

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Ligonier Armory

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 358 West Main Street

city/town: Ligonier

not for publication: N/A
vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Westmoreland code: 129 zip code: 15658

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-state

Category of Property: building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Pennsylvania

National Guard Armories

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Brent D. Glass
Signature of certifying official

3/20/91
Date

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ___ removed from the National Register.
- ___ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

Current: Defense

Sub: Arms Storage

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Art Deco

Materials:

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof unknown/not visible

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: statewide

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): _____

Areas of Significance: Military
Architecture

Period of Significance: 1938-1939

Significant Dates: 1938

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Significant Person: N/A

Architect/Builder: Brockner, Robert T.
Kuhn, Newcomer, and Valentour

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

X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register.
- previously determined eligible by the National Register.
- designated a National Historic Landmark.
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____.
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____.

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- X State historic preservation office.
- Other state agency.
- Federal agency.
- Local government.
- University.
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 2.6

UTM References:

A	<u>17</u>	<u>649475</u>	<u>4456440</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description:

X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:

The legal boundaries which are historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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7. Description.

Located on a flat corner lot in the Borough of Ligonier, the Ligonier Armory consists of a brick building designed in the Art Deco style. Constructed in 1938 as a public works project, the building was originally laid out on a T plan, with a two-story, front, drill hall section attached to a one-story, rear, administrative section. In 1962, a one-story addition was attached to the West side elevation of the administrative section. Ten years later, in 1972, a larger one-story addition was attached to the front drill hall on the same side. An outdoor corridor, leading to a side drill hall entrance, was formed between the two additions. Measuring approximately 90 x 124 feet, the armory has good integrity.

The armory has a concrete foundation. Flat roofs cover the drill hall, the administrative section, and the additions. Exterior features of the armory include a parapet with stone coping, entrances with concrete stoops, and multi-light casement windows with brick sills.

Fronted by a spacious lawn, the main (North) elevation of the armory has a one-story, rectangular, brick portico, topped with stone coping. Divided by brick piers into three alcoves, the portico contains three sets of double door entrances opening into the drill hall. Stone lintels appear above the alcoves, while concrete steps lead from the alcoves down to a concrete walk. On the second story, three casement windows set in recessed strips align with the entrances. At the corners of the elevation, the brick wall surfaces slightly project.

Set slightly back from the main facade, the one-story (1972) addition is pierced by two single door entrances and four windows on the north elevation. The west side of this addition is solid brick, above which can be seen the exposed side of the drill hall featuring brick piers. An entrance to the drill hall is found at the end of the corridor formed between the 1972 and 1962 additions. The corridor walls of the 1962 and 1972 additions are pierced by casement windows.

The side of the one-story, rear (1962) addition contains two casement windows, while the rear elevation contains a casement window at the first floor and basement levels and a first floor door.

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Projecting beyond the 1962 addition, and facing a paved parking area, the one-story, rear elevation of the original administrative section is punctuated by an overhead garage door, seven casement windows with metal bars, and a ground-level double door entrance with a stone lintel. A brick chimney rises above the elevation at the center, in front of the exposed upper drill hall wall.

In contrast to the West side elevation, the left (East) side elevation of the drill hall has a fully exposed drill hall wall, containing a double door entrance and windows divided by brick piers. The east elevation of the administrative section of this elevation is solid brick.

Remaining mostly unexcavated, the interior basement of the armory consists of a boiler room and storage space in the administrative section. On the first floor, the administrative section has offices, a locker room, kitchen, toilet room, shower, supply room, and a garage. Connected to the garage, the 1962 addition contains a mechanical room, command room, and coal bin. The larger, 1972 addition has a day room, office, vault, and supply rooms. The drill hall measures approximately 60 x 90 feet. Having a wood floor and brick walls, the drill hall ceiling is supported by riveted, steel flat Pratt trusses.

Apart from the 1962 and 1972 additions, noticeable changes to the armory include the bricking-up of three upper drill hall windows on the right (West) side elevation, and the replacement of some of the armory doors. Despite these changes, the armory has good integrity.

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8. Significance.

The Ligonier Armory is significant under criteria A and C. It is a member of the State Armory Building Property type under the multiple property nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories. The armory was built in 1938, as a federal public works project, for Company D, 103rd Medical Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Originally laid out on a T plan, with the drill hall located in front of the administrative section, one-story additions were added onto the eastern side elevation of the armory in 1962 and in 1972. Designers of the armory include Robert T. Brocker of Greensburg, and Kuhn, Newcomer, and Valentour of Pittsburgh. This armory contains interior spaces typical of the T-plan such as a drill hall, kitchen, locker room, offices and storage rooms.

Bibliography.

See section H in Multiple Resource Nomination: Pennsylvania National Guard Armories.

10. Verbal Boundary Description.

See Westmoreland County Deed Book, Volume 1004, page 467.

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

LIGONIER ARMORY
LIGONIER QUAD
ZONE 17
649490 E
4456460 N
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518 IV SE
IDERRY

79° 15' 40" 15'

649000m.E
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652
JOHNSTOWN 17 MI
WATERFORD 3 MI

4455000m.N

4454

STAHNSTOWN 7 MI

12' 30"

4452

