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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Fort McKinley Historic District

and or common

2. Location

street & number Great Diamond Island ~~N/A~~ not for publication

city, town Portland, ~~N/A~~ vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Cumberland code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Dictar Associates

street & number P. O. Box 3572

city, town Portland, vicinity of state Maine 04104

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cumberland County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Portland, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Fort McKinley Historic District comprises a concentration of 44 buildings all but one of which are masonry construction. Located at the eastern end of Great Diamond Island in Casco Bay, the district includes only the residential and support buildings in the center of the fort. The largest number of structures are concentrated around an elliptical parade ground. Additional structures are situated on curvilinear roads to the north, east and south of these buildings.

1. Double Officers Quarters, 1903
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim.
2. Field Officer's Quarters, 1903
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
3. Commanding Officer's Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
4. Field Officer's Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
5. Double Officers Quarters, 1903
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
6. Double Officers Quarters, 1903
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
7. Double Officers Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
8. Double Officers Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
9. Double Officers Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival-Queen Anne
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
10. Bachelor Officers Quarters (5), 1910 (burned 1977)
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
11. Post Exchange and Gymnasium, 1905
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim

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12. Administrations Building, 1903
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with stone trim
13. Barrack, 1909
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
14. Coast Artillery Barrack, 1932
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
15. Barrack, 1904
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
16. Barrack, 1905
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
17. Barrack, 1903
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
18. Hospital Steward's Quarters, 1905
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
19. Hospital, 1903
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim.
20. Fire Apparatus Building, 1905
Italianate
1 story, brick with wood and stone trim
21. Double N. C. O. Quarters, 1903
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
22. Pumping Plant, 1904
Industrial
1½ stories, brick
- 22a. Well Shelter, 1904
1 story, brick

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- 22b. Well Shelter, 1904
1 story, brick
- 22c. Well Shelter, 1904
1 story, brick
23. Double N.C.O. Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
24. Double N.C.O. Quarters, 1904
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick, with wood and stone trim
25. Civilian Employees Quarters, 1905
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick, with wood and stone trim
26. Bakery, 1903
Colonial Revival
1 story, brick
27. Guard House, 1903
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
29. Quarter Master Storehouse, 1904
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
30. Carpenter Shop, 1903
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
31. Ordinance Storehouse, 1903
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
32. Workshops, 1903
Colonial Revival
1 story, brick with stone trim
45. Bowling Alley, 1909
Colonial Revival
1 story, brick with stone trim

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46. Double Barrack, 1910
Colonial Revival
2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
47. N.C.O. Quarters, 1909
Colonial Revival
2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
48. N.C.O. Quarters, 1909
Spanish Revival
1 story, brick with wood and stone trim
54. N.C.O. Quarters, 1910
Colonial Revival
2 stories, cement plaster with wood trim
55. N.C.O. Quarters, 1910
Colonial Revival
2 stories, cement plaster with wood trim
56. Quartermaster Storehouse, 1910
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, brick with stone trim
60. Wagon Shed, 1911
Utilitarian
1 story, wood frame
77. Officers' Club, 1926
Colonial Revival
1½ stories, wood frame
78. School House, 1929
Colonial Revival
1 story, wood frame

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1930–1910, 1926, 1929 **Builder/Architect** --

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Fort McKinley Historic District is significant as the largest of five military complexes which made up Portland's harbor defenses in the early part of this century. Constructed substantially in 1903–1910, this fort provided Maine's principal city with one of the best defended harbors in the country. Its construction on Great Diamond Island was part of the general up-grading of the American military initiated by Theodore Roosevelt and his Secretary of War, Elihu Root. The district includes the central core of residential and support buildings which housed the island garrison. These buildings represent the most intact concentration of its kind in the State of Maine.

Erected near the resort community of Great Diamond Island, Fort McKinley was the centerpiece to a complex of five forts which provided the defense of Portland harbor. Its construction followed the general push for military preparedness initiated by President Theodore Roosevelt after the Spanish-American War.

Designed for a garrison of 700 men, the fort included a large group of brick residential structures designed in the Colonial Revival style. These buildings housed both officers and enlisted men. Also included were smaller brick buildings erected to provide support facilities. There was a fire station, a power station, a school, a hospital, and a bakery, as well as other utilitarian structures.

Fort McKinley continued to play an active part in Portland's harbor defenses until its deactivation by the government in the 1940s. Since that time the structure has deteriorated as a result of their abandoned state. Recently the complex was purchased by private developers and will be rehabilitated for condominiums using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Army Engineers in New England, Aubrey Parkman, Waltham, Mass., 1978, p. 116-18.
 "The Saga of Fort McKinley", Anna Doding, Maine Times, August 7, 1981, p. 12-15.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 43
 Quadrangle name Portland East Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>19</u>	<u>403650</u>	<u>4837540</u>	B	<u>19</u>	<u>403840</u>	<u>4837160</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u>19</u>	<u>403300</u>	<u>4836860</u>	D	<u>19</u>	<u>403365</u>	<u>4837230</u>
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at a point 50' north of the north corner of Building 45 the district boundary line runs SW 1300' to a point on the west shore of Diamond Cove 30' NW of the NW corner of Building 29 where it turns southerly running along the shore and parallel the road to a point 50' S of the SW corner of Building 34. From here the line runs south-

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian
 organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1985
 street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132
 city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Eileen S. Pettibone*
 title S.H.P.O. date 2/8/85

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 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
J. Helene Byer Entered in National Register date 3-21-85
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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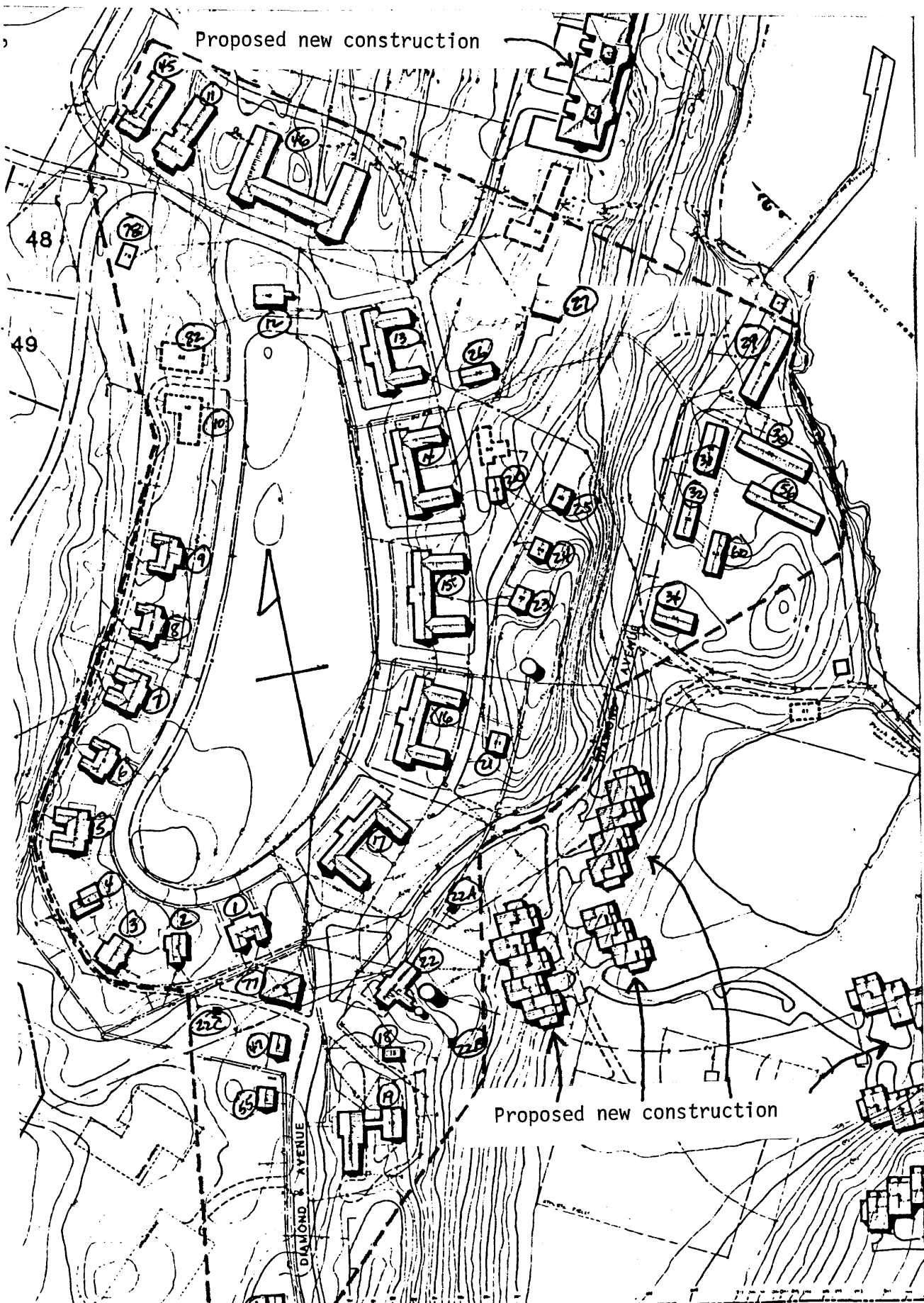
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westerly to Diamond Avenue which it follows southwesterly to a point 150' NW of Building 22A where it turns S to a point 200' S of Building 22B and thence SW to a point 20' S of Building 48. From this point the line runs 100' westerly along the southern property line of the Fort McKinley property and thence N 725' to the outer perimeter road of the parade ground residences which it follows W and NE to a point 50' W of the SW corner of the ruins of Building 10. The line then runs N 500' and NE 250' to the point of beginning.

Proposed new construction

48
49

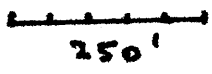


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District Boundary - - - - -

Scale: 1:3000



N 47° 51' 20" W

S 23° 01' 30" W 161' 4"