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U.S. COAST GUARD YARD
CURTIS BAY
Public (Restricted)

Building No. 3, a multiple use facility housing Enlisted Men's Clubs, Telephone Section, and Warehousing space, is one of a group of five brick veneered, steel and concrete structures built on the Yard during the period 1934-1942.

These were more permanent structures than the earlier metal industrial building group located on the waterfront, and had more flexible interior layouts. These features led to the conversion of most of the group to multiple uses as Yard production methods changed and need was felt for expanded administrative functions.

Building No. 3 shares with this group of industrial structures similarities in design to those of international industrial building styles of the turn of the century as embodied in the designs by German architect Peter Behrens (1868-1940), particularly his Turbine Factory (1909) and other factory buildings in Berlin. More specifically, the buildings resemble early designs for the budding American automobile industry by American architect Alfred Kahn (1869-1942), in particular his 1913 Ford Motor Works buildings which introduced modern worker and production-oriented features, such as cement slab floors and high proportions of facades dedicated to industrial windows set into steel sash. This group of brick veneered Yard buildings, most of which have castellated end block facades, resemble early Kahn designs which incorporated features of traditional building styles. The spirit of designs by Kahn and Behrens were disseminated throughout the world by the German Bauhaus movement of the 1920's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

No. 3, Enlisted Men's Clubs/Telephone Section/Warehouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Coast Guard Yard

CITY, TOWN

Curtis Bay

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21226

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

U.S. Coast Guard

Telephone #: 789-1600

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Curtis Bay

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21226, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: GW 47

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Constructed in 1934, Building No. 3 is a multi-use facility housing Chief Petty Officers' and Enlisted Men's Clubs and Yard telephone switchboard (in the northeast corner) on the first floor, and storage and office uses on the second floor. The structure originally housed the Yard electronics shop, where electrical components for ships were fabricated. This use was discontinued with the establishment of a new electronics shop on the southern waterfront in the 1970's. At that time the building was converted to house its current multiple uses.

No. 3 is located in the northeast quadrant of the Yard, just west of the storage shed group on Waesche Avenue, on a lot bounded by Waesche Avenue on the south, Camden and Ward Streets on the west and east respectively, and the railroad tracks immediately to the north. No. 3 is a large structure, measuring 60 x 160 feet and is of steel frame and concrete construction with brick veneer. The two-story north and south end blocks enclose a long two-story mid-section.

The north facade is three bays wide and one bay deep, and projects from the east and west facades of a central connecting block. Flanking the center bay are one-bay side sections. Windows in both side sections at first floor have been reduced and replaced with modern single sash windows with transom openings at bottom. At second floor, original industrial windows remain as in the center bay. Slightly projecting cement-capped buttresses define the outer edges of these outside sections. A corbelled frieze crosses above the second floor windows. The roof is flat with the edge of the center bay rising about 2 feet above that of the side sections, creating a castellated effect.

The west facade of No. 3 is composed of the one-bay wide sides of each entrance and a recessed, multi-windowed connecting section, which represents the major work space of the structure as a whole. The extreme north and south bays of the facade retain original 24-light industrial windows at the second floor with window spaces bricked up at first floor level. These one-bay sections are delineated by buttresses and banded by brick corbelling above second floor as on the north facade. The mid-section is 20 bays long and equal to the end sections in height. Bays at both first and second floor levels contain 24-light (6 across, 4 down) industrial windows attached to the steel frame of the facade. The foundations of the facade are veneered with brick.

The east side of No. 3 is identical to the west except that the window at the first floor level at the far north end has been reduced and replaced with a modern window corresponding to replacement windows on the north facade. In addition, at the south end of the windowed mid-section, windows in the last 7 bays have been replaced or covered by corrugated metal sheathing. The southernmost end of the facade, which is the east wall of the south entrance block, retains original industrial windows at both first and second floors.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 00-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building No. 3, a multi-purpose facility, possesses significance as one of a group of five brick-veneered, steel and concrete industrial structures in the Yard built between 1934-1942. Characteristics of this group of steel, concrete and brick structures reflect the influence of international industrial building styles first produced on a large scale by American industrial designer Alfred Kahn (1869-1942), especially his 1913 designs for the Ford Motor Company Works. The castellated north and south facades of No. 3 are reminiscent of Kahn's early 20th century industrial designs which retained elements of classical building styles. The high percentage of wall space dedicated to windows and the long center section of the building consisting of large windows set into industrial steel sash are features characteristic of the worker and production oriented spirit of early 20th century industrial buildings. These concepts were intensely developed and improved upon, receiving international attention with the German Bauhaus movement of the 1920's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached continuation sheet

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE
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STREET & NUMBER
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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

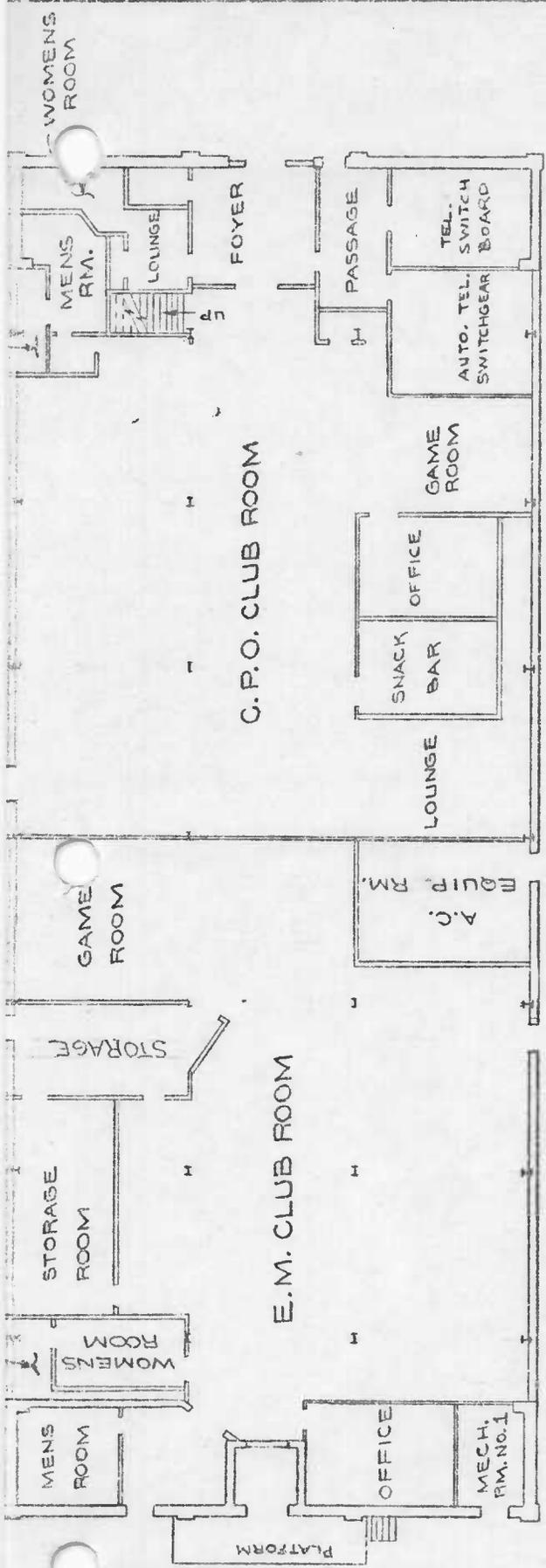
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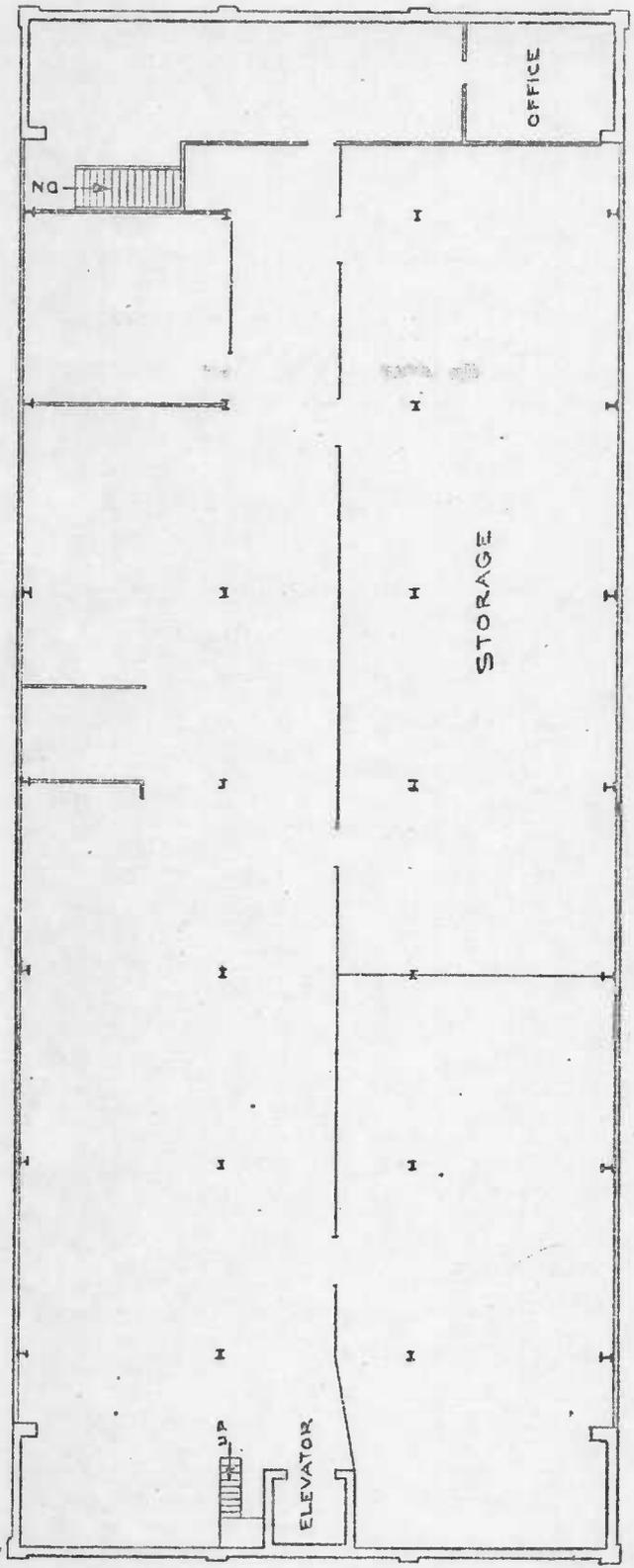
The south facade of No. 3 is almost identical to the north facade, although portions have been altered considerably to accommodate current warehouse functions. At ground level, a concrete loading dock elevated above a flight of 5 concrete steps has been placed in front of the double doors at first floor level. The dock is equipped with heavy duty safety railings. In the eastern end, a ground floor entrance now occupies the former window bay. The original industrial window remains at second floor. In the western section, an entrance has replaced a former window, and a small wooden-shake covered overhang added above the doorway. At second floor level, the window has given way to a fire exit with metal staircase leading to the ground. At the roofline above the center bay is a tower in the shape of a cube with a projecting television antenna. Nine-light windows (3 across, 3 down) appear in each side of the tower.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

| | | |
|------------|--------|-------|
| OFFICE | 940 | SQ FT |
| STORAGE | 970 | SQ FT |
| TOILET | 1,020 | SQ FT |
| RECREATION | 7,280 | SQ FT |
| TOTAL | 10,210 | SQ FT |

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|---------|--------|-------|
| OFFICE | 210 | SQ FT |
| STORAGE | 10,000 | SQ FT |
| TOTAL | 10,210 | SQ FT |

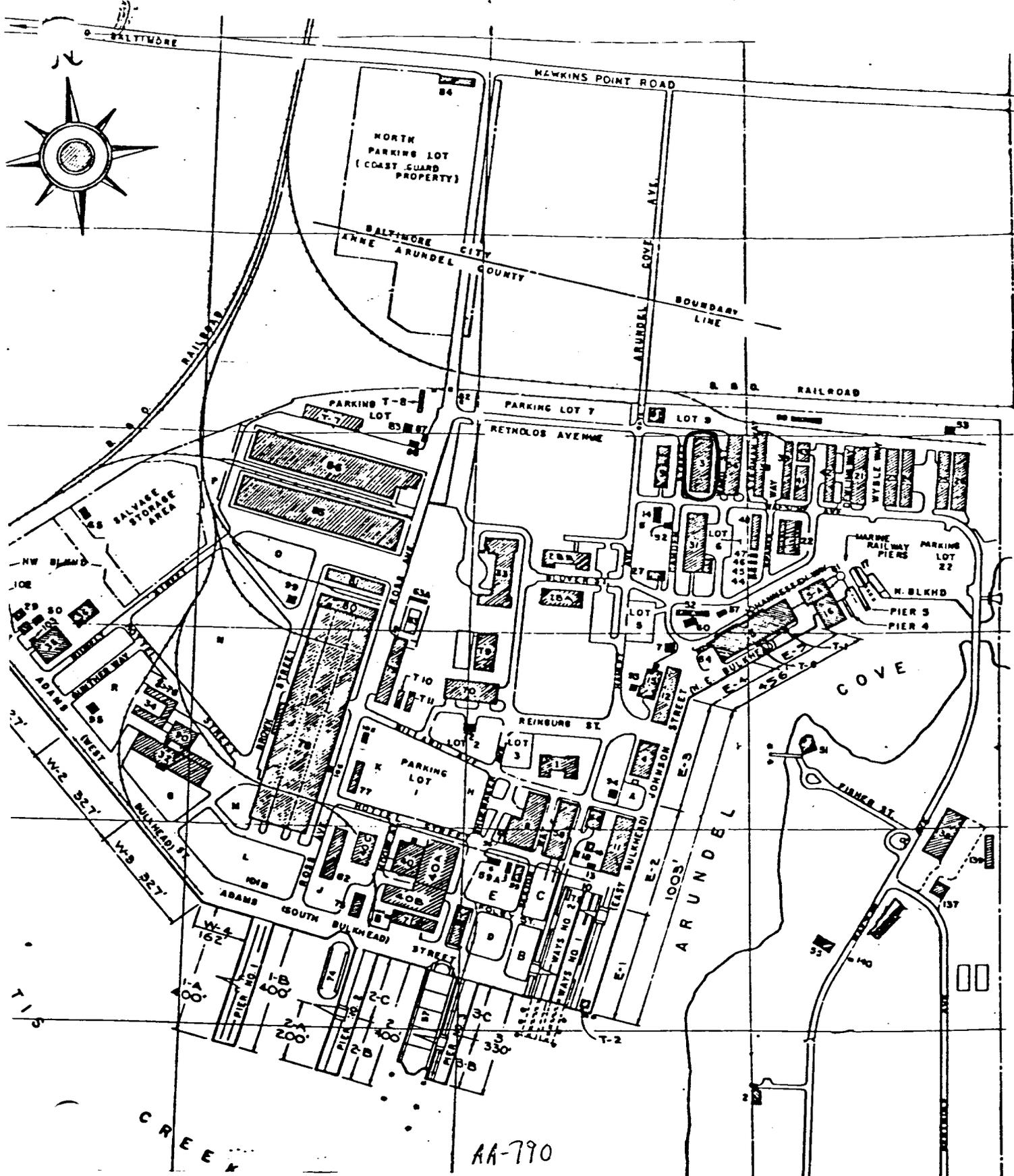
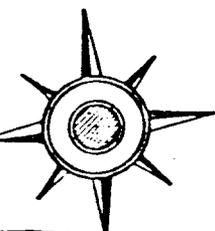


SECOND FLOOR PLAN

U.S. Coast Guard Yard AA- 790
 Curtis Bay - Bldg No. 3
 First and Second Floor Plan
 From original on file in
 Yard's Graphics/Repro Office

BUILDING NO. 3
 E.M. CLUB & WAREHOUSE
 APRIL 1974 SCALE, 1"=20'

YARD MAP



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U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay
Current Map of the Yard Bldg No. 3
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RECREATION BOAT PIER



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Anne Arundel County, Md
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July 1981
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Southeast corner
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