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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in <u>How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form</u> (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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Eighth Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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### Description

The Eight Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory (1893), a massive, brick and stone edifice designed in the castellated style, is located on the west side of Eighth Avenue in the Prospect Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn one block east of Prospect Park. The armory is surrounded by two- to four-story brick commercial and residential rows, many of which are abandoned and derelict. The armory occupies nearly all of its relatively flat, 2.5-acre parcel (block 1102, lot 1) and is surrounded by a small front lawn enclosed by an iron fence to the east, sidewalks to the north and south and a narrow, vacant lot to the rear (west).

The armory consists of a two-story, flat-roofed administration building with asymmetrical three- and four-story towers, and a one and one-half story barrel vaulted drill shed. Both sections are of load-bearing red brick walls resting on a raised, slightly battered stone foundation built of massive, roughly hewn blocks of Warsaw bluestone. Trim throughout the building, including window sills, beltcourses and bases of turrets, is also of roughly hewn bluestone. Windows throughout the building consist of single, paired and triple round-arched openings containing one-over-one, double-hung sash.

The tripartite administration building features a central entrance pavilion flanked by five-bay-wide side pavilions which terminate in large, square, corner bastions. The asymmetrical entrance pavilion is dominated by a four-story tower and a three-story tower, each with a machicolated brick cornice. The four-story tower features a bartizan supported by a corbelled stone base. The first story of the entrance pavilion consists of thick, battered stone walls constructed of massive, roughly hewn blocks of bluestone. The round-arched sally port is trimmed with smoothly finished bluestone and contains three wooden doors surmounted by a massive, multipaned, round-arched fanlight. A slightly recessed balcony with segmentally arched brick trim is located in the second story above the sally port.

Alterations to the administration building include the loss of the crenelated parapets on both corner bastions and central towers as well as the loss of a simple brick parapet above the five-bay-wide blocks.

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The side elevations of the drill shed, overlooking 14th and 15th Streets, are divided by shallow, rounded buttresses. Both elevations are dominated by projecting entrance pavilions featuring massive brick-trimmed sally ports and stone trimmed brick parapets. Most of the other bays contain round-arched windows, many of which have been filled in with brick. The rear elevation of the drill shed features three large, round-arched windows which provide partial light and ventilation to the cavernous interior.

The interior survives with a remarkably high degree of integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship. Notable features in the administration building include the imposing entrance hall and main corridors with wood floors, wainscotted and plaster walls, beamed ceilings sheathed with pressed metal, and chestnut display cases. The main staircase is distinguished by fluted, Corinthian columns, a tripartite stained-glass window (attributed to Louis Comfort Tiffany), paneled wainscotting, turned balusters and paneled newel posts with bronze torchieres. Several battery headquarters, including offices and communal lounges, are arranged along the exterior walls of the first story main corridor.

The second story of the administration building features a variety of elaborately finished spaces, including the officers' lounge in the southeast corner of the building. The lounge is distinguished by chestnut paneled walls, a beamed ceiling sheathed with pressed metal, a marble and carved wood mantel, Corinthian columns and a variety of original furnishings. The Colonel's suite, located in the northeast corner room, is finished in the Arts and Crafts style and features a parquet floor, wainscotting, a beamed ceiling, wrought-iron wall sconces and a room divider with a leaded glass transom. Typical second-story offices feature wood baseboards and chair rails, paneled wood doors with wood trim, pressed metal cornices, and ceilings with leaded glass skylights. A gymnasium, centrally placed in the second story, is inaccessible and presently serves as a shelter for the homeless.

The third story contains the building superintendent's quarters and dining hall. The superintendent's quarters consist of three small rooms with intact baseboards, wood door trim with impost blocks, and simple fireplaces with cast-iron stoves. The dining hall features a fireplace, two freestanding columns, and two leaded glass skylights.

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### Statement of Significance

The Eighth Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory is architecturally and historically significant as an outstanding example of a late nineteenth century National Guard armory in New York State. building retains a high degree of integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship and embodies the three distinctive characteristics of the building type as defined in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for Army National Guard Armories in New York State (NR: 28 January 1994). 1: In terms of function, the armory serves as both a military facility and a social clubhouse for a local unit of the Army National Guard, as well as an imposing civic monument to military and government strength and presence within the community. 2: In terms of plan, the armory consists of an administration building with an attached drill shed at ground level. 3: In terms of design and decoration, the armory is a fortress-like, castellated style that reflects the influence of medieval military architecture. The armory is also historically significant for its association with National Guard, an integral component of the American military system.

Organized in the late 1840s, the 14th Regiment was first known as the Brooklyn Chasseurs and later nicknamed the "Red-legged Devils" for their distinctive red Zouave uniforms. They served with distinction in the Civil War, from Bull Run to Spottsylvania, and were given a new armory on Portland Avenue and Auburn Place in 1878 (no longer extant) on the site of a former state arsenal. In 1891 plans were developed for a new, larger armory on Eighth Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets and William A. Mundell was selected as architect. The armory was completed in 1893, and survives today virtually intact as one of the finest, most architecturally distinguished Army National Guard armories in New York State.

The Eighth Avenue Armory is also historically significant under criterion A for its association with American military history in general and Army National Guard history in particular. The history of the National Guard (and the significance of its related armories) is discussed at length in Section E (Historic Overview) of the Multiple Property Documentation Form for Army National Guard Armories in New York State. In summary, the volunteer militia

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(i.e., the National Guard) has been, and to a large extent still is, the backbone of the American military system since the Colonial era. The Eighth Avenue Armory, like virtually all other National Guard armories, remains a prominent visual reminder of and monument to the pivotal role played by the volunteer militia in American military history.

Still serving as a National Guard facility (with secondary use as a homeless shelter), the highly intact 14th Regiment Armory remains an imposing civic monument and important local landmark in the city, recalling the long and distinguished history of the New York National Guard.

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### Major Bibliographical References

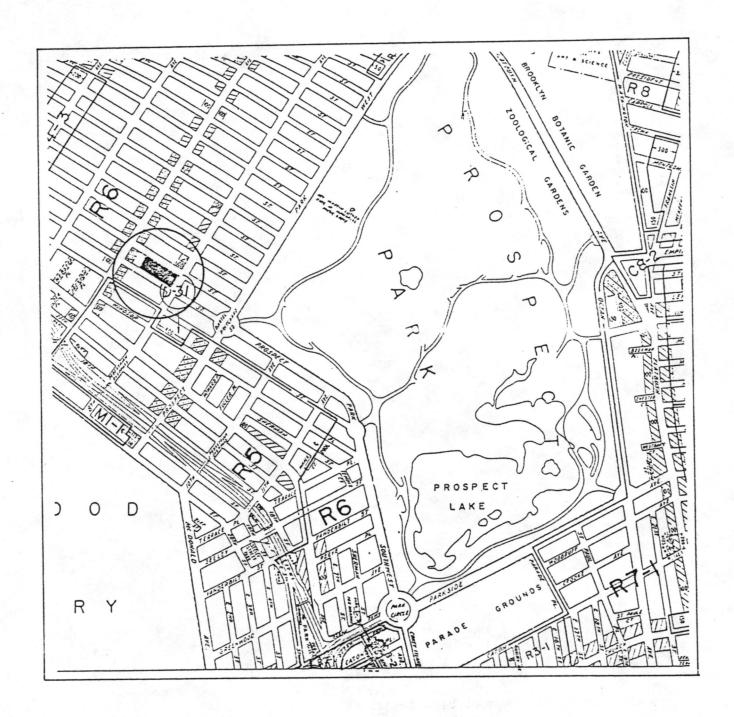
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11. Form Prepared By
name/title Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date March 1994
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189
Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:
Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage of
numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.
Additional items
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# 14th Regiment Armory

1402 8th Avenue Brooklyn

Block 1102, Lot 1

Brooklyn, Kings County

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to
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Eighth Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory Brooklyn, Kings County, MY Photo: M. Hesch, 1993 Heg: OPRHP, Albany, MY View:

1. Front (east) facade



Eighth Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory Brooklyn, Kings County, NY Photo: M. Hesch, 1993 Heg: OPRHP, Albany, NY View:

## 2. Front entrance



Eight avenue (14th Regiment) Armory Brooklyn, Kings Co. Photo: M. Hesch, 1993 neg: OPRHP, Albany view 3. Front (east) facade



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4. South elevation of administration building



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5. Sally port, south elevation of drill shed



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6. North elevation of dr. 11 shed



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8. Interior, drill shed



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## q. Entrance hall



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## 11. Typical hallway



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12. Typical woodwork in company meeting rooms



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13. officers' lounge



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14. Detail, officers' lounge



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15. Typical hallway door



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### 16. Doors into Lecture Room



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### LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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January 26, 1994

Hon. Joan K. Davidson Commissioner New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau Peebles Island P.O. Box 189 Waterford, New York 12188-0189

Attention: Nancy Todd

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Dear Commissioner Davidson:

Although the State Review Board has already met, the Landmarks Preservation Commission wishes to go on record on behalf of former Mayor Dinkins offering support for the listing of the Fort Washington Avenue Armory, the Eighth Avenue (14th Regiment) Armory, and the 69th Regiment Armory on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The 69th Regiment Armory is a designated New York City Landmark; in addition, Commission staff members have worked with the city's Department of General Services on rehabilitation projects for the other two armories to ensure that their architectural and historical integrity is recognized.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Pearson

Director of Research



ACTION: NATIONAL REGISTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Multiple Army National Guard Armories in New York State MPS

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