

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SECURITY POLICE OPERATIONS BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2736)
Arkansas Street
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CK

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Arkansas Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.
UTM: 18.622360.4945380
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 Security Police Operations Building included space for control elements, law enforcement, resource protection, base information security, and Security Police office space. The building included an assembly/training room for arming, briefing, inspecting, and dispatching security personnel; communications; an air conditioned sensor annunciation center that housed communicator plotter and supervisory personnel; a secure room for the storage and maintenance of firearms, ammunition, communications gear; and other security equipment; and administrative space for the shift supervisor and flight chief.

Project Information: Building No. 2736 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 Security Police Operations Building (Building No. 2736)

Layout

Building No. 2736 is a 7,071 square-foot, single story, painted, reinforced concrete block building. It is L-shaped in plan, with its main body measuring 71'-4" x 57'-0"; the offset body measures 72'-0" x 40'-0". The building originally had a flat roof; side-gabled roofs were added circa 1985. Fenestration occurs in patterns of single, paired or triple two-over-two, double hung, wood sash windows, and single-light awning windows. All windows have precast concrete sills.

Building No. 2736 is similar in plan, elevation and construction to Buildings 2738, 2786, 2833, 2884, and 2885.

Alterations/Additions

Other than gabled roof addition, there have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2736.

Function

Building No. 2736 originally used for squadron operations. It was last used as a Group Headquarters Building and a Security Police Operations building. Building 2738 (Squadron Operations) was originally used for squadron operations. Later, portions of the building were used for various functions including the Navigational Aids Shop, the Aircraft Flight Communications Systems (AFCS) Maintenance Facility, and Telecommunications Facility. It was last used in support of the fire station. Building 2786 (Aircraft Organizational Maintenance Shop/Squadron Operations) was originally used as the aircraft maintenance equipment storage and for squadron operations. The Group Headquarters last used this building. Buildings 2833 and 2884 (Air Refueling Squadron) were used for squadron operations since their construction in 1957. Building 2885 (Base Supplies and Equipment Warehouse) was originally used as a base warehouse facility. Later, it served as a miscellaneous recreation facility. It was last used by the Crew Readiness Facility as a Family Support Center where military personnel could visit family members while on alert status.

Significance

Building No. 2736 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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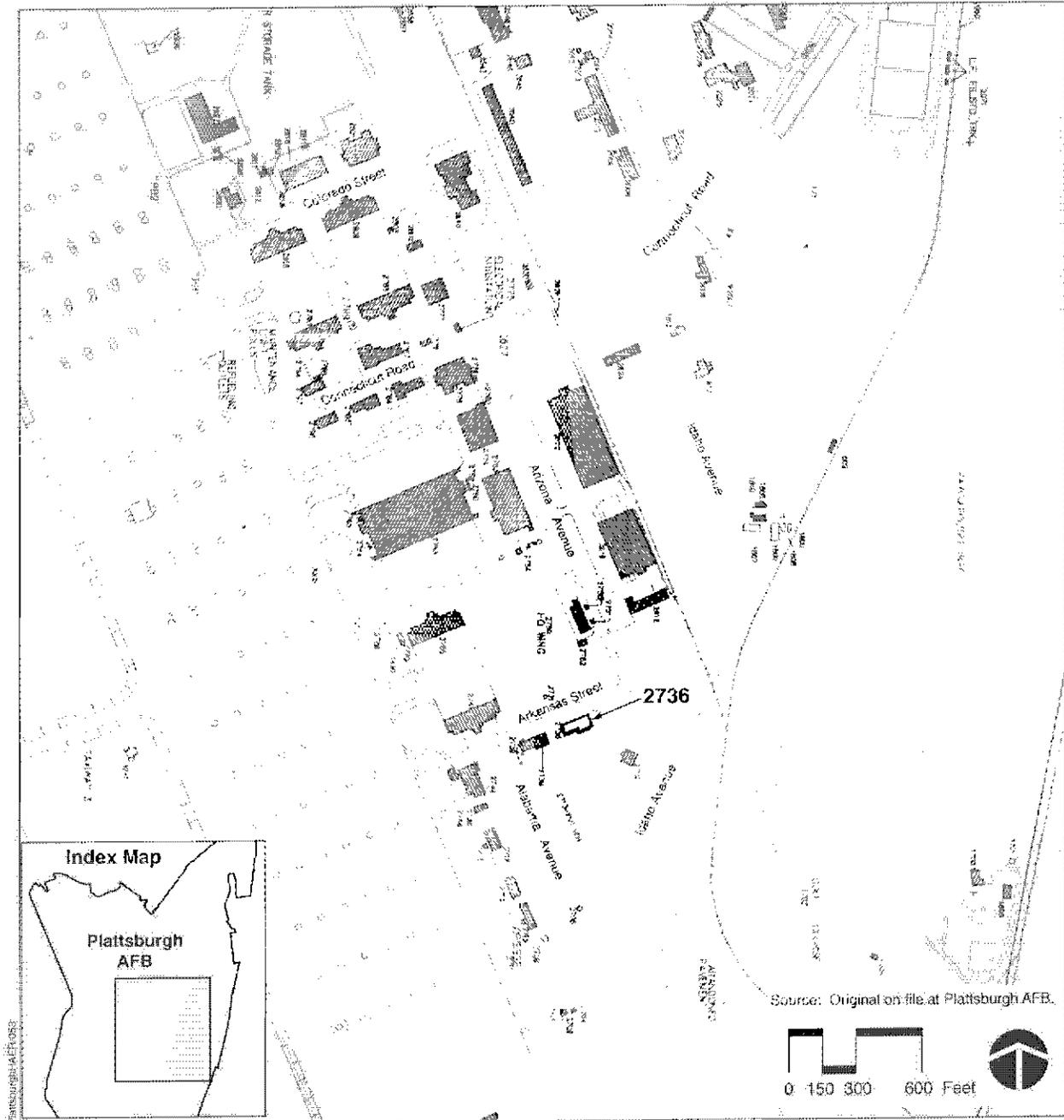
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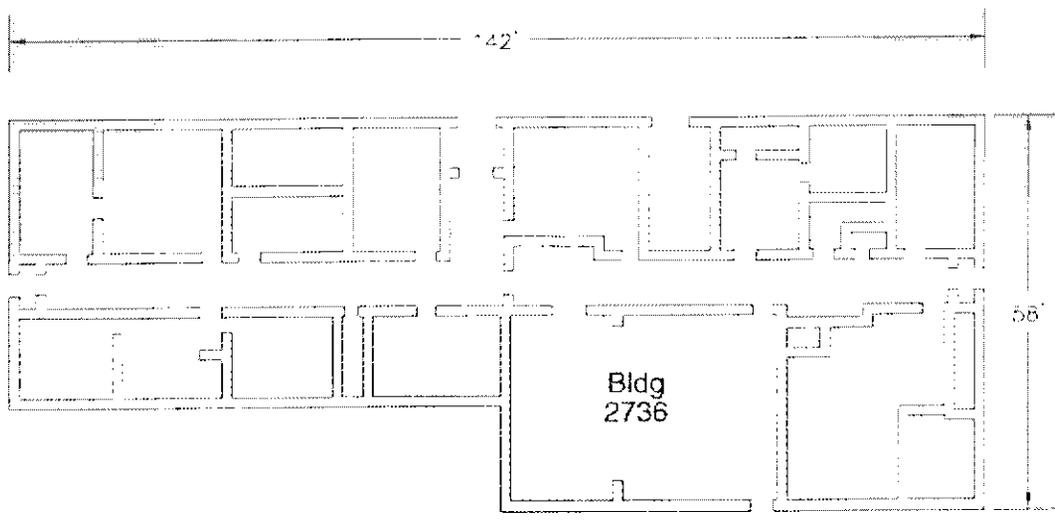
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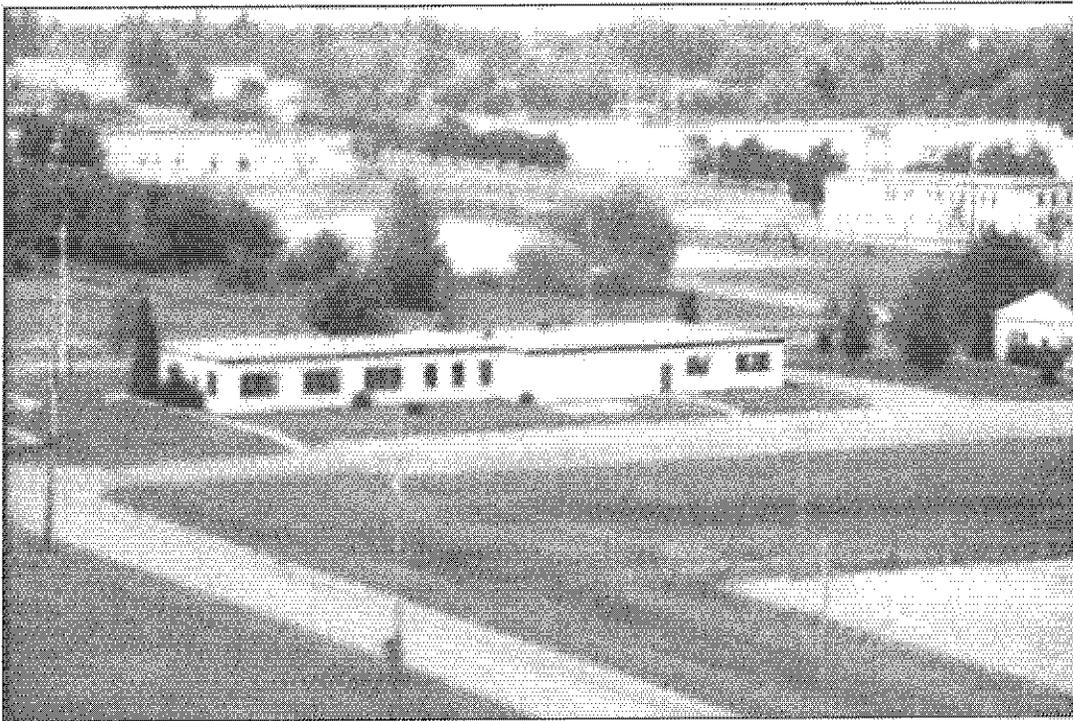


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(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2736)
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Squadron Operations Building, Building No. 2738
General View From Control Tower of Fire Station.
Photograph Indicating Original Flat Roof
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