

Hamilton Field,
Base Exterior Lighting Type B
East of Nave Drive
Novato
Marin County
California

HABS No. CA-2398-DE

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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; 8: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

The base exterior lighting is considered significant for its association with Air Force history in northern California, and with World War II actions in the Pacific Theater. The exterior lighting fixtures installed at Hamilton between 1931 and 1946 are important features of the historic landscaping as well as contributing structures to the historic district.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

A utilitarian style of light standard was located around the hospital, amphitheater, and swimming pool areas on the base. The light posts consist of three sections of metal pipe with threaded joints. The top section is bent into a U-shape from which a circular metal light fixture is suspended. These street lights may have been installed in the early 1940s. A second style of metal street light is also located on Hospital Hill and in other areas of the base. This type has a circular aluminum hood over a forked metal light fixture which is mounted directly on a single pipe post.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section 8 in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

These lights were installed throughout the base in the 1940s as the need to expand increased.

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Sources:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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