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National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. *Name of Property*

Historic Name: NAS Chase Field, Quarters S

Other name/site number: Executive Officer's Quarters

2. *Location*

Street & Number: Essex Street, 0.45 miles south-southwest of the intersection of  
Texas State Highway 202 and Independence Street

City/Town: Beeville

Not for Publication: N/A

State: TX Code: 041 County: Bee

Code: 025 Zip Code: 78102

3. *Classification*

Ownership of Property: Public: federal

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property: 2

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural  
Resources of NAS Chase Field,  
Beeville, Texas.

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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

[Signature] 15 Dec. 1993  
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

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] Entered in the  
National Register

2/23/94  
Date of Action

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

**6. Function or Use**

Historic:	Defense	Sub:	Naval Facility
Current :	Vacant/Not in Use	Sub:	

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification: No Style

Materials: foundation: Concrete  
 walls: Synthetics  
 roof: Other  
 other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See continuation sheet.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A  
 Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): Not Applicable  
 Areas of Significance: Military  
 Period(s) of Significance: 1943-1945  
 Significant Dates: 1943  
 Significant Person(s): Not Applicable  
 Cultural Affiliation: Not Applicable  
 Architect/Builder: Robert & Company/Brown Bellows & Columbia

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

See continuation sheet.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Section numbers 7 and 8

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Description

Quarters S is a 1-story dwelling that has been used as the residence of the Executive Officer at NAS Chase Field since the base began full operations during World War II. The building stands on relatively level ground and faces north onto Essex Street, near the center of the naval air station. Quarters S features an irregular building footprint wood-frame construction and galbestos siding. The building does not have any noteworthy stylistic detailing, but the property is in good condition and has been changed minimally since its construction in 1943.

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Like its neighbor (Quarters R) to the east, Quarters S is an example of single-family housing at NAS Chase Field. The residence is south of Essex Street, after it makes a bend west of its intersection with Independence Street. A small parking area is in front of the house, and a grass lawn serves as a buffer between the residence and the parking lot. The grounds, which include trees and lawn, are well maintained, and a wooden fence encloses the back yard. The house has an irregular plan and wood-frame construction. Galbestos siding covers the exterior walls, and the low-pitched hipped roof has composition (asphalt) shingles. The front faces north onto Essex Street, though the main entrance is on the east side of a small wing projecting from the front. The windows are double hung with 6/6 lights. A small detached garage/maid's quarters is behind (to the southwest) of the house. Both the main house and the outbuilding appear to be virtually unaltered, although one of the windows in the garage/maid's quarters is a replacement.

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Statement of Significance

Built in 1943, at the height of World War II, Quarters S survives as one of 30 historic resources dating from the original period of construction at NAS Chase Field. Throughout its existence, the building housed the Executive Officer who was second in command at the naval air station. One of only two single-family dwellings built at the naval air station under war-imposed austerity construction conditions, Quarters S is a rare illustration of the property type at NAS Chase. The Executive Officer's Quarters relates to the historic context, *Chase Field: A World War II Naval Auxiliary Air Station, 1943-1946*, and to the statewide context, *U.S. Military 1919-1945*. Although the building retains its historic integrity to a large degree, its significance lies primarily in its historic associations with the World War II naval auxiliary station. It is therefore nominated to the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under Criterion A.

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The Executive Officer's Quarters is closely associated with the historic context established for NAS Chase Field. As one of only two, historic, single-family housing units on the base, Quarters S is indicative of the kind of single-family residential architecture the Navy erected during World War II, and it appears much as it did when completed in 1943. Robert & Company, an Atlanta-based architectural firm that opened a branch office in Corpus Christi during the military build up preceding World War II, is believed to have designed the building. The original architectural drawings, unlike those of most other extant historic resources, were not on file at the Public Works Office at NAS Chase Field. Robert & Company provided plans for most of the original buildings at the naval air station, including the nearby and similarly designed Commanding Officer's Quarters (Building No. 2011). Brown Bellows & Columbia, a building consortium based in Houston, served as general contractors of the residence. One of the most interesting aspects of the physical character of the building is its plan. Unlike most historic buildings at the NAS Chase Field, the Executive Officer's Quarters has a wing set at a 45-degree angle to the main block. Additionally, the building is larger than the residence of the Commanding Officer, the highest ranking officer at the air station. Other high-ranking officer's quarters were built at the station in the late 1950s, but Quarters S remained the residence of the Executive Officer until the base closed in 1993.

The Executive Officer's Quarters has changed little since its original construction in 1943. As a consequence, the building retains its historic integrity to a high degree and conveys a strong sense of the World War II-era and circumstances under which it was built.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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See Historic Context List of References.

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 # HABS No. TX-3397-G
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

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

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreege of Property:           less than one acre

UTM References:                14/630840/3139220

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of NAS Chase Field, Quarters S is shown as the dashed line on the accompanying map entitled "NAS Chase Field, Site Plan of Quarters S"

Boundary Justification:

The boundary encompasses Quarters S and the grounds immediately surrounding it that distinguish the historic resource from adjoining property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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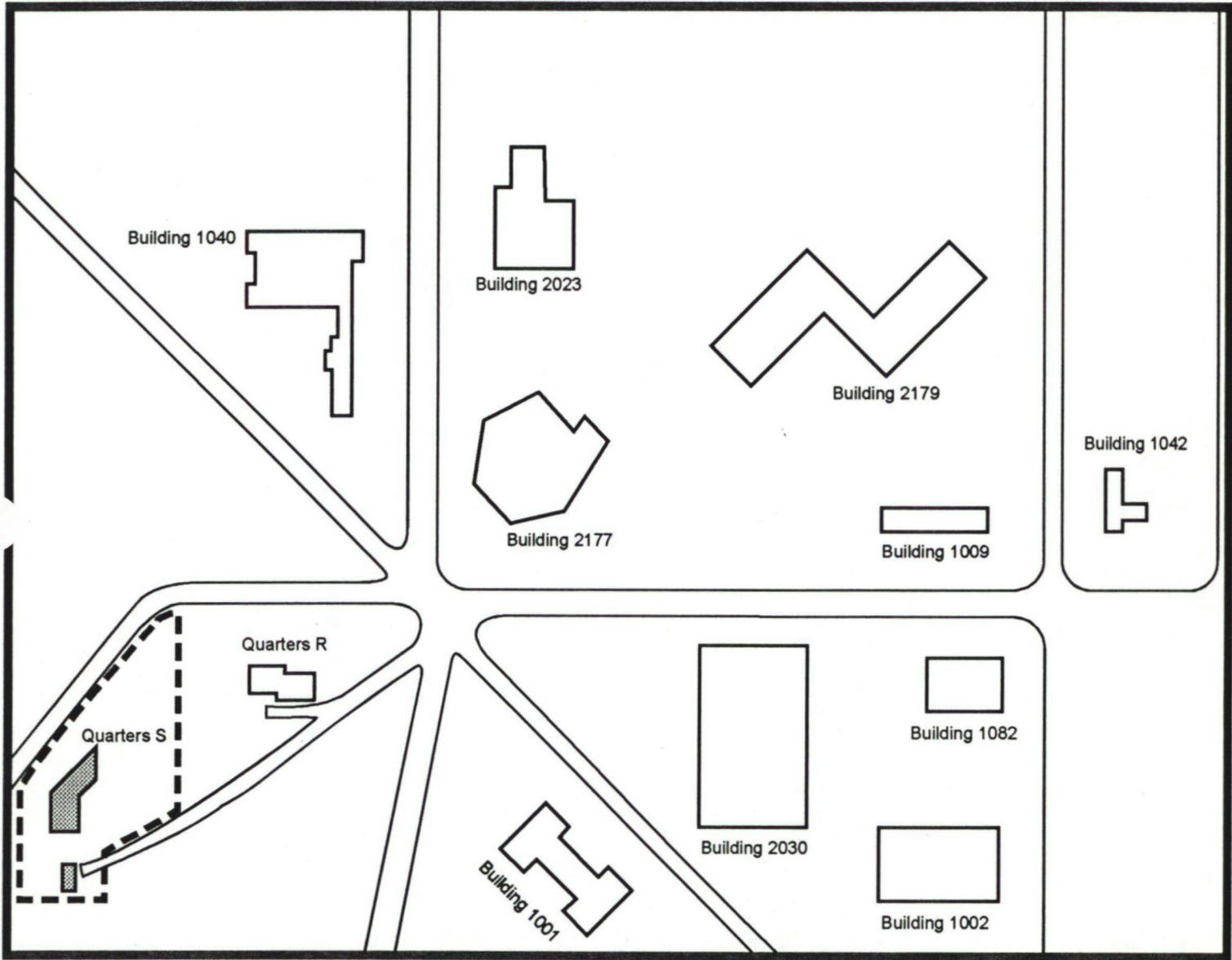
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              Terri Myers/Historian  
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City or Town: Austin

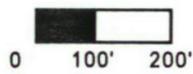
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# NAS Chase Field, Site Plan of Quarters S

----- Boundaries



HMM & Associates, June 1993



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: NAS Chase Field--Quarters S

MULTIPLE NAME: NAS Chase Field MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bee

DATE RECEIVED: 1/13/94      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/26/94  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/94      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/27/94  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000056

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    2/23/94 DATE <sup>Entered in the</sup> National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPERTY: QUARTERS S**

**LOCATION: ESSEX STREET**

NAS CHASE FIELD, BEEVILLE, TEXAS

**PHOTO BY: DANIEL HARDY**

**DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: JUNE 1992**

**LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: TEXAS HIST. COMMISSION**  
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**CAMERA LOOKING: SOUTHEAST**

**PHOTOGRAPH: 13 OF 14**



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