

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 102  
4000 Arlington Boulevard  
Arlington  
Arlington County  
Virginia

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Location: Located in the northeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station on the west side of Fourth Street approximately 160 feet south of Third Street. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance: Constructed in 1944 as the Training Auditorium and Theater, Building 102 was part of the second major building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description: Building 102 is a rectangular, three-story, 620-seat concrete block auditorium and theater measuring approximately 50 feet by 100 feet. The building has a shallow pitched gabled roof over the main block. A single story, shed-roofed addition, measuring approximately 50 feet by 15 feet, is located on the southeast side of the building. The northwest facade incorporates a single story section containing an entrance lobby, ticket window, and office space with an extended flat roof supported by steel pipe columns. The whole measures approximately 30 feet by 20 feet. Above the southeast addition is a small concrete block projection room containing six-over-six double-hung wood sash. The lobby area contains aluminum and glass entry doors and ticket window. Paired wood exit doors are located on the east and west elevations and a small wood stoop is located on the northeast side of the southeast extension.

History: Building 102 was completed in August 1944 as a Training Auditorium and Theater for the personnel of Arlington Hall Station. The building included bench seating for 620 people. Subsequent repairs and alterations include the installation of theater style seating and changes to the main entrance. Building 102 remained in use as a theater until recently vacated.

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