

FORT MYER , QUARTERMASTER GARAGE
(Building 207)
Arlington Boulevard and Second Street
Fort Myer
Arlington County
Virginia

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Location: The Quartermaster Garage is located at Fort Myer in a hollow near the south end of Bloxon Street. Fort Albert J. Myer is located at Arlington Boulevard and Second Street, Fort Myer, Arlington County, Virginia.

USGS West Washington, D.C., MD., VA. Quadrangle
Universe Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.319420.4305940

Significance: Constructed in 1921 and reconstructed in 1934, the Quartermaster Garage is associated with Fort Myer's development during the twentieth century and specifically construction of buildings accommodating increased automobile usage at the fort beginning in the 1920s.

Description: The Quartermaster Garage is located at the base of a hill near the end of Bloxon Street and abuts the south side of Building 206. The single-story, gambrel roofed building with open steel truss work has a rectangular plan main block measuring approximately one hundred feet by sixty-seven feet with two rectangular appendages located on the building's south elevation and a rectangular plan heating plant located on the west side near the connection between Buildings 207 and 206. (The southern most twenty feet of the main block and the eastern most appendage were added during reconstruction of the main block in 1934, the western appendage was added in 1949 while the heating plant was added after 1941). The eastern most appendage measures approximately eleven feet by twenty-five feet and has a gabled roof that is lower in height than the main block. The western appendage measures approximately sixteen feet by twenty-five feet and has a low slope shed roof. A stepped concrete block parapet wall with concrete capping visually separates the main block from these two appendages. The building's main block is constructed of steel framing with steel truss work and painted concrete block walls. The remainder of the Quartermaster Garage is constructed of painted concrete block and the entire building has a concrete foundation. The heating plant includes a circular brick chimney stack. The heating plant's roof structure continues and extends from Building 206's western roof slope. The western appendage is constructed of concrete block larger in scale to those used on the rest of the building.

Horizontal bands of twenty, nine-light, pivoting steel sash is located directly below the eaves of the east and west elevations and includes concrete sills and metal flashing along the top of the window openings. Similar nine-light sash are located in the appendages and along the southern section of the main block's east and west elevations. Door openings are located on the south side of the office extension, on the east side of the western appendage, and on the south side of the heating plant. Overhead garage doors are located on the west side of the western appendage and centered on the south side of the main block. The garage's interior has a concrete floor and a beaded wood ceiling supported by metal purlins and open steel trusses.

History: Fort Myer began in 1863 as Fort Whipple (changed to Fort Myer in 1880) and in 1872 the fort received designation as a permanent military reservation. This designation initiated a campaign for the construction of permanent buildings at the

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fort. Shortly after the turn of the twentieth century another substantial building campaign was initiated. By the 1920s increased automobile usage necessitated construction of automobile associated buildings. In 1921 the Quartermaster Corps expended nearly \$3,000 for the construction of a Quartermaster garage at Fort Myer. The building consisted of a steel framework and open truss work with corrugated iron walls and roofing. Work consisting of wall and roof reconstruction as well as construction of an extension and office addition began on December 20, 1933 and ended on April 30, 1934. Construction costs amounted to \$7,000, over double original construction costs, and included removal of corrugated iron walls and roofing and their subsequent replacement with concrete block walls and wood sheathing covered with slate covered asphalt roofing. During renovation work additional bolts were required to anchor the existing bands of windows to the new masonry walls. The contractor for the entire project was W. R. Mooney Company, Incorporated of Washington, D. C. The completed building housed and repaired War Department automobiles with a capacity of twenty-six cars. The building also included storage of oil and tires, and provided limited office space for personnel. By 1940 a second structure devoted to automobile storage and repair (Building 210 -- now demolished) was constructed southwest of Building 207.

In 1940 a wood frame extension was removed from the north side of the Quartermaster Garage to make room for a temporary Clothing Issue and Warehouse building (Building 206). In 1949 a single-story, concrete block addition was constructed to Building 207, housing a service bay. A low, single-story concrete block heating plant with circular brick smoke stack was constructed after 1941 near the building's northwest corner. The building's interior has been converted to use as a gymnasium, however, the building is currently not used.

A core area of Fort Myer gained National Historic Landmark District status in 1972. In July 1993 the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office determined that Building 207 contributes to an eligible National Historic Landmark District expansion at Fort Myer.

Sources: Building Completion Reports, Building 207. On file at the Headquarters Command, Building 59, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.

Building 207. Construction Completion Reports, 1917-1943, Fort Myer, Record Group 77 -- Office of the Chief Engineer, Box 226. On file at the Washington National Record Center, Suitland, MD.

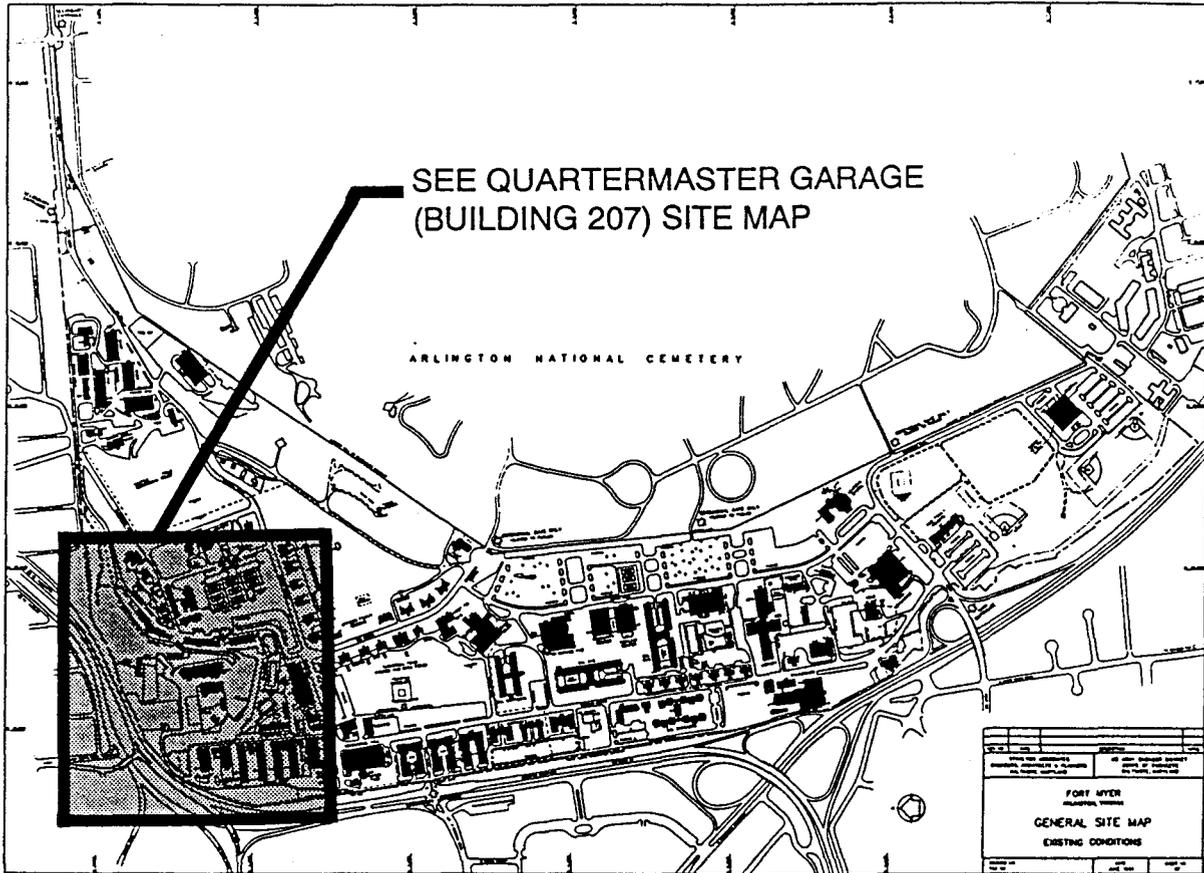
Fort Myer National Landmark Historic District. National Register of Historic Places nomination form and amendments, 1972, 1992.

Real Property Cards, Building 207. On file at the Office of Real Property, Building 313, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.

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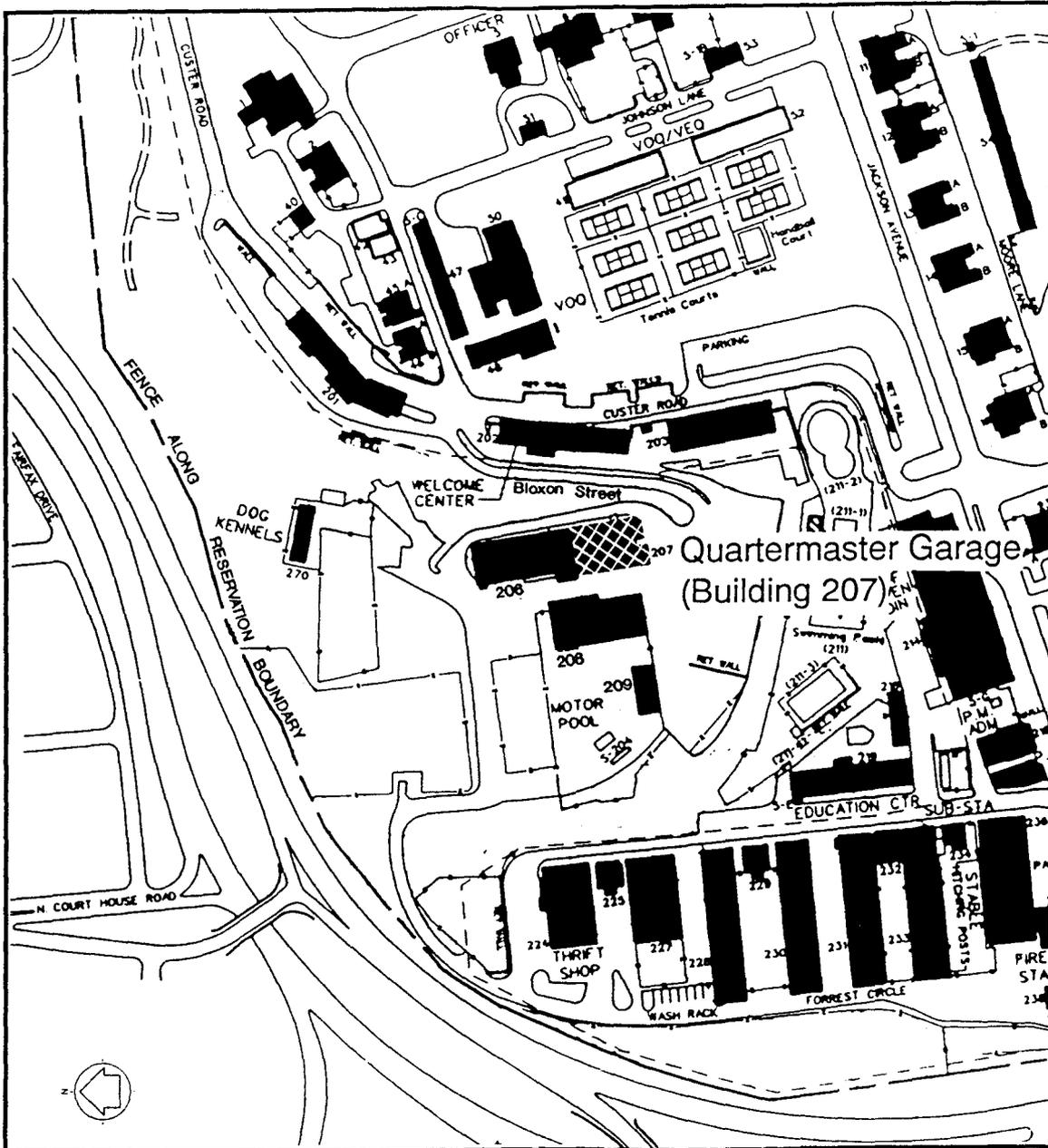
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Fort Myer General Site Map
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Fort Myer General Site Map
Detail of Quartersmaster Garage (Building 207)
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