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(FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, WELL CHILD CLINIC)

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For information on the history of Fitzsimons General Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172. For information on other structures at the Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172-A through CO-172-CI.

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Significance: This building originally served as a mess hall and kitchen for those patients who were officers. The structure was among the first group of buildings to be constructed on the base and is significant for its association with the early development of Fitzsimons Hospital. The building incorporates specific stylistic details developed for the buildings at Fitzsimons including smooth stuccoed walls and shaped parapets. This building retains integrity of scale, plan, materials, and setting.

Description: This one-story, hollow tile and concrete building on a concrete foundation is built on a rectangular plan with the long axis oriented north-south. The building measures 5,740 square feet. The exterior finish of the building is stucco. The roof of the original construction is a simple gable while an early addition projecting from the northern end of the western elevation has a hipped roof. The roofing material is metal. A second addition is a long shed-roofed enclosure along the east side which incorporates the entrance to the building on its south end. Fenestration consists of paired and single windows with six-over-six lights with plain wood surrounds. The building has overhanging eaves. The original entrance to the building was from an entry porch on the south. An additional entry, as well as a stucco covered exterior chimney are located on the west elevation.

History: Building 506 was completed in 1918 as the officer patients'

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mess and kitchen. The building also originally housed a recreation room.

Alterations made to this building include the early additions detailed in the description section which were added in the 1920's. More recent alterations include the replacement of the original doors with modern doors and the installation of concrete stoops with pipe railings.

Currently, the building houses the Well Child Clinic.

Sources: Cultural Resources Study: Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Final Submittal, 15 August 1991, prepared by Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Denver

"Real Property Record-Buildings and Structures"
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Project

Information: This building will be demolished to clear the site for two Military Construction, Army (MCA) projects. The first MCA project is the Central Energy Plant, which is needed to support the second MCA project, the New Hospital project.

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