

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (AFCS)
MAINTENANCE FACILITY
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2714)
Off Alabama Avenue, Adjacent to the Flightline Apron
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CH

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: Off Alabama Avenue, Adjacent to the Flightline Apron,
Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.622100.4945260
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: Building No. 2714 contained 3,078 square feet of Air Force Communications Systems (AFCS) maintenance space, 1,533 square feet of navigational aids (NAVAID) shop space, and 765 square feet of aircraft organizational maintenance shop space. The AFCS Maintenance space provided shop and administrative space for the repair of communications and electronics equipment. The NAVAID shop provided shop and administrative space for field and periodic maintenance of the navigational aids utilized by the base. The aircraft organizational maintenance shop provided space for loose equipment, and tool kit storage, tool crib and bench stock storage, non-powered support equipment maintenance and storage, and administration and locker space.

Project Information: Building No. 2714 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 AFCS Maintenance Building (Building No. 2714)

Layout

Building No. 2714 is a 5,376 square-foot, single story, reinforced concrete block building. It is rectangular in plan, measuring 48'-0" x 112'-0". The building originally had a flat roof, with the present gable roof most probably added circa 1985. Building No. 2714 retains its original fenestration pattern, although none of the original window units remain today. Originally, windows were two-over-two, double hung sash windows occurring in groups of threes and fours. Today, the windows are one-over-one, double hung, metal sash windows.

Building No. 2714 and Building No. 2716 are adjacent to one another and are almost identical in plan, elevation and construction.

Alterations/Additions

Other than the window replacements and gable roof addition, there have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2714.

Function

Building No. 2714 was originally used for weapons systems maintenance purposes. Portions of the building were later used by the Meteorological Equipment Shop, and to store aircraft equipment/tools, repairing communications-electronics equipment, and thereafter as a snack bar and in-flight kitchen. It was last used for squadron operations. Building 2716 was used as the Squadron Operations Building that provided for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews.

Significance

Building No. 2714 at Plattsburgh AFB was designed to accommodate a variety of uses and functions as needed in support of the Strategic Air Command Cold War mission. Toward that end, it proved to be an adaptable building type.

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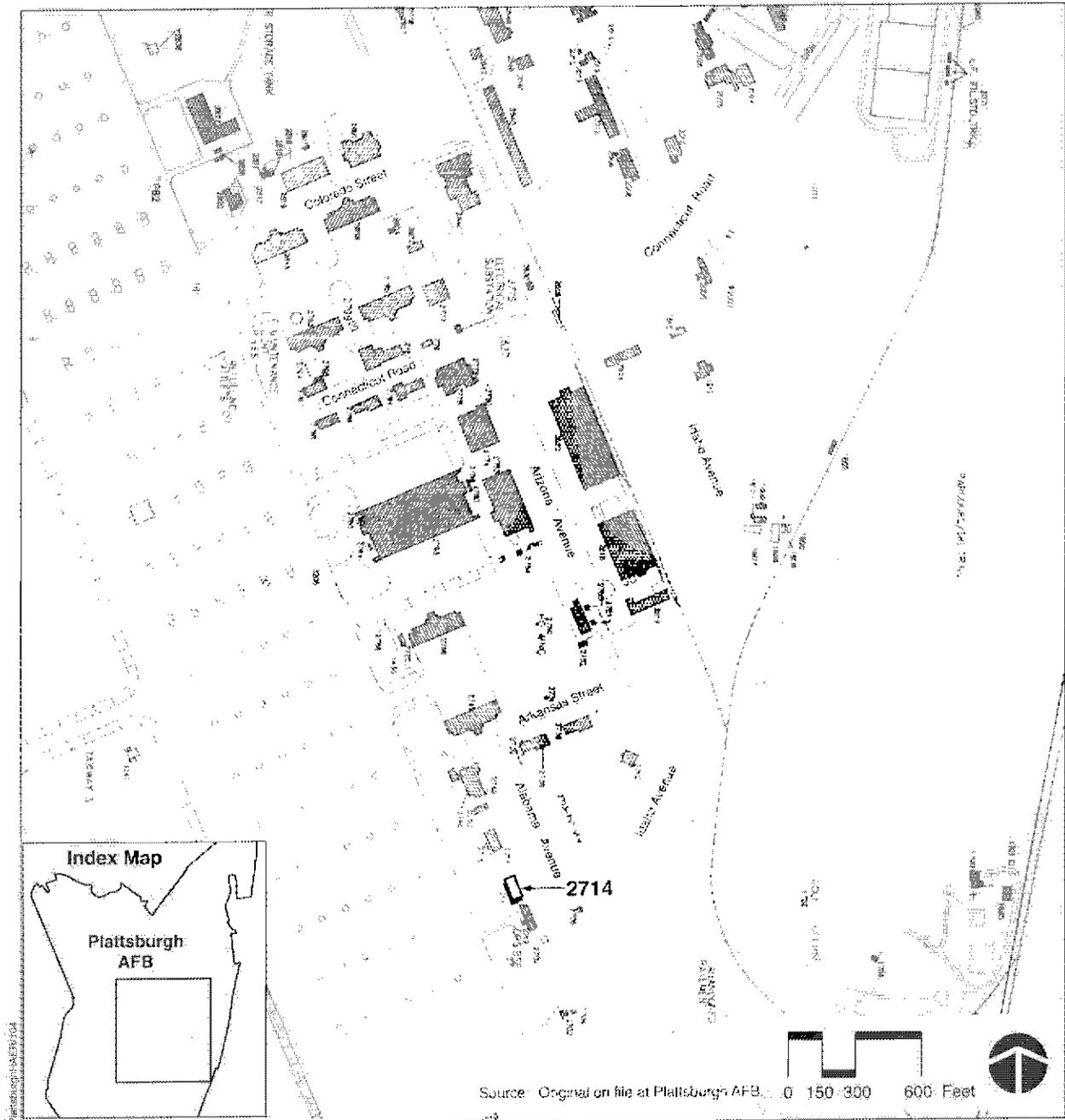
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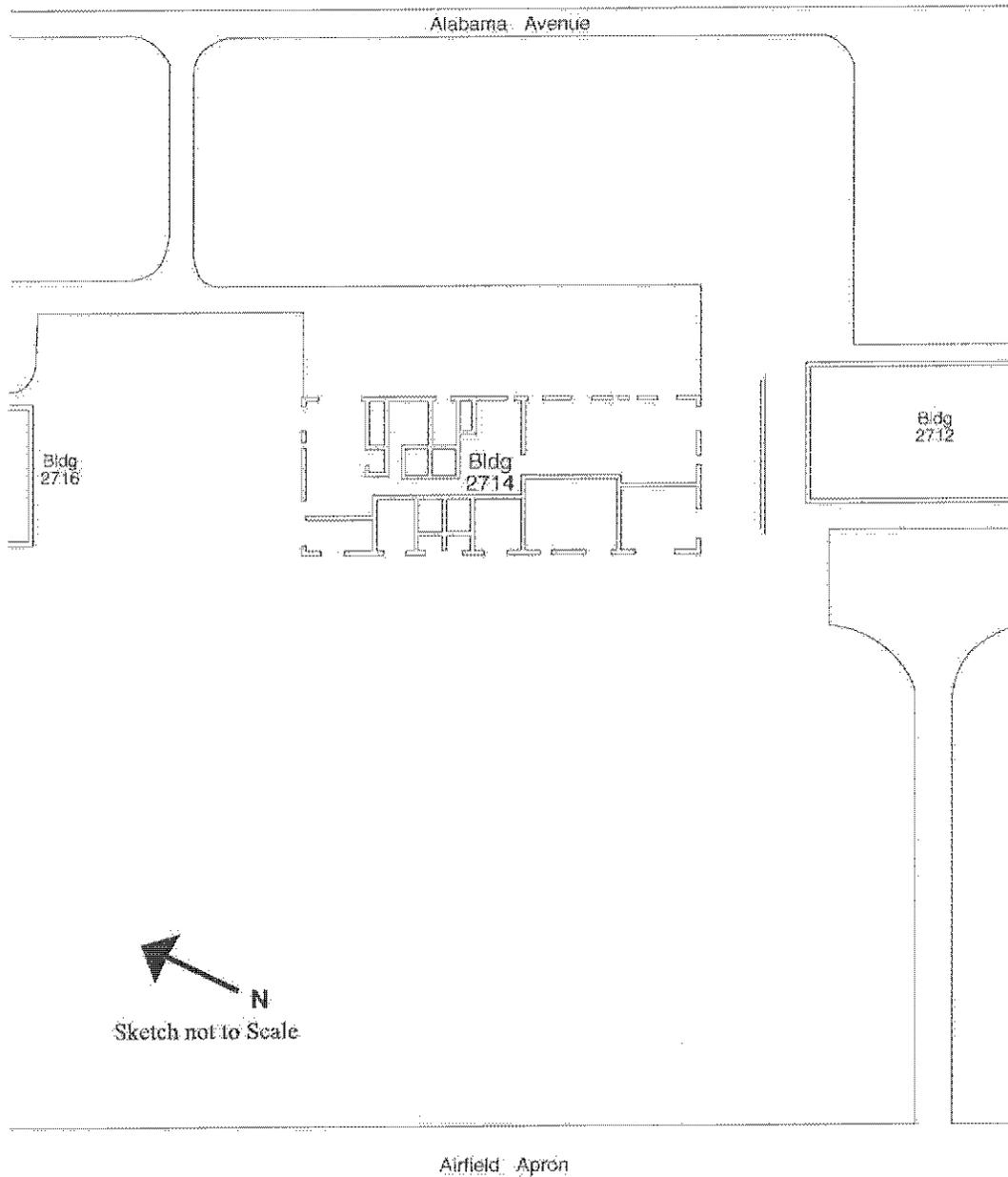
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SKETCH PLAN—AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (AFCS)
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