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7.	DESCRIPTION							
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pahukini heiau commands a sweeping view of low hills, the spreading expanse of the abandoned Kawainui fish pond once used by the ancient Hawaiians, and the present city of Kailua where a major Hawaiian settlement once graced the shores of Kailua Bay. This heiau is a monumental example of the engineering knowledge and religious dedication of the Hawaiians in constructing their temples of worship and ceremony. Pahukini is built of carefully stacked stone walls, enclosing a rectangular area of about 120 by 180 feet, with an adjoining, and possibly later, structure on the northern side measuring 32 by 38 feet. Several interior terraces are found where the perishable grass houses, oracle towers, and perhaps, the wooden carvings of gods once stood. A ledge four feet wide lies along the inside of the east and north wall. Thrum, (1916) considered the heiau to be of the Pookanaka, or sacrificial class.

In several respects, the heiau resembles Puu O Mahuka heiau which lies at the north side of Oahu. Both heiaus are rectangular, located on natural promontaries affording excellent view of the Pacific, and both show evidence of disturbance for native agriculture within the confines of the heiau themselves.

Modern quarrying operations have carved away major portions of the hill upon which Pahukini is located, leaving it in a somewhat precarious condition today, for one edge lies just at the top of a precipitous 100 foot quarried cliff. The heiau was left intact by the quarry after numerous supernatural events occurred to their power equipment, convincing at least the workers that a great supernatural power still operated at the heiau.

Although bare of significant vegetation in Hawaiian times, except for low grasses, the scene today is one of tangled low trees and brush. The heiau is overgrown with guava, java plum, ti, fern, haole koa and nonia

Access is difficult and the heiau can be reached only after a trailless hike of half an hour, or by scaling the face of the quarry cut.

McAllister (1933) made a perspective and plan drawing of the heiau and this was found to be accurate. It is recorded on the continuation sheet.



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Pahukini heiau is significant for it is an excellent example of the Hawaiian religious structure, massively conceived and engineered with fine stone craftsmanship. It reflects the concern of the early Hawaiian with his religion and his many gods, as well as the social framework which could dedicate the efforts of literally hundreds of workers for works of public benefit. Pahukini is in good condition and one of the few major heiaus remaining on Oahu that afford such a good example of this aspect of ancient Hawaiian culture. It is certainly one of the best heiaus along this section of Oahu and should be preserved and developed as a hike-in historical site.



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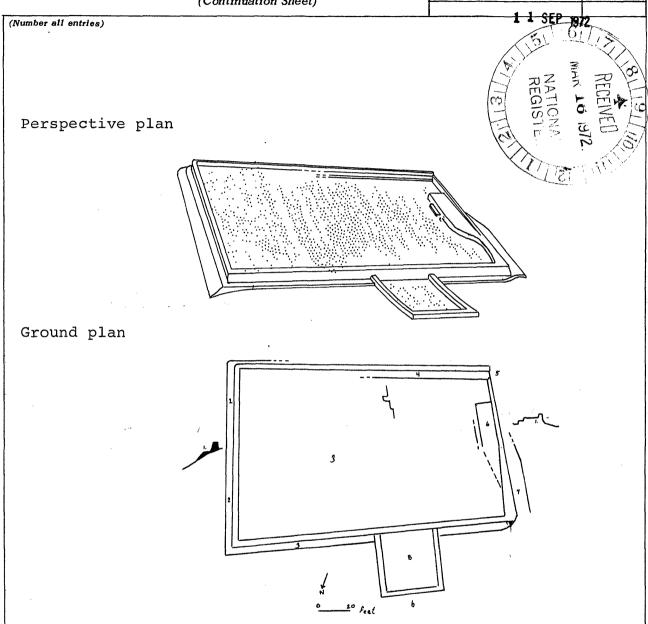
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1, cross section of east and west walls; 2, ledge or step 4 feet wide built around north and east walls but 6 feet lower than top (incorrectly marked 3 feet on north side); 3, quadrilateral inclosure approximately 110 ft. by 175 ft.; 4, terrace along interior of west end of south wall, 5 feet wide, 2 feet higher than floor of heiau, 4 feet below top of wall; 5, entrance 5 feet wide; 6, terrace along center of west wall, 10 feet wide, 2.5 feet lower than top of wall, 4 feet higher than floor of heiau, with small step 2 feet high and 3 feet wide; 7, 10-foot terrace on outside of north end of west wall from which the wall rises to a height of 6 feet; 8, inclosure 32 by 38 feet, walls average 3 feet

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