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(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 525)

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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.

- Location:** Fitzsimons General Hospital, Memorial Tablet
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- Significance:** This monument was dedicated to members of the medical department who died during World War I. The memorial represents the period at the hospital immediately following the First World War.
- Description:** This structure is a 10'-high, beehive-shaped memorial constructed of river rock. The stones are embedded in concrete and the foundation is concrete. A bronze plaque, measuring 4'2" x 7' is located on the south side of the monument. It reads "In memory of the officers, nurses, and enlisted men of the Medical Department United States Army who lost their lives during the World War. This tablet is erected by their coworkers of the Medical Department." The tablet is engraved at the top with the dates 1917 and 1918.
- History:** The Memorial Tablet represents the period at the hospital immediately following the First World War. The hospital was created during the war, and the medical department dedicated this memorial to fellow members of the department who lost their lives during the war. The hospital itself was named after Lt. William T. Fitzsimons, the first officer of the medical department of the U.S. Army to be killed in the war. The monument serves as a reminder of an important period in both the hospital's and the country's history.

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

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Project

Information: This monument will be moved 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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