

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
AIRMAN DINING HALL
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2024)
Connecticut Road, Between Illinois Drive and Idaho Avenue
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-BI

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: Connecticut Road between Illinois Drive and Idaho Avenue,
Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.622540.4946320
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Airmen Dining Hall provided refrigerated and dry storage space to store food and other materials prior to processing or use; food preparation and support space including kitchen, utensil wash areas, lockers, toilets, office, garbage, and trash areas; janitor closet; receiving platform; and dining room space to serve and consume food, including seating areas, aisles, serving lines, and patron's toilet areas.

Project Information: Building No. 2024 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Airmen Dining Hall (Building No. 2024)

Layout

Building No. 2024 is a 10,252 square-foot one-story, brick building with a flat roof having shallow overhangs. The building was designed to accommodate 740 people. The building has an irregular plan built atop a poured concrete slab. At the front elevation, the entrance sequence is marked by recessed, glass, storefront doors. All fenestration has been boarded over.

Alterations/Additions

Other than the windows having been boarded up, there have been no known additions or alterations to Building No. 2024.

Function

Building No. 2024 was designed, built, and used as a food preparation and dining facility. It provided refrigerated and dry storage space to store food and other materials prior to processing or use; food preparation and support space including kitchen, utensil wash areas, lockers, toilets, office garbage, and trash areas; janitor closet; receiving platform; and dining room space to serve and consume food including seating areas, aisles, serving lines, and patron's toilet areas.

Significance

The people who flew, maintained and supported the mission of Plattsburgh AFB during the Cold War contributed to America's most important military mission—nuclear deterrence as part of the strategic triad. They performed with sacrifice, dedication and excellence. It was this overall Strategic Air Command (SAC) mission that required large numbers of these airmen to be kept in close proximity to the critical base areas where they would be ready to go into action at a moment's notice. Accordingly, it was necessary that essential daily services be provided on the base, *per se*, thus allowing airmen to remain in their constant state of readiness. Moreover, facilities such as the Airmen Dining Hall were an important perk for military personnel, affording them access to more healthful lifestyles than they may have otherwise had. For these reasons, then, facilities such as the Airmen Dining Hall played an important part in support of the larger SAC mission.

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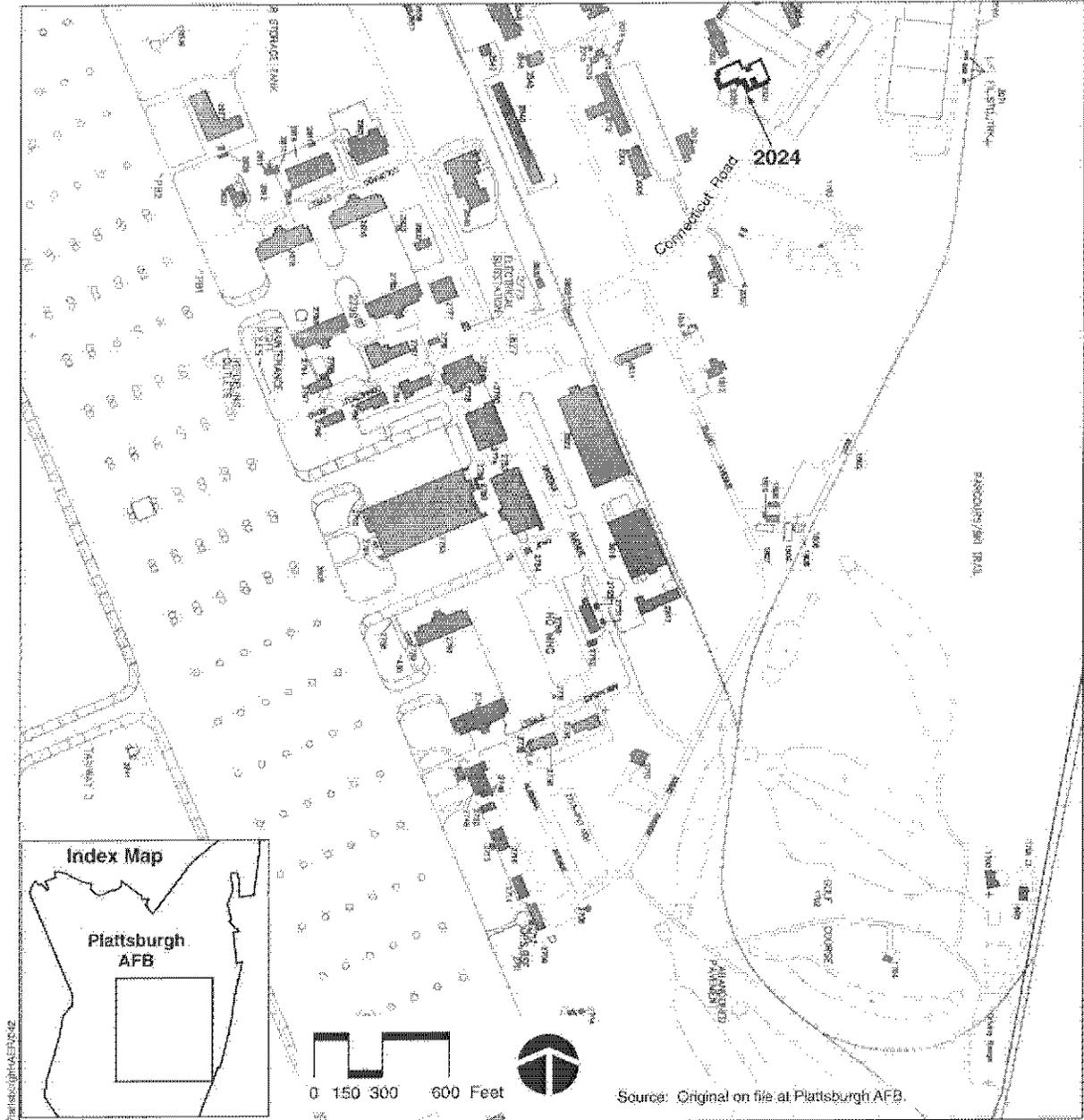
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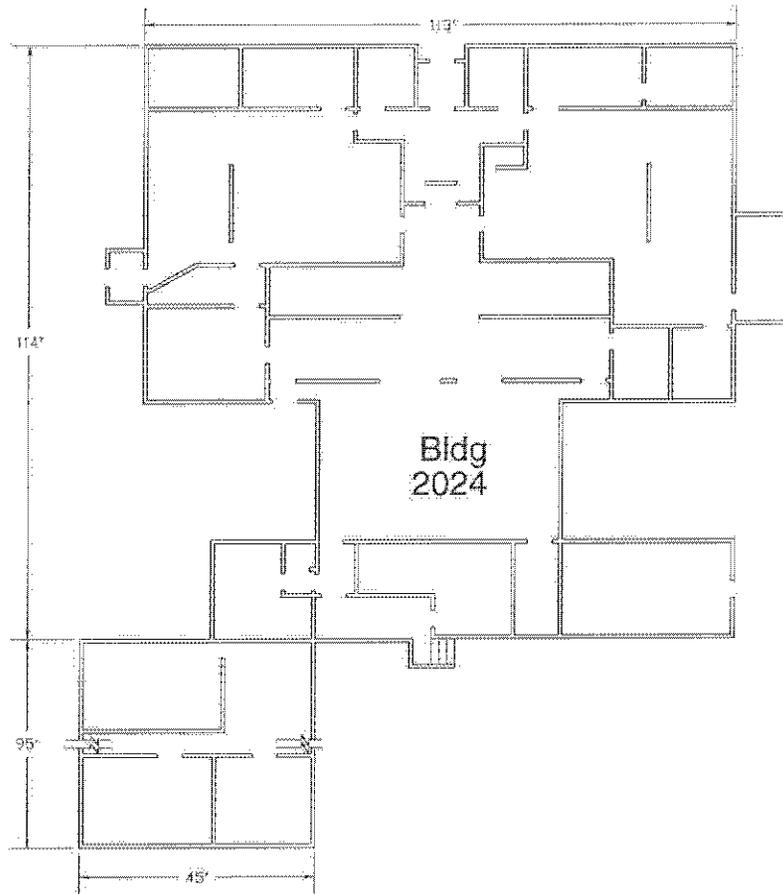
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