United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

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1. Name of Property	nd 5, Pope Air Force Base		
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2. Location			
street & number Bldg. 708,	Pope AFB		not for publication
city, town Fayetteville	1090 1112		vicinity
state North Carolina code	NC county Cumber1	and code NC	
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3. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Reso	urces within Property
private	X building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
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Name of related multiple property lis	ting:	Number of contr	ibuting resources previously
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4. State/Federal Agency Certifi			
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5. National Park Service Certific	cation		
, hereby, certify that this property is:			j
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the Nation Register. See continuation sheet determined not eligible for the National Register.	al /	huan	
removed from the National Regist other, (explain:)			
	Signature	of the Keeper	Date of Action

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u> Defense - Military Facility</u>	Defense - Military Facility
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
	foundationConcrete
No Style	walls <u>Metal - Steel Aluminum</u>
	Stucco (Non-Bay Areas)
	roof <u>Asphalt</u>
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Hangars 4 and 5 (Bldg. 708) at Pope Air Force Base currently house Base Operations, as well as storage and a passenger aircraft terminal (Fig. 15). Built in 1934, this building has a double-bay metal superstructure resting on a concrete foundation and floor. The metal-and-asphalt shingle roof is supported by metal bowstring trusses (Fig. 16). The corners of the hangar are reinforced by concrete pylons with brick and concrete heads; side walls along the east and west sides of the hangar building are built of hollow tile masonry. Exterior dimensions of the hangar building are 333.5 x 124.0 feet. The front (south) exposure faces directly onto a taxiway apron. Front closure for the two bays consists of recessed canopies; back closure consists of "repeat" panel sliding doors (Fig. 17).

According to 1934 as-built plans, the hanger building was designed for air activity support, and contained storage, toilets, a locker room, a shop, gunnery, and radio rooms for a parachute department (Fig. 18). World War II modifications included addition of a second story within the eastern bay (Hangar 4) and shop areas flanking the outside of Hangar 5; addition of air conditioning in the control tower; and addition of mechanical ventilation ca. 1953. The glass cab control tower was added atop the east-central concrete pylon between 1934 and 1940 to support operations for airborne troop training. Base Operations, a one-story complex of offices, ticket counter, and passenger lounge, was added in 1958 at the front of the hangar building between Hangars 4 and 5 (cf. Figs. 15 and 18). Repairs to the hangar canopy doors, panel sliding doors, roof, windows, and other doors were also made at this time.

The major architectural changes associated with construction of Base Ops involved removal of the existing transom, filling in of the transom area with masonry, and installation of new metal double-door frames at the front of the new entrance. The existing concrete was left in place between the two central hangar pylons, but the crown of the existing pediment was removed. Modifications to Base Ops ca. 1960 included framing in of the transom above the central arch, replastering of the arch, closing of window openings, and lowering of the finished ceiling. The exterior of this small building was stuccoed in 1962. A second story was added to Base Ops later in the 1960s, increasing its square footage to 697 square feet.

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Repairs to the hangar door cables, electrical and mechanical systems, drainage and plumbing, and beacon tower have continued since 1960. Small arms storage in 1966, and an aircraft engine and repair shop in 1971, were added to the outside of the hangar. A passenger aircraft terminal, flight crew lounge, and information desk were added inside Hangar 4 after 1971. Today, Hangar 5 houses the passenger terminal and crew operations on the interior, and administrative, storage, and repair areas on the exterior.

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the early military period at Pope Field. This building has seen uninterrupted use from that time to the present. Its major significance lies in its commemoration of key airborne support operations flown from Pope Field during the Depression era and World War II, as well as its thematic association with a pre-Roosevelt, Depression-era public works program for reducing unemployment.

Engineering Features

In addition to its other historical contexts, Bidg. 708 is the only surviving example of bowstring truss construction at Pope AFB, and thereby documents the durability of this mode of construction at military airfields. Bowstring truss is the original type of roof support used in American airplane hangars. Truss construction is a simple engineering means of freeing open space and achieving vertical clearance with a minimum of superstructure. This engineering goal was achieved in hangar construction successively by the bowstring truss (ca. 1930 - 1950), the compression strut truss (1950 - 1955), and the bar joist truss (late 1950s and early 1960s) (Len Farnung, personal communication 1985). Bldg. 172, another hangar at Pope AFB, represents the only remaining example of compression strut truss construction at the installation. All of the other hangars at Pope AFB exhibit bar joist trusses, which were typical of hangar construction during the last major period of military construction and training at Pope.

Another noteworthy engineering feature associated with construction of Hangars 4 and 5 is the use of hollow tile masonry, which forms the core wall element of the non-metal parts of the building. Similar in form and function to hollow concrete blocks, hollow tile is formed of bake-moided red clay. It is a structural core unique to pre-1950 construction in the southeastern United States, where it allowed interior walls to expand and breathe under conditions of high humidity (Len Farnung, personal communication 1985).

8. Statement of Significance		
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Applicable National Register Criteria XA BXC] D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	D	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Architecture Engineering Military	Period of Significance 1934	Significant Dates 1934
	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Unknown	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

General Statement

Hangars 4 and 5 (Bidg. 708) is the oldest standing aircraft building at Pope AFB, and is the only surviving, early airborne support building dating to the Depression era of military expansion at Pope Field. Bldg. 708 was completed in 1934 for \$175,590.97. In conjunction with Pope Field's original (1919) mission of local reconnaissance mapping, weather reporting, and mail service, four wooden aircraft hangars were built during the 1920s; however, these buildings were demolished during World War II to allow construction of hangars that could accommodate larger aircraft. A balloon hangar associated with the earliest airborne period was also dismantled in the late 1950s, leaving Bldg. 708 the only representative of early aircraft support at Pope Field.

Despite the addition of a small modern addition (Base Operations) between the hangers in 1958, Bldg. 708 maintains its structural integrity. The double-bay sheet metal frame, bowstring truss, pylon corner supports, canopy front doors, and sliding panel rear doors are typical of hanger construction and military aircraft/airlift support buildings at southeastern United States military installations prior to the 1950s.

Historical Context

Pope Field was established by the U. S. War Department in 1919 to conduct local reconnaissance mapping, serial photography, artillery support, and other functions in support of an Army Artillery regiment at Camp Bragg (Drucker 1985). Bidg. 708, along with an administrative and residential cantonment on the opposite side of the airfield, was built during the first of three major periods military expansion periods at Pope Field: the first occurred during the Great Depression (1933-1934), the second during World War II, and the third during the 1960s. Hangars 4 and 5 represent the only aircraft support building which survives from

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adjoin	ing the north side of Runway 23.05.	See accompanying map for detail.	
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of Bldg	g. 708.		
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