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

**NAME**

Historic

U. S. S. Hazard Ex(AM-240)  U. S. S. Marlin Ex(SST-2)

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2500 North 24th Street (East)

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION ---

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

--- VICINITY OF ---

STATE

Nebraska

--- CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ---

CODE

--- COUNTY ---

CODE

Douglas

**CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Hazard Corporation and Greater Omaha Military Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

2500 North 24th Street (East)

--- VICINITY OF ---

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

--- STATE ---

STATE

Nebraska

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Douglas County

STREET & NUMBER

1819 Farnam Street

--- VICINITY OF ---

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

--- STATE ---

STATE

Nebraska

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

State Historical Society

DATE

September 3, 1977

--- FEDERAL ---

--- STATE ---

--- COUNTY ---

--- LOCAL ---

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln, Nebraska
The U. S. S. Hazard was moved from Orange, Texas U. S. Naval Inactive Ship Facility in 1971. Arrived in Omaha 18 June 1971. It is completely equipped and intact as it was during its years of active service. It includes linens, dishes, armament, signal flags, etc. The superstructure is unaltered.

The U. S. S. Marlin was brought to Omaha from Key West, Florida in 1974, covering over a 2,000 mile journey inland. The furthest inland that an ocean going vessel has ever voyaged. It is the smallest operational submarine to serve in the Navy. It is fully equipped and unaltered.
The ships are a part of the United States' Historical Heritage.

HAZARD

(AM-240: dp.530; l. 184'6"; b. 33'; dr. 9'9"; s. 15k.; cpl. 104; a 1 3", 2 40mm., 6 20mm., 2 dct., 3 dcp. (h.h); cl. Admirable)

Hazard (AM-240) was launched 21 May 1944 by the Winslow Marine Shipbuilding Co., Winslow, Washington; sponsored by Miss Joanne R. Heddens; and commissioned 31 October 1944, Lt. Curtis B. Tibbals, USNR, in command.

After shakedown out of San Pedro Bay, Hazard departed San Francisco 5 January 1945 screening a convoy to Pearl Harbor. Arriving Pearl 13 January she began a series of escort voyages between Pearl Harbor and Eniwetok. Hazard next screened a convoy to Ulithi Atoll and Kossol Roads, ultimately reaching San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island for supplies.

Hazard sortied from Leyte 19 March 1945 as part of Admiral Killion's Western Islands Attack Group for the invasion and occupation of Okinawa (14 March--30 June 1945). Arriving off Kerama Retto Hazard reported to the Transport Screen and took up screening station as antisubmarine patrol, then spent the next two days recovering radar reflector buoys. Hazard began her very important task of clearing the mine fields around Kerama Retto 31 March, a task which lasted until 30 June. For as a minesweeper's slogan says "no sweep, no invasion." No amphibious assault can begin without extensive preliminary sweeps, not can it continue without constant resweeping.

Okinawa now secured, Hazard sortied outside the southern entrance to Kerama Retto to sweep the area northeast from Okinawa in the East China Sea. Making sweeps until 14 July Hazard retired to Buckner Bay where she spent the remainder of the month as standby ship. She sortied with a sweeping unit 13 August for an area in the East China Sea.
With hostilities over, Hazard broke off operations and returned to Buckner Bay to join a group of minesweepers for the Yellow Sea and Jinsen, Korea, clearing the way for occupation ships. She next worked to clear Sasebo. Then, on 26 October 1945, Hazard returned to the East China Sea to finish the job she had started in August. Clearing that area 9 November she returned to Sasebo. Departing Sasebo 20 November 1945 Hazard sailed via Eniwetok and Pearl Harbor arriving San Diego 19 December.

Hazard departed San Diego 31 January 1946 and transited the Panama Canal to arrive Galveston 17 February. She decommissioned there 27 July 1946 and joined the Reserve Fleet. Hazard was reclassified MSF-240, 7 February 1955 and remained in the Texas Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet at Orange, Texas until arrival in Omaha, Nebraska 8 June, 1971.

Hazard received three battle stars for World War II service.
U. S. S. MARLIN (SST-2)

Ship's History

The keel of the USS MARLIN (SST2) was laid on 1 May 1952 at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut. MARLIN was launched on 14 October 1953 with Mrs. William R. DeLoach as sponsor and was placed in service on 29 November of that year. After fitting out, completion of builders trials and a short shakedown period, MARLIN departed New London in January, 1954 and proceeded to her present home port of Key West, Florida.

USS MARLIN (SST2) and her sister ship, USS MACKEREL (SST1), are the smallest operational submarines built for the Navy since 1911. It is interesting to note that their general hull design is quite similar to that of the USS HOLLAND, the first submarine accepted by the U. S. Navy.

Designed and classed as a target submarine, MARLIN'S mission is to act as target for our anti-submarine forces. Her operations consist primarily of rendering target services to Fleet Sonor School, Key West and anti-submarine units (both surface and air) in the Key West and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba operating areas. MARLIN, however, encompasses the most modern operating equipment and machinery and is equipped to fire torpedoes. She is also, despite her small size, capable of performing successfully many of the missions common to submarine warfare.

While home-ported in Key West, MARLIN has been fortunate enough to visit Caribbean ports and many of the sea port cities of the southeastern United States.

MARLIN has been deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for services to the Fleet Training Group on five occasions (in 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962 and 1972).
U. S. S. MARLIN (SST-2)

In the past, MARLIN has participated in the Gasparilla Festival in Tampa, Florida; a television production on the National Broadcasting Corporation's "Today Show" (MARLIN'S part consisted of submerging several times in the Key West Naval Basin and snorkeling past the cameras); The Festival of States and many other fine activities. All this has contributed to MARLIN's reputation as a good-will ambassador.

One of MARLIN'S collateral duties is to provide training to officers qualifying on fleet ballistic missile submarines; and, as her maneuvering characteristics resemble those of an FBM, she is well-qualified for the job. Many junior officers have received a basic working knowledge of submarine shiphandling on MARLIN. Anchoring, mooring, diving and navigating the ship are but a few of the rigorous tests a submarine officer must meet before he may be designated "Qualified in Submarines." MARLIN is proud to help these men on their way to becoming the most respected men in the fleet - qualified submariners.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

United States Navy Historical Records

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A Zone 115
Easting 215710
Nording 441784

B Zone
Easting
Nording

C Zone
Easting
Nording

D Zone
Easting
Nording

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE: Nebr-

CODE: NE

COUNTY: Douglas

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN: Omaha

STATE: Nebraska

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL A

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: Marie F. Kreidt

DATE: 11/18/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE
Photo 1—USS Marlin, c1976 view to northeast.
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Photo 1—USS Hazard, c1976 view to west on Missouri River prior to its final berth.
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Photo 3—USS Marlin, date unknown
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