

NAVAL TRAINING STATION, SENIOR OFFICERS' QUARTERS  
DISTRICT, BUILDING NO. 230  
(Naval Station Treasure Island, Building No. 230)  
Naval Station Treasure Island, Yerba Buena Island  
San Francisco  
San Francisco County  
California

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- Location: Naval Station Treasure Island  
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UTM: 10.555988.4185212, USGS Quad Oakland West, 1959 (rev. 1980)
- Significance: Building 230 is located within the Senior Officers' Quarters District at Yerba Buena Island. Although short-lived as a training station (1898-1923), Yerba Buena Island was essential in the establishment of a modern American naval presence on the West Coast. One of four such facilities, Yerba Buena Island quickly became a key naval training station while it operated, and continued to play an important role in the military presence on the island after being decommissioned in 1923, when it served as a receiving ship until World War II, and housing complex for Naval Station Treasure Island. The Senior Officers' Quarters district represents the major nexus of the island's historic building stock and is significant for its association with the establishment of the Navy Training Station.
- Description: Building 230 was constructed in 1944 and is a two-story caretaker's cottage located on the west side of Whiting Way. It faces northeast and is rectangular in plan set on a concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad in German drop siding with corner boards on the front-facing corners. Fenestration consists of wood six-over-six double-hung sash windows, symmetrically arranged. On the front façade, the windows are placed in the dormers. On west and east façades, the windows are centered in the gable ends. Three pull-up garage doors are located on the first floor. The doors are vertical wood plank. The most distinctive characteristic of the building is the three through-cornice dormers that are centered on the front and rear facades. All three are the same size and covered with gable roofs with open eaves, exposed rafters, and a narrow fascia board.
- At the time of recordation, Building 230 had recently been vacated and the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) was performing repairs to interior walls and flooring.

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Repairs to the exterior staircase that exists on the northern side of the building are assumed to be associated with this work. The stairs terminated at a covered entry, which is enclosed with bead-board railing and is enclosed with divided lights. A small shed roof covers the entry. The entry door is a half-glass door.

Historic Context: Note: Please refer to **HABS No. CA 1793-A** for a detailed historical context of the Senior Officers' Quarters District. Additional documentation for Yerba Buena Island can be found in **HAER No. CA-233-A, Torpedo Assembly Building**, and for the Naval Training Station on Treasure Island in **HABS No. CA-2785, Golden Gate Exposition**.

The permanent military presence began in 1866 when the Army established a post on the island and was continued when the Navy was granted a portion of the island in 1898 for use as a training station. The Yerba Buena Island Naval Training Station became one of four Navy training facilities in the United States, and the only one on the West Coast.<sup>1</sup> An ambitious project from the outset, the 300-acre island had limited usable land, only approximately 150 acres with no room for expansion, and remained ill-suited for use as a training station. Even so, the island remained a key facility from 1900 to 1923 before Navy operations were moved to San Diego. Soon after the war the Navy elected to expand the San Diego facility and closed the training station at Yerba Buena Island. The island remained a Navy facility, however, for a more limited "Receiving Ship" function through World War II. It was during this period that Building 230, a garage, was constructed in 1944, bringing the total of the buildings in the district to ten.

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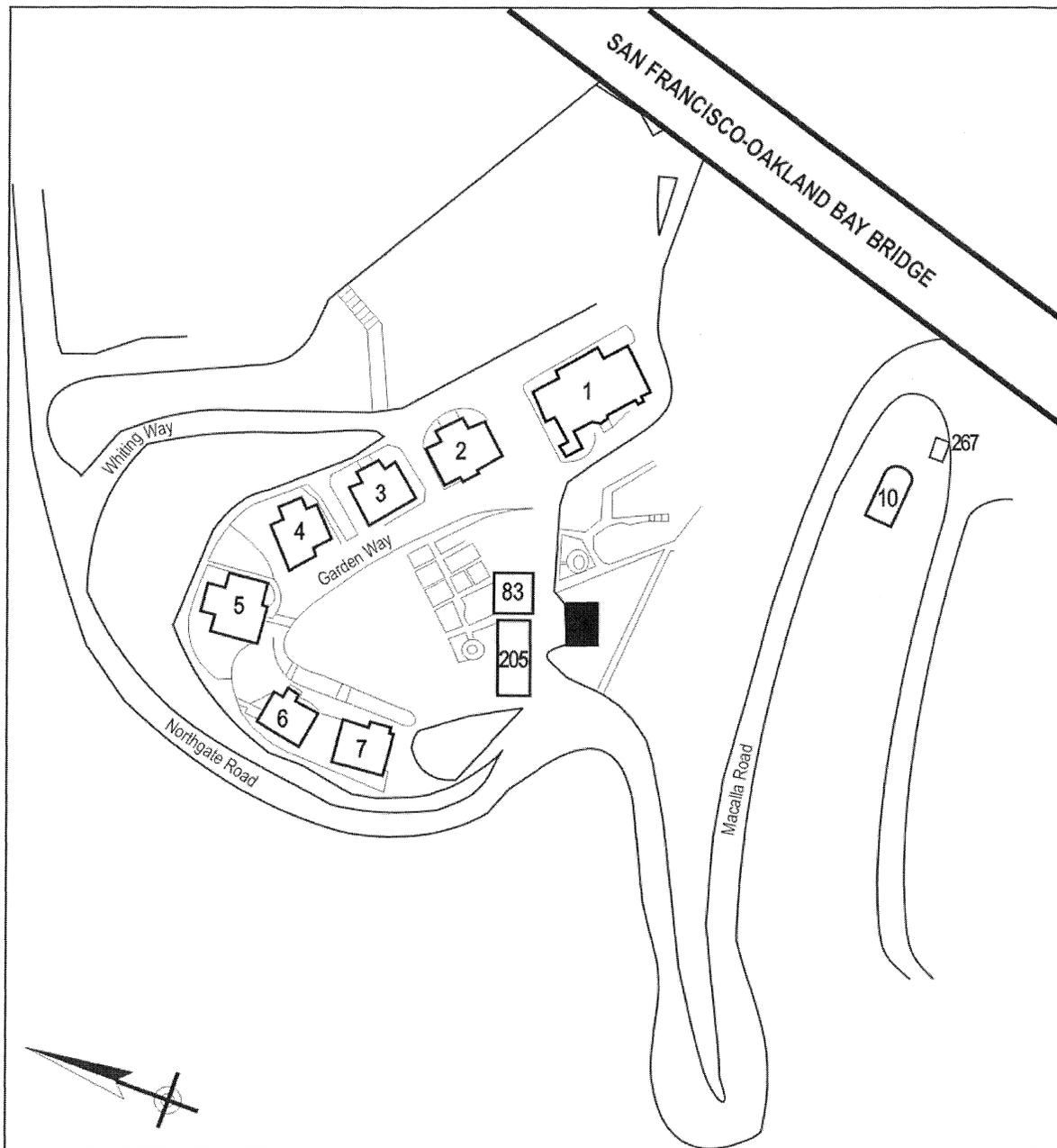
Project  
Information:

This project was undertaken to fulfill the requirements of the Memorandum  
of Agreement between the Navy and the California State Historic  
Preservation Officer for the layaway, caretaker maintenance, interim leasing,  
sale, transfer, and disposal of historic properties on Naval Station Treasure  
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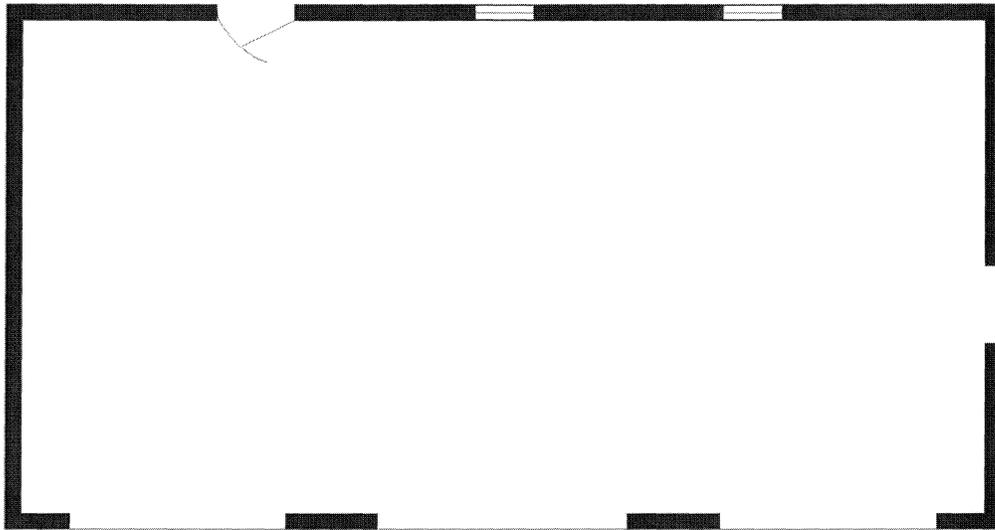
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LOCATION MAP



**FLOOR PLANS**



**FIRST FLOOR**

Not to scale



**SECOND FLOOR**

Not to scale