

HABS No. CO-172-BN

Fitzsimons General Hospital, Nurses' Quarters  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 507)  
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, 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 functioned originally as nurse's quarters. It is among the second group of buildings constructed on the base and therefore is significant for its association with the early development of Fitzsimons Hospital. The building is representative of the early buildings designed for the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. The structure retains integrity of location, setting, scale, and materials.

**Description:** This two-story, hollow tile and concrete, north-facing building rests on a concrete foundation with a concrete watertable. The building is rectangular in plan with the long axis oriented east-west. The building measures 15,901 square feet. The exterior of the building is stucco. The core of the building has a low, side-gable roof. Hipped roofed porches, now enclosed, project from both the east and west ends. Separating the core from these porches are the characteristic shaped parapets of the buildings designed for Fitzsimons. Another enclosed, shed-roofed porch extends along the entire southern facade. All roofs have overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends and are covered with shingles. Fenestration consists of six-over-six windows with concrete sills which are paired in the portions of the building which retain their original elevations. Principal entrances to the building are on the north side, with additional entrances on the east and west ends. A chute style emergency exit projects from the second story on the south side.

**History:** Building 507 was constructed in 1919 by the C.S. Lambie Company and was originally nurses' quarters. In 1923 the building was converted into a women's surgical ward.

Alterations have made to this building. The porches on the west and south were open as originally constructed. These have been enclosed. The exterior doors were replaced in 1956. Security screens were added to the windows in 1971.

Currently, this building functions as a 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" (June 10, 1946)

**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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