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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Quarters 1, Yerba Buena Island, Naval Training Station
other names/site number Residence of the Commander, Naval Base, San Francisco
Nimitz House

2. Location

street & number 1 Whiting Way, Yerba Buena Island not for publication
city, town San Francisco vicinity
state CALifornia code CA county San Francisco code 075 zip code 94130

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register none

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 9 August 1991
Signature of certifying official Date
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (I&E)
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 7-19-91
Signature of commenting or other official Date
Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. [Signature] 9/10/91
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Military/Naval facility residence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

same

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls woodframe/weatherboard siding

roof metal/standing seam

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Quarters 1, the Commandant's residence on Yerba Buena Island, is a two-story, rectangular building of 5,886 square feet with a wood frame, clad in weatherboard siding. The Classical Revival style building has a central block with a hip-roof from which two brick chimneys rise on the NE and SW ends. Three hip-roofed dormers are centered above the symmetrical SE facade. The central block is flanked by wings. Both wings have two stories capped by parapeted gable-roofs inserted into the main hip-roof on the back sides. On the front, the SW wing has a solarium on both floors; the NE wing has a solarium on the ground floor only. A three-bay porch with fluted Doric columns and paneled square columns at the corners is centered on the SE facade. The NW, or service, side is assymetrical and has several projecting elements: a one-story, boxlike bay supported on a square post with angled braces off the second floor on the SW end; a three-sided, two-story bay with a ground floor entrance in the center; and a one- and two-story rear wing on the NE end, which has a brick chimney rising through the ground floor roof. In 1934, a fire damaged the upper floor, but it was immediately rebuilt as it had been before the fire, except that the central dormer, originally larger than the other two, was rebuilt to match them. Other minor alterations that occurred before the 1934 fire were the closing in of the ground floor porches on the wings and the addition of the solarium up the upper level of the SW wing. The main, ground floor rooms: the livingroom, diningroom, study, and central reception hall, have handsome Classical detail and other features such as Ionic Columns. In summary, although the house has been modified since its construction in 1899-1900, the alterations occurred before 1940 and are therefore historic. The building is also in good condition.

In respect to the setting of Quarters 1, it occupies a site bounded by a driveway on the NE side and an access road on the SE side. A green-sward sweeps down toward the bay and up to the slope above the site on the SW side. On the NW side is a formal garden designed in 1938 by Landscape Architect Lucille Woolpert, which has a brick terrace with a sunken pool, clipped box hedges, and planted areas retained by brick walls on several levels. Flanking the driveway on the NW side of Quarters 1 are two wooden, Craftsman-style buildings with living quarters above automobile garages. To the NE of Quarters 1 are six houses which were built in 1900 to house the other officers staffing the Naval Training Station. The Classical Revival style houses were built from the same

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plans and have had minor modifications over time which have not resulted in a loss of integrity. The houses face a road that curves around to the NE and joins the access road to the compound.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR STYLISTIC FEATURES:

The Classical Revival style of Quarters 1 is embodied not only in the balanced, central hall plan and the symmetrical composition of the SE facade, but also in the molded cornices of the main roof, the roofs of the front porch, and those of the solarium. The central block has paneled, pilasterlike corner boards with molding caps like those on the front of the house. Two balconies project from the belt cornice on the front of the house; they are located in front of the upper floor windows on either side of the central porch. The balconies rest on paired, enriched consoles and have solid railings that have three raised, starlike motifs and paneled corners. The front door has a single light above a paneled apron; the side lights have paneled aprons; and above, a round-arched pediment with an architrave molding frames a transom with a wide central light and triangular side lights. The arched pediment springs from paneled pilasters with molding caps; engaged colonettes with Ionic caps occur on either side of the upper part of the door. The windows on the ground floor have molded architraves with straight, molded cornices; those on the upper floor and on the back of the house have flat wood frames. Typical windows have double-hung wood sash with one-over-one lights, but a few have a grid of 20 lights over a single light. The solarium have multiple-light, fixed sash.

The ground floor interiors have a variety of Classical elements. The central hall vestibule is divided from the reception area at the back by a cross hall. The hall is introduced by two Ionic columns standing on paneled wood bases. The columns support an entablature with an architrave, a blank frieze, and a dentil course below the cornice molding. This entablature also occurs in the reception area. The main stairway rises from the cross hall to a landing and, after a quarter turn, continues to the upper floor. The stair railing has turned balusters and ends on one side in a fluted newel post. On the other side, the staircase and handrail are attached to an Ionic column supporting the ceiling entablature. The vestibule has a paneled wainscoting; the doorways to the livingroom and diningroom have paneled surrounds with a step in the center of the head. The livingroom has a picture molding and a coved ceiling. Louvered doors with louvered transoms open into the solarium on both sides of the fireplace. The wood mantels in the livingroom, diningroom, and reception area have a variety of Classical motifs.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Military

Architecture

Period of Significance

Late 19th and Early

20th centuries

Significant Dates

1898-1916

1900-1916

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

None

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Quarters 1, built in 1899-1900 as the Commandant's residence for the first United States Naval Training Station on the Pacific Coast, is significant under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, the property contributes to the broad pattern of the development of military installations for the defense of the Pacific Coast in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Under Criterion C, Quarters 1 is an unusual example of a U.S. Naval residence in the Classical Revival style, which had become fashionable for private residences in the San Francisco Bay Area beginning in the 1890s, but was not typical of Naval base housing, most of which was built in later periods.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The island on which Quarter 1 is located was granted by Juan B. Alvarado to Jose Castro in 1838. The American possession of the 198-acre island was confirmed in 1850 when the first state legislature passed an act establishing the limits of San Francisco County and officially named the island Yerba Buena. In 1895, this name was officially changed to Goat Island--herds of wild goats had lived on the island since 1836--by the U.S. Geographic Board and so remained until June 1931 when the name Yerba Buena was reinstated by the same board. The military history of the island began when the U.S. Army established a post there in 1866. In 1867, men from the Army Corps of Engineers were shifted from Black Point to Y.B.I.; from 1892 to 1912, it was a Quartermasters Depot. Following an Executive Order issued by President McKinley on April 12, 1898 to set aside a "goodly portion" of the island for a Naval Station, the Navy acquired a site from the Army on the NE side of the island. On March 3, 1899, Captain Henry Glass brought his ship Pensacola from the Mare Island Naval Yard and took command of the station. At that time only a half-finished dock and a partial roadway to the barracks site existed. The Pensacola served as the headquarters and dormitory for Naval personnel until the shore facilities were built. The first barracks was occupied in January 1900. The Commandant's house was also completed

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Rear Admiral Henry Glass, The U.S. Naval Training Station, Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco. Willeford & Winchell, Publishers, 1902.

Photographic Album of the U.S. Naval Training Station, Yerba Buena Island, with photographs by FM Metzger. Commissioned by E.W. Eberle, 1909.

Clipping file on Yerba Buena Island in the archives of the Treasure Island Museum.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately 1/5 of an acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property associated with Quarters 1 is bounded by Whiting Way on the NE, the edge of the greensward on the SE, the brick retaining walls at the edge of the paved area on the SW, and the driveway between Quarters 1 and Quarter 2, as indicated by the lines drawn on the site map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries were drawn to indicate the property associated with the building and to exclude that which belongs to the larger area of the Naval base.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally B. Woodbridge, Architectural Historian

organization _____ date April 19, 1991

street & number 2273 Vine St. telephone (415) 848-4356

city or town Berkeley state CA zip code 94709

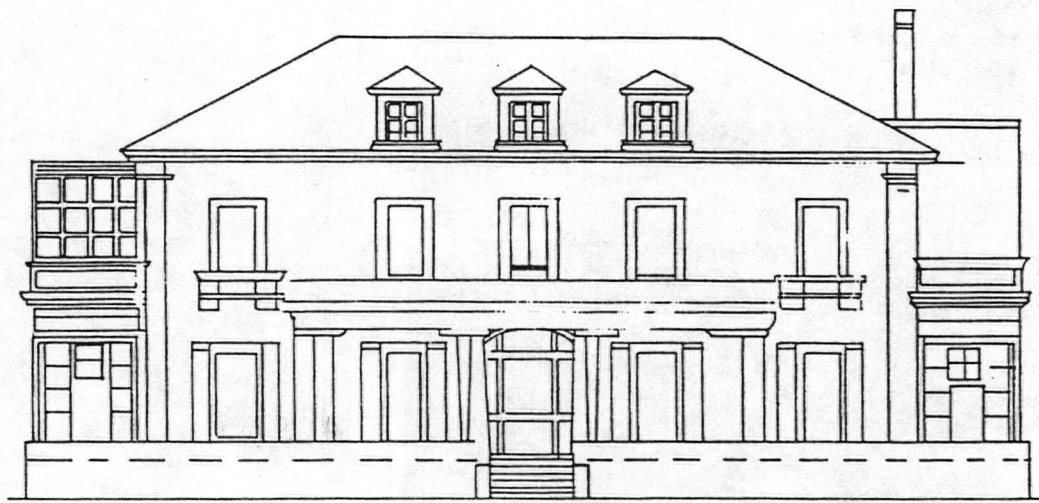
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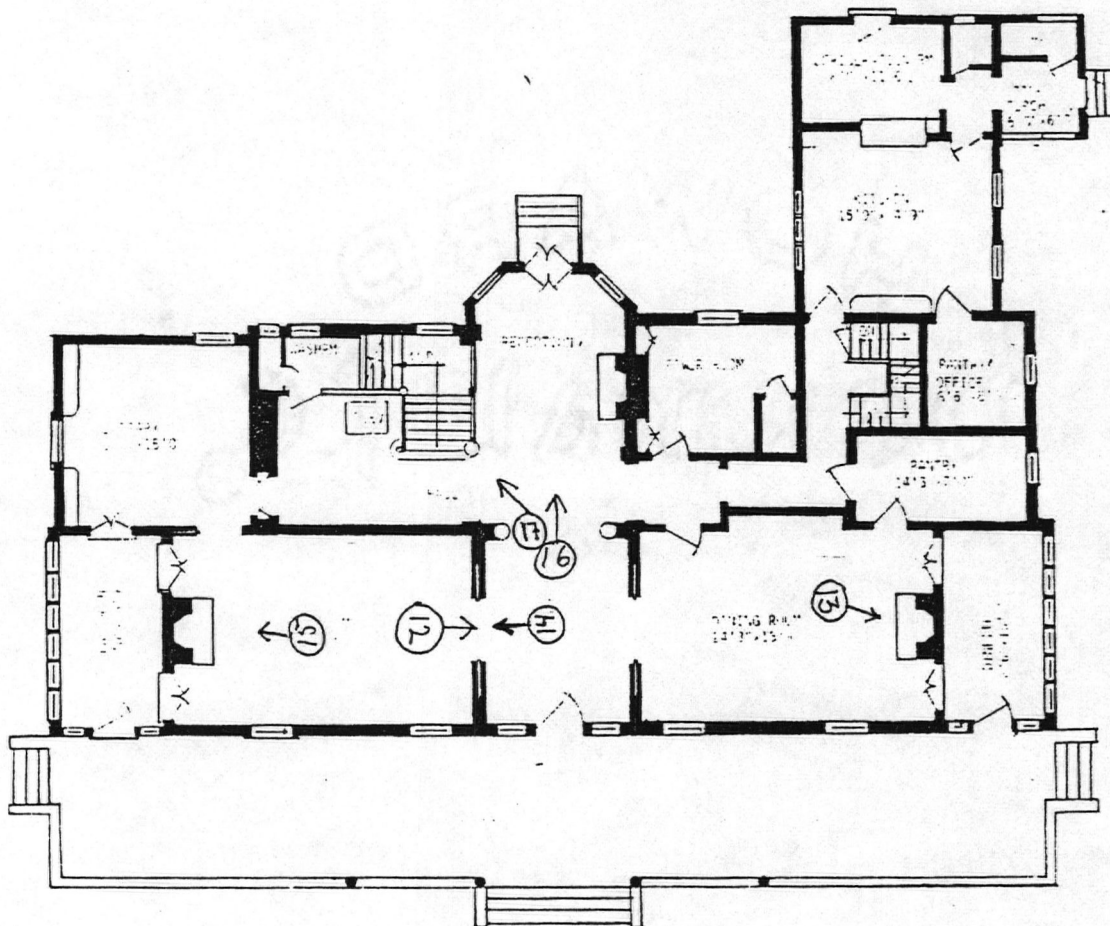
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in January 1900. The adjacent officers quarters were completed in March 1900. Extensive landscaping and floral gardening were carried out in the following years, and 9,000 feet of roadway was laid. The Naval Training Station closed in 1916, and the last Commandant departed. In that year the naval districts were created, and the house became the residence of the Commander of the Naval Base, San Francisco, which it is today.

The building is also known as Nimitz House for Admiral Chester William Nimitz, who died there on February 20, 1966 at the age of seventy-five. Admiral Nimitz had a most distinguished career in the U.S. Navy. On December 17, 1941, he was made Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, a position he held until 1945. In 1944, he was made Fleet Admiral of the Navy. From 1945 to 1949, he served as Chief of Naval Operations. Although Admiral Nimitz died in his residence on Yerba Buena Island, his principal home during his career was in the East Bay. Therefore, Quarters 1 does not qualify as significant under Criterion B.



FRONT ELEVATION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN - Photographs #12 - #17

Quarters 1, Yerba Buena Island

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001380 Date Listed: 9/10/91

Quarters 1, Yerba Buena Island, Naval Training Station
Property Name

San Francisco CA
County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for *Antonietta Rice*
Signature of the Keeper

9/10/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The Period of Significance is amended to read 1899-1916.

The Significant Dates should be amended to read 1899-1916.

This was confirmed with John Bernard Murphy, Federal Preservation Officer, Department of the Navy.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

CLASSIFICATION

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Quarters 1, Yerba Buena Island, Naval Training Station

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, San Francisco

DATE RECEIVED: 8/09/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/20/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/05/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/23/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001380

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/10/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The property, Quarters 1, is significant for its association with the development of military installations for the defense of the Pacific Coast because it was the Commandant's residence for the first US Naval Training Station on the Pacific Coast. In addition, its Classical Revival style is notable among military residences.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/A+C
REVIEWER Antonietta A. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 9/10/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____







QUARTERS NO. 1. YERBA BUENA ISLAND













DR. JOHN W. BITOFF















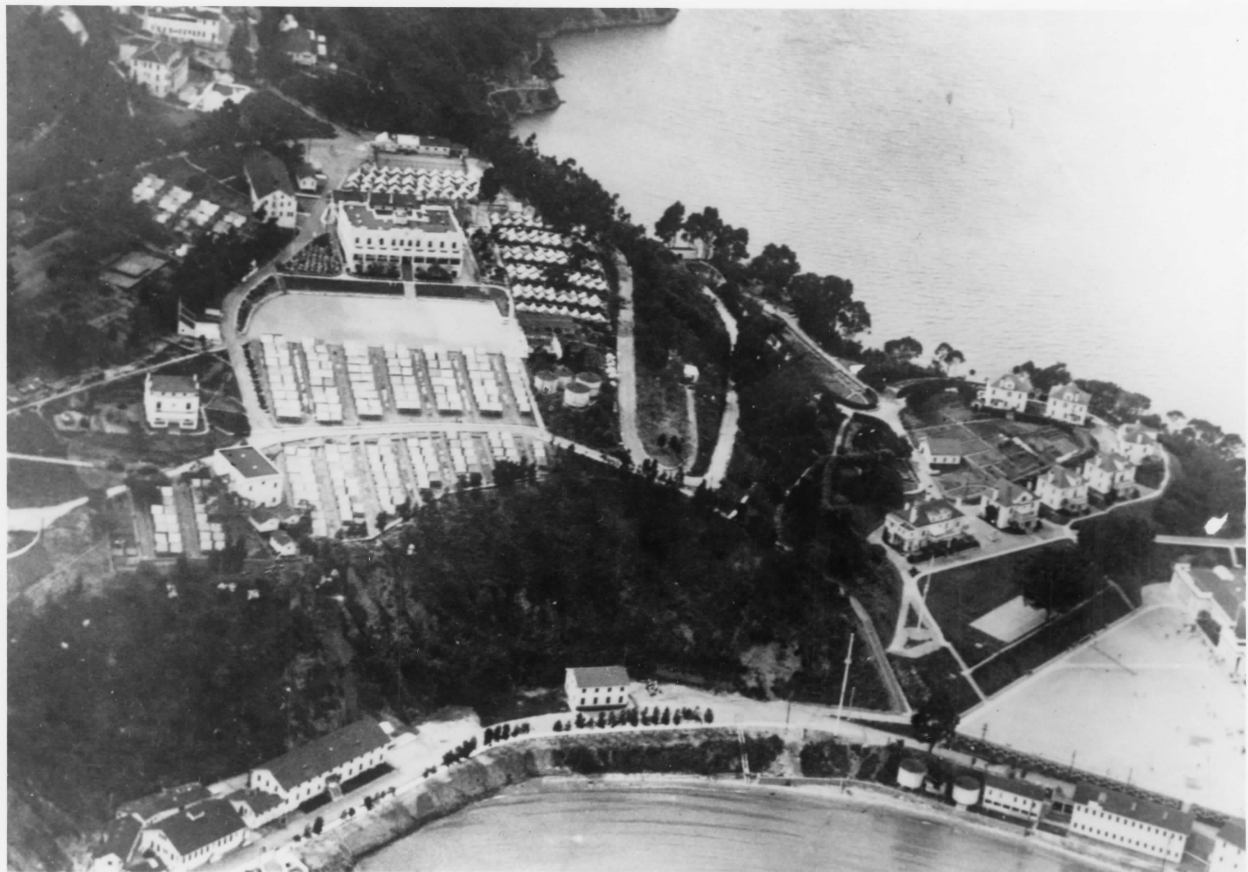








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QUARTERS NO. 1. YERBA BUENA ISLAND













MR. JOHN W. BITOFF





















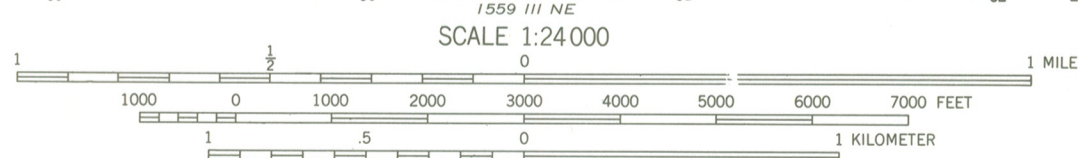




Quarters 1
Yerba Buena Island, Naval Training Station
SF CA

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and USCE
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
and by planetable surveys 1947. Revised from aerial photographs
taken 1958. Field checked 1959
Hydrography compiled from NOS charts 5532 and 5535 (1958)
Polyconic projection
10,000-foot grid based on California coordinate system, zone 3
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 10, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 14 meters north and
95 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
San Antonio grant boundary omitted because of insufficient data
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from
aerial photographs taken 1979 and other source data
This information not field checked. Map edited 1980
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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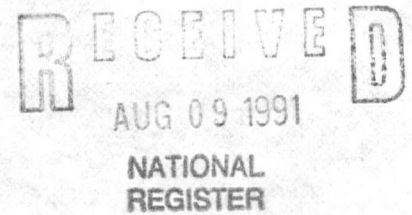
QUADRANGLE LOCATION



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20360-5000

9 August 1991



Ms. Carol Shull
Office of the Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
110 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the nomination documentation for Quarters 1 Yerba Buena Island at the Naval Training Station in San Francisco, California. The California State Historic Preservation Officer has signed concurrence in nomination, and this letter indicates my concurrence as the Navy's National Register signatory certifying official.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Dr. Bernard Murphy at (703) 325-7353.

Sincerely,

F. S. STERNS
Deputy

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, DC 20350

IN REPLY REFER TO

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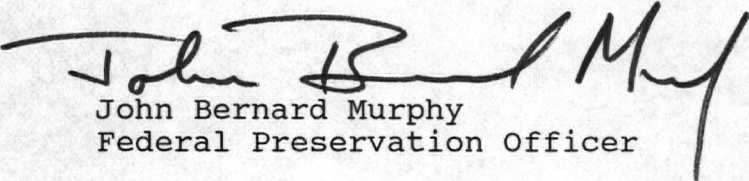
Ms. Carol Shull
Office of the Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
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Department of the Interior
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Commander, Naval Base San Francisco, has asked my office to confirm in writing his telephone request to you that the National Register listing of Quarters 1, Yerba Buena Island, Naval Base San Francisco, be expedited in every way possible. I understand that this may include eliminating the public comment period, since this is a case which involves no controversy or disagreement.

If you have any questions, or if I can do anything to help, please feel free to call me at (703) 325-7353.

Sincerely,


John Bernard Murphy
Federal Preservation Officer

