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QUAD: Norfolk South, VA; 1965 (photorevised 1986)

Significance: The Medical Officers' Garage, a vernacular outbuilding built in 1938, is significant as part of the most significant residential compound at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, and reflects the role of the automobile in twentieth-century life. The compound is made up of both Medical Officer's Quarters B (HABS No. VA-1287-E) and Medical Officer's Quarters C (HABS No. VA-1287-B), and includes two other outbuildings, the Gardener's Tool Shed (HABS No. VA-1287-C) and the Service Building (HABS No. VA-1287-D), located in the yard behind the residences.

Description: The two-car Medical Officers' Garage is located just behind Medical Officer's Quarters B to the east, adjacent to the southern driveway off Green Street. The building faces Medical Officer's Quarters B across the driveway / parking area. The Garage is a stuccoed masonry, one-story, two-bay, single-pile building with a poured-concrete foundation, and an asphalt-shingled, gable roof. The building has six-over-six sash windows, and end gables with rectangular louvered vents and raking cornices with returns. The garage doors are four-panel, translucent-fiberglass overhead doors, and the floor is a reinforced-concrete slab.

The Garage is in a garden setting surrounded by a lawn, shrubs, and trees. There are small shrubs planted at the foundation of the building, and an early twentieth-century concrete driveway and parking area immediately in front of the building. A large back yard extends to the southwest behind the Garage, and is enclosed by a nineteenth-century cast-iron fence and a mid-twentieth-century chain-link fence.

History: The Medical Officers' Garage was built in 1938 to serve both Medical Officer's Quarters B and C (HABS No. VA-1287-B), and is still in use as a garage for the residential compound. The existing driveway and parking area were laid down around the same time the Garage was constructed. The architect and builder are not known. The cast-iron fence enclosing the back yard of the residential compound is similar to the fence that originally enclosed the yard around the 1857 Officer's Quarters A, "the Myrtles," and was probably moved to its present location in 1956

when the Officer's Quarters A was demolished for the construction of the 1960 high-rise hospital building on the site.

The property is owned by the United States Department of the Navy with caretaker responsibility assigned to the Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth.

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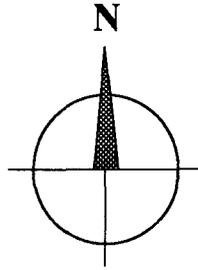
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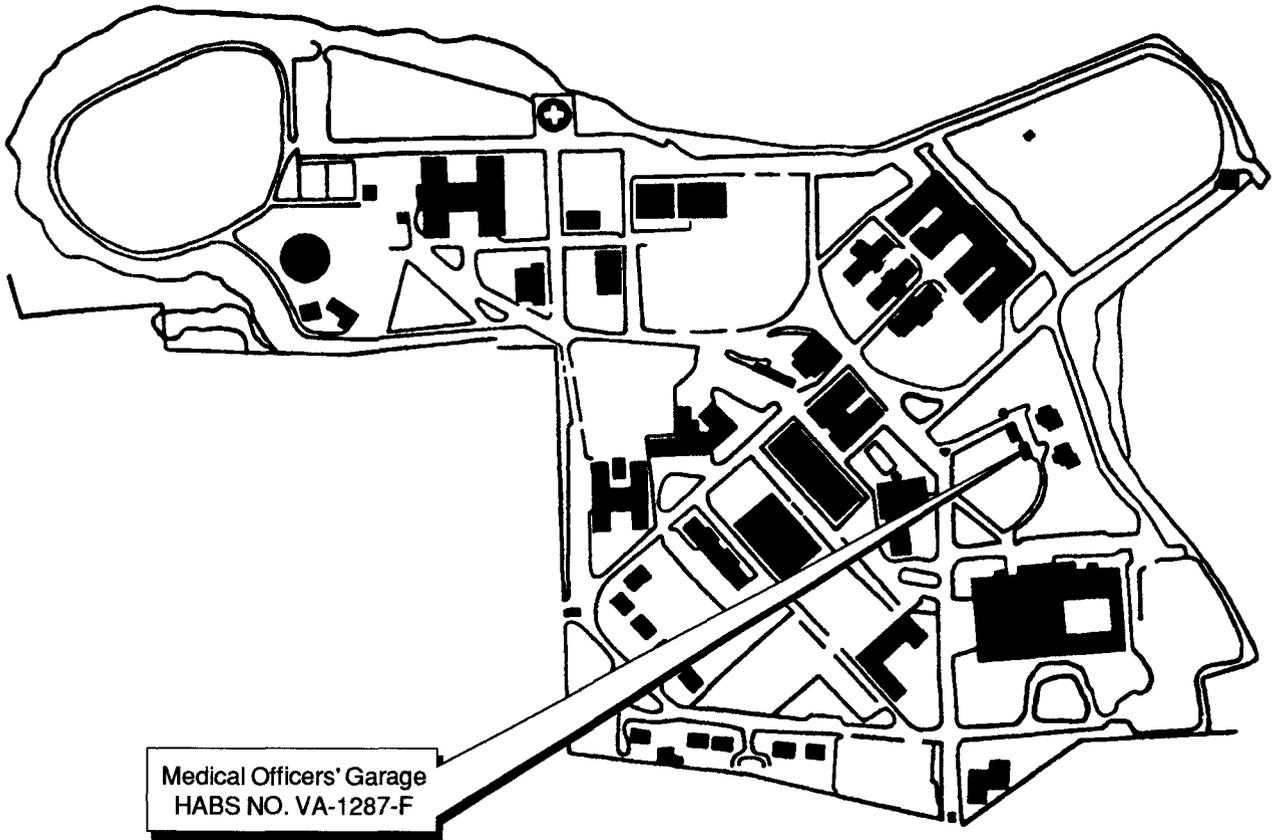
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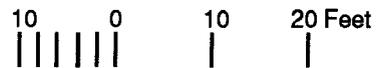
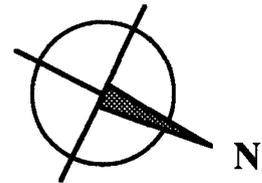
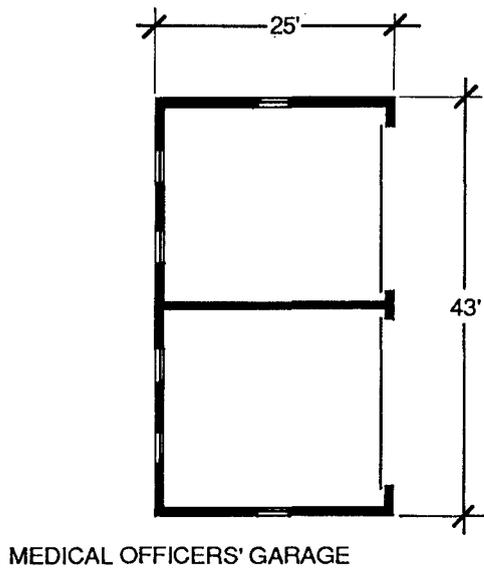
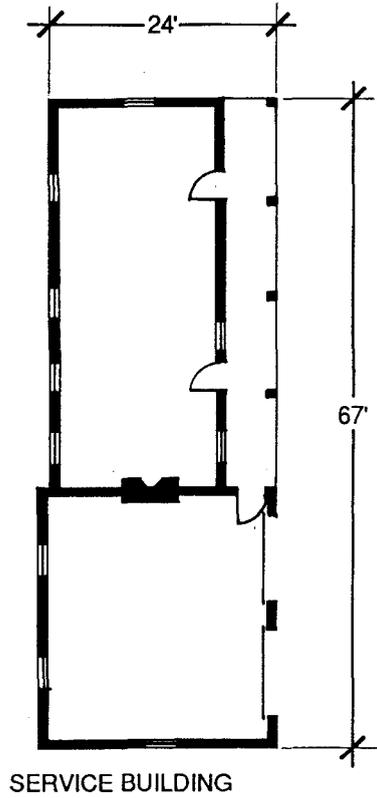
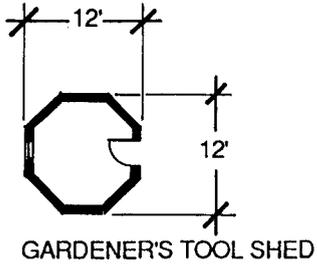
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