R. Norris, Stephen P. Fuller, T. Edward Webb  
and Lorie C. Quinn, Jr., Trustees of the Crisfield Armory  
Commission of Somerset County, to the State of Maryland

Consideration: \$3,000

Crisfield Armory  
Crisfield, Maryland

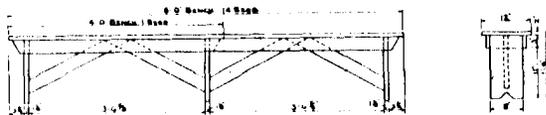
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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

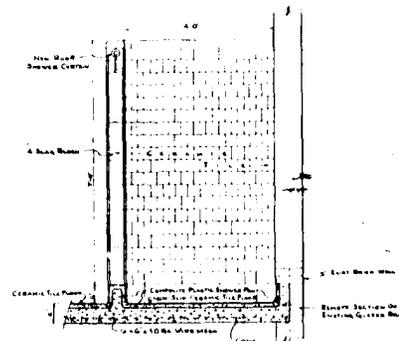
All that lot or parcel of land situate and lying and being in the Town of Crisfield, Somerset County, in the State of Maryland, on the south side of Main Street, extended, being the same and all the real estate and premises conveyed unto the said Rastus R. Norris, Stephen P. Fuller, T. Edward Webb and Lorie C. Quinn, Jr., Trustees of the Crisfield Armory Commission of Somerset County, by Charles A. Loockerman and Martha J. Loockerman, his wife, ... recorded among the said Land Records in Liber OTB No. 30, folio 127...<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Lot #1 Beginning for the same at a post set up in the ditch by the side of a Stone boulder at the corner of a lot belonging to Edward P. Wyatt and also the corner of a lot of land belonging to James E. and Essac H. Tawes as shown in the plat by the letter A. and running thence by and with the center of said ditch the two following, viz: North-thirteen degrees and thirty minutes East, Six perches, thence north eighteen degrees and fifteen minutes East, forty-four perches, to the Rayfield road thence by and with the Rayfield road north 87 degrees West, seven and 3/4 perches thence south 2 degrees 15 West fifty two perches to the East side of a private road at a post in a ditch back thence by and with said ditch South 43 degrees 15 West, five perches thence with a right line to the beginning and containing five and 3/10 acres of land more or less.



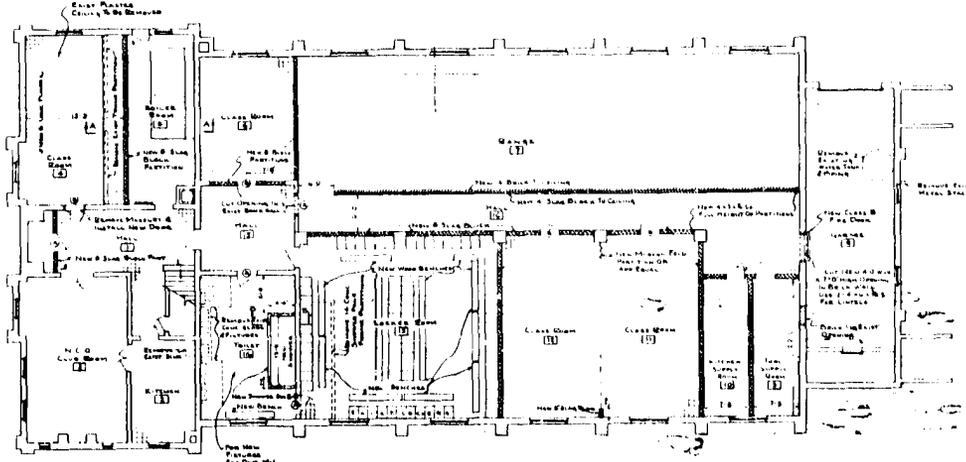
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Basement Plan  
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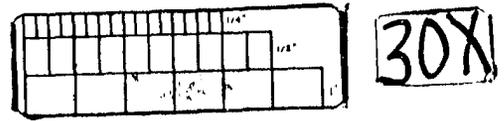
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| 20   | ...         | ... | ...  | ...   | ...   |

Legend for quantities:  
 [Symbol] Existing Partitions  
 [Symbol] New Work  
 [Symbol] New Work

Notes:  
 1) MASONRY 4" TO 8" THICK  
 2) MASONRY 12" TO 16" THICK

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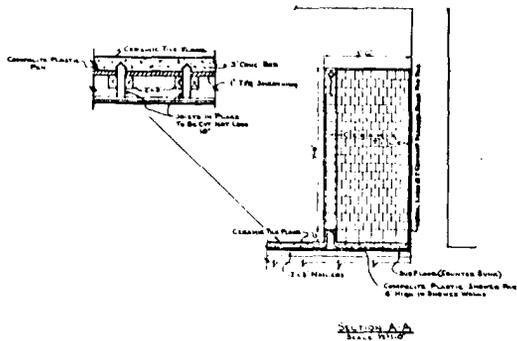


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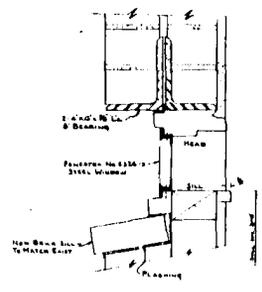
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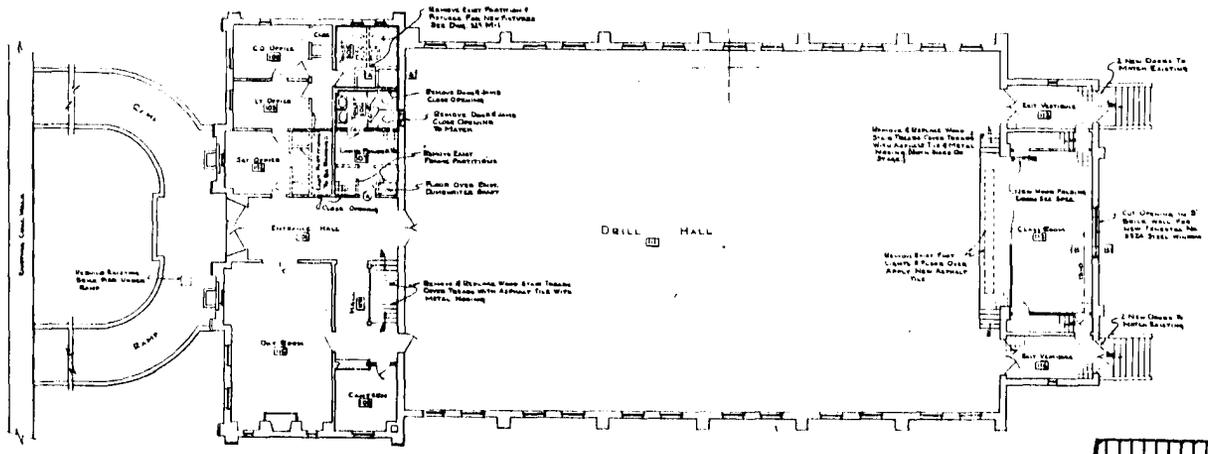
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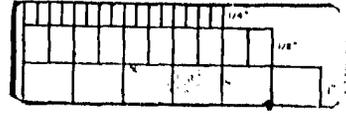
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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| ROOM FINISH SCHEDULE |                |       |         |         |      |      |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|---------|---------|------|------|
| NO                   | ROOM NAME      | FLOOR | CEILING | WALL    | DOOR | TRIM |
| 101                  | ENTRANCE HALL  | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 102                  | SER OFFICE     | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 103                  | LT OFFICE      | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 104                  | CO OFFICE      | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 105                  | REPAIR SHOP    | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 106                  | CLEANING SHOP  | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 107                  | MATERIALS ROOM | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 108                  | TOILET         | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 109                  | RESTROOM       | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 110                  | CL. HALL       | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 111                  | CL. STAIR      | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
| 112                  | CL. STAIR      | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |
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| 114                  | CL. STAIR      | WOOD  | PLASTER | PLASTER | WOOD | WOOD |

- 1. Existing Partitions
- 2. New Partitions
- 3. New Brick
- 4. Existing Wood Stair Treads



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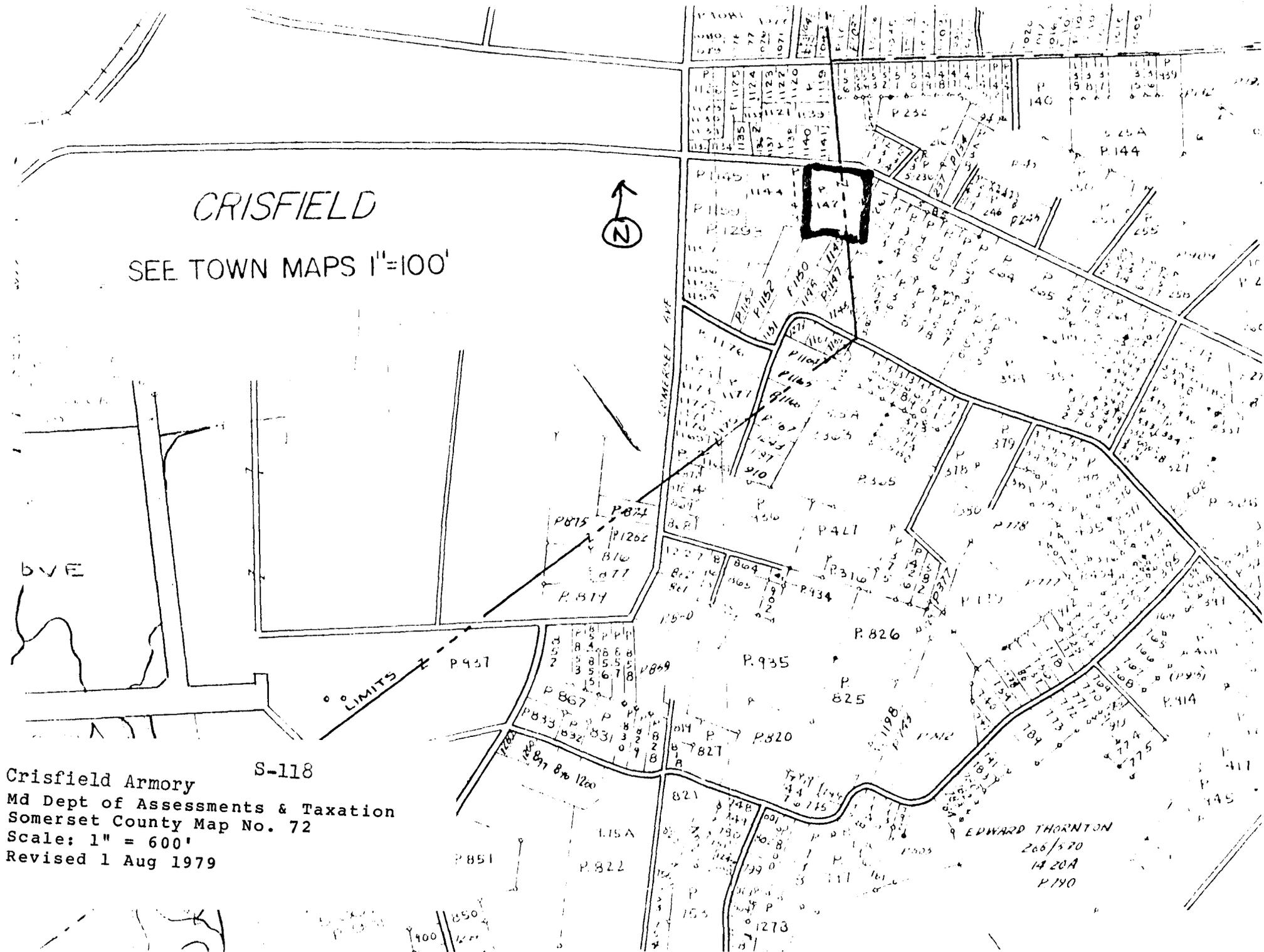


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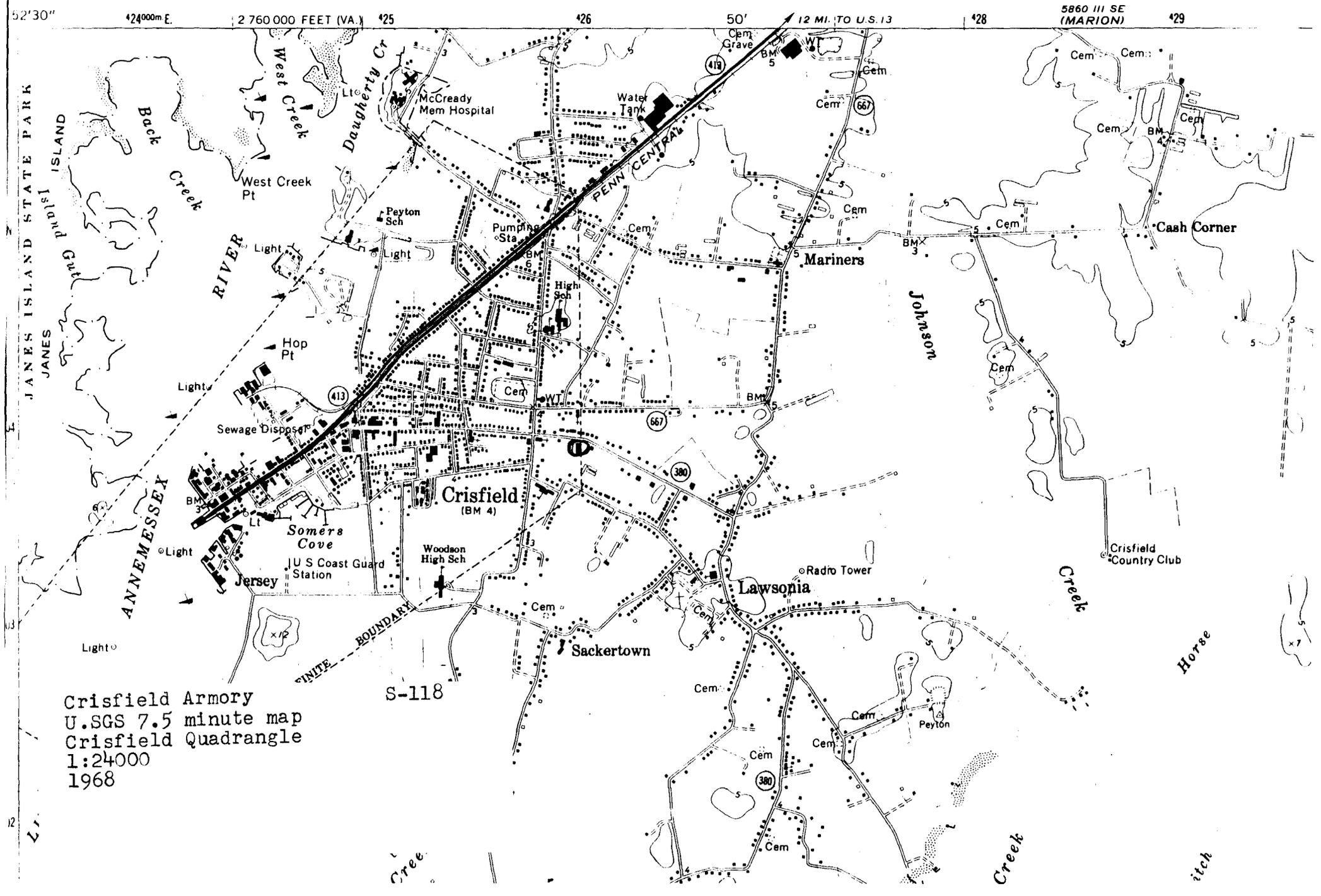
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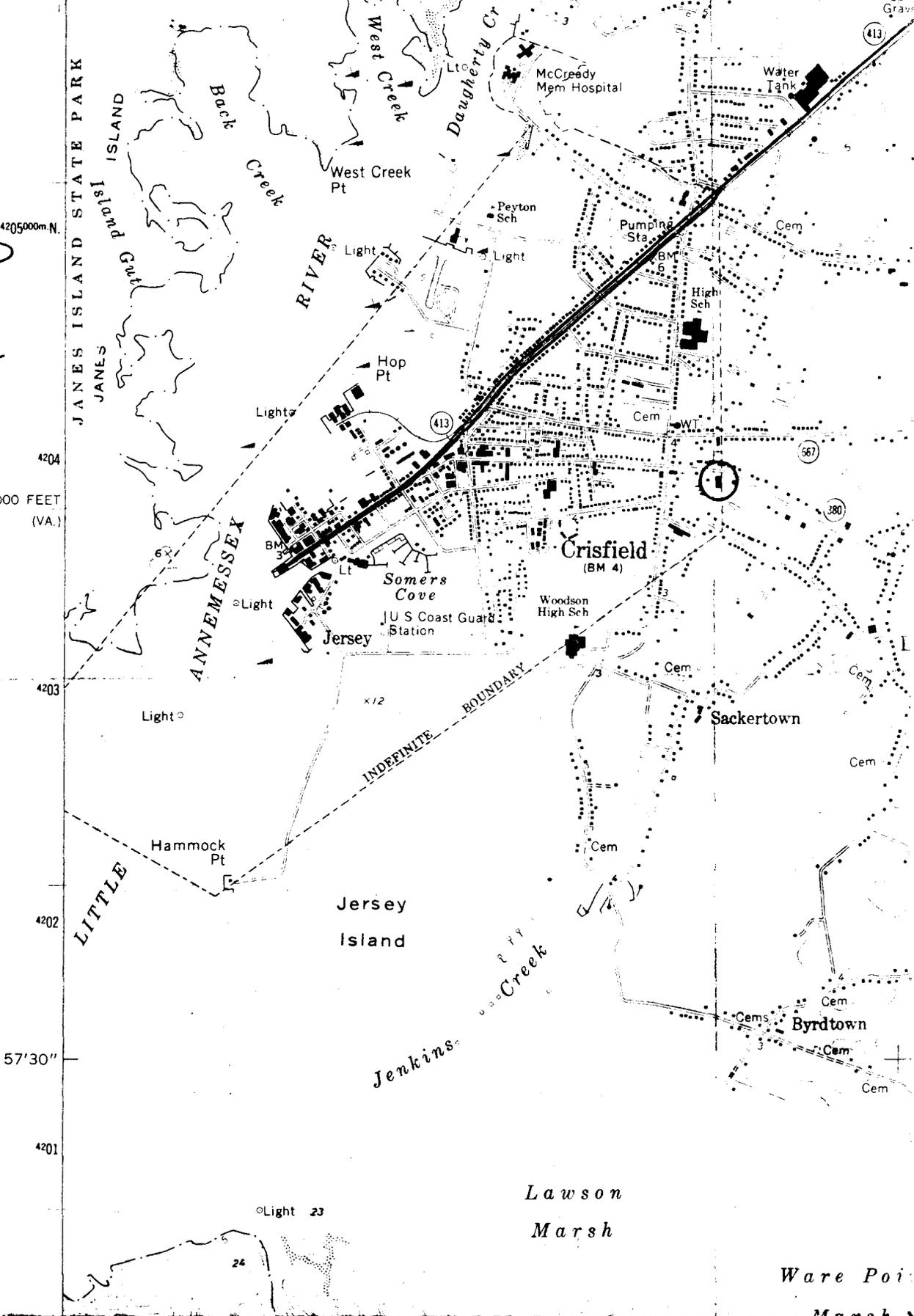
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