

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

6 prop.
Artillery District of Honolulu *TR*
AND/OR COMMON Battery Randolph (Fort DeRussy) and Batteries Selfridge, Jackson, Hawkins, Hawkins Annex, and Hasbrouck (Fort Kamehameha)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Building 32, Kalia Road, Fort DeRussy and Buildings 420, 430, 440, 450, and 460, Fort Kamehameha

CITY, TOWN

Honolulu

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Hawaii

CODE
15

COUNTY

Honolulu

CODE
03

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

Fort DeRussy
Fort Kamehameha
Fort DeRussy
Fort Kamehameha

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

US Army Support Command, Hawaii (USASCH)

STREET & NUMBER

Directorate of Engineering and Housing

CITY, TOWN

Fort Shafter

— VICINITY OF

Hawaii

96858

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

US Army Support Command, Hawaii

STREET & NUMBER

Directorate of Engineering and Housing

CITY, TOWN

Fort Shafter

STATE

Hawaii

96858

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE US Army Support Command, Hawaii, Historical Property Inventory and Evaluation Report (by Bernice P. Bishop Museum)

DATE

April 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

US Army Support Command, Hawaii

CITY, TOWN

Fort Shafter

STATE

Hawaii

96858

7 DESCRIPTION

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

A. Description of the Thematic Group. The Artillery District of Honolulu was established by WD GO No. 74 on 24 April 1909 and consisted of Forts Ruger, DeRussy, Kamehameha, and Armstrong. The District was renamed Headquarters Coast Defenses of Oahu sometime between 1911 - 1913. Following World War I and until the end of World War II, additional coastal batteries were constructed at the above-mentioned and other locations throughout the Island. For the most part these later fortifications and even those original structures remaining at Fort Ruger and Fort Armstrong, are no longer under Army-control. Forts Ruger and Armstrong have since been returned or sold to the State of Hawaii. Other fortifications remain under military ownership or, in a few cases, private ownership. Therefore, only those structures at Forts DeRussy and Kamehameha, under Army-control and reflecting the Roosevelt-Taft period of expanding American interest in the Pacific, are presently included in the Thematic Group.

B. General Physical Description of the Structures. The attached Table (Incl 1) briefly summarizes the information referenced in paragraphs 6 and 9. Attached at Incl 2 are inventory forms and drawings for all individual properties. Originals of the drawings may be found in the National Archives (RG 77, Office of the Chief of Engineers, General Correspondence 1894-1923, No. 68,258).

C. Maps and Photographs. Maps (7.5-Minute Series) showing the location of Battery Randolph, Fort DeRussy (Incl 3) and the general locations of fortifications at Fort Kamehameha (Incl 4) are attached. Detailed maps showing the same structure are also included (Fort DeRussy at Incl 5 and Fort Kamehameha at Incl 6). Photographs showing various aspects of most of the fortifications are attached at Inclosures 7 through 16. The following information is supplied on the back of each photograph:

1. Name of the property.
2. City and State where located.
3. Name of the photographer.
4. Date of the photograph.
5. Location of photograph negative.
6. Description of view indicating direction of camera.
7. Photograph number.

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2. The Army mission in Hawaii was defined in 1920 as "the defense of Pearl Harbor Naval Base against damage from naval or aerial bombardment or by enemy sympathizers and attack by enemy expeditionary force or forces, supported or unsupported by an enemy fleet or fleets." The batteries at Fort Kamehameha, as the coast defense for Pearl Harbor, was the keystone of this mission. Batteries at Fort Weaver and Fort Barrette (constructed in 1935) completed pre-World War II coastal defense network for Pearl Harbor. Batteries at Fort DeRussy, including Battery Randolph, and Fort Ruger, were responsible for the defense of Honolulu Harbor. While none of the large caliber guns were ever fired except in practice, the secondary anti-aircraft guns of coastal artillery units at Fort Kamehameha were credited with shooting down a number of attacking aircraft on the morning of 7 December 1941. During the years that followed and continuing to the end of World War II, the batteries had a calming effect on the local populace. The following quotation from Blake Clark's "Remember Pearl Harbor" published in 1942 provides a "feeling of the times" in 1941 and 1942 in Hawaii:

"But suppose that the Japs break through the outer ring? They did it once. No matter where an enemy lands on Oahu, he will meet a murderous barrage of fire. From Diamond Head to Waianae, the artillery of concealed forts--Ruger, DeRussy, Kamehameha, Shafter and more--covers every inch of ocean and beach. When they open up with big cannon, five-inch AA guns and 9, 12, and 15-inch rifles, the whole end of the island shakes as if in violent earthquake."

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A. Architectural and Engineering Significance of Batteries at Forts DeRussy and Kamehameha.

1. In 1905, President Roosevelt convened a group, headed by Secretary of War William Howard Taft, to review the entire coastal defense program and bring it up to date. The Taft Board not only accelerated the installation of many modern features in existing batteries recommended and constructed by the earlier Endicott Board (ca 1885), but it also proposed construction of new fortifications outside the continental United States. These new forts were designed to protect newly acquired "insular possessions" in the Philippines, Hawaii, and the Canal Zone. The Manila Bay works were badly damaged during World War II. Those remaining in Hawaii and the Canal Zone, in contrast, tend to be in excellent condition although lacking any of their original armament. While many of these structures are architecturally similar in appearance to the many heavy-caliber, dispersed batteries remaining from the Endicott period (ref 9a), they are products of a different era and expanding foreign policy. In fact, Battery Randolph and the coastal batteries at Fort Kamehameha are but a few examples of structures recommended by the Taft Board and still under United States control.

2. Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy and the batteries at Fort Kamehameha (Selfridge, Jackson, Hawkins, Hawkins Annex, and Hasbrouck) demonstrate the shift in emphasis from fortification structures to the weapons contained therein. In contrast to the stark, vertical walls of older forts, the new works of reinforced concrete were designed to blend, so far as possible, into the surrounding landscape. The low profile, massive emplacements all possess concrete frontal walls as much as twenty feet thick behind 30 or more additional feet of earth. The batteries were (and still are) all but invisible and invulnerable from the seaward direction. The permanency of construction is also evident by their present condition.

B. Military Significance of Batteries at Forts DeRussy and Kamehameha.

1. The historical role played by the Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command is best described in an article by the Council on Abandoned Military Posts (CAMP) entitled "Coast Defenses of Hawaii" (ref 9b), and by Appendix G and Appendix I of "A History of Fort Shafter" (ref 9c).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- A. Lewis, E.R., 1979, Seacoast Fortifications of the United States. Leeward Publications Inc., Annapolis, MD.
- B. Clark, R.N.S., 1973. "Coast Defense of Hawaii." Council on Abandoned Military Posts (CAMP) Periodical. 5(2):15-25.
- C. "A History of Fort Shafter" dated 31 December 1974. Unpublished manuscript available from Deputy Installation Commander, Fort Shafter, USASCH.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.7 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

A = Battery Randolph, Fort DeRussy.

B = Approximate center of fortifications at Fort Kamehameha.

A	F	J	6	2	0	7	0	0	2	3	5	3	7	5	0	B	F	J	6	0	7	6	5	0	2	3	5	8	5	0	0	
ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING			ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING																	
C									D																							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The thematic group consists of Building 32 at Fort DeRussy and Buildings 420, 430, 440, 450, and 460 at Fort Kamehameha, including any earthen walls seaward of these structures.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alvin L. Char, Environmental Protection Specialist

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Directorate of Engineering and Housing, US Army Support Command, Hawaii, (808) 655-0691

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Fort Shafter

Hawaii 96858

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

[Signature]
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Gordon M. Hobbs

TITLE

Assistant for Real Property

DATE

23 Nov 1983

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

See Continuation Sheet for Listings
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA. The information provided on this Continuation Sheet supersedes that previously provided for Item Number 10 ("GEOGRAPHICAL DATA"), Inclosure 1 ("Approximate Area of Structure and Earth Berm"), and Inclosure 2 ("UTM COORDINATES").

Total Acreage of Nominated Property 9.3 acres

	A. Acreage of Individual Properties	B. UTM References		C. Verbal Boundary Description	
		Zone	Easting	Northing	
Battery Randolph Bldg No. 32, Fort DeRussy	2.5	FJ	620700	2353750	Reference original fenceline on 1916 plat map (Inclosure 2), excluding the area formerly occupied by Battery Dudley. Fence is no longer present.
Battery Selfridge Bldg No. 420, Fort Kamehameha	2.5	FJ	608350	2358080	Reference original fenceline on 1916 plat map (Inclosure 2). Original fence is no longer present.
Battery Jackson Bldg No. 430, Fort Kamehameha	1.1	FJ	607920	2358150	Reference original fenceline on 1916 plat map (Inclosure 2). Fence is no longer present.
Battery Hawkins Bldg No. 440, Fort Kamehameha	0.5	FJ	607520	2358280	Reference original fenceline on 1916 plat map (Inclosure 2). Fence is no longer present.
Battery Hawkins Annex Bldg No. 450, Fort Kamehameha	0.1	FJ	607500	2358380	Reinforced concrete structure and earth berm only.
Battery Hasbrouck Bldg No. 460, Fort Kamehameha	2.6	FJ	607400	2358880	Reference original fenceline on 1916 plat map (Inclosure 2). Fence is no longer present.

Incl 2