IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: American Legion Hall
2. Historic name:
3. Street or rural address: 92 Fifth Street
   City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 739-7-42
5. Present Owner: Unknown
   Address:
   City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Meeting Hall
   Original use:

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival Commercial
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A single story structure in an elongated rectangle plan. The facade has an entry and small pane windows. Spanish tile crests the flat roof. Covered in stucco, the structure is not distinguished for architectural form or craftsmanship. The utilitarian design and volunteer construction represent an important aspect of the Organization's history.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1925-27
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder: American Legion Member
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage Depth
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
13. Condition: Excellent __ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ____________________________________________________________

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) X Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ________________________________________________________

16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: ________________________________________________________

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? X ___ Unknown? ______

18. Related features: _______________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Built in 1926 and 1927 by the members of Post 217, the American Legion Hall is a significant reminder of the activity and dedication of such civic groups. It was built in Spanish Colonial Revival style as a tribute to Gilroy's early heritage. Many Gilroy residents played a part in their country's conflicts and returned to become members of the American Legion. Some of the City's most prominent citizens were active in Legion affairs.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ 2 ___ Arts & Leisure ____________________________
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ______________________
   Government ___ Military ____________________________
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___ 1

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
   Gilroy Historical Museum File

22. Date form prepared: April 1986
   By (name) _______________________________________________________
   Organization ___ 2 ___ BONNIE L. BAMBURG _________________________
   Address: 547 N. Third Street
   City: San Jose, California Zip: 95112
   Phone: (408) 971-1421

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):