

Fort Bliss,
7th Cavalry Barrack (448)
U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center
and Fort Bliss
City of El Paso
El Paso County
Texas

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 ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Texas		COUNTY El Paso	TOWN OR VICINITY City of El Paso
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fort Bliss, 7th Cavalry Cantonment Barrack			HABS NO. TX-3339-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Building 448			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1919-1920 Real Property Record Cards Real Property Office, Fort Bliss, Texas		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Constructing Quartermasters: Major L.D. Blauvelt; Captain Harvey R. Field, El Paso Morning Times, 17 May 1919	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The 7th Cavalry Barrack was part of a large enlisted men's cantonment, most of which were demolished in 1934-1935. This rectangular, one-story, brick masonry building was designed by War Department Construction Division architects during World War I.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Standard Military Construction			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick masonry, concrete foundation, gable roof covered with asbestos shingles, wood frame on interior with wood roof rafters; overhanging eaves			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPT) This rectangular-shaped building, with an enclosed patio, was formerly U-shaped. It is 92' x 141'.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE This double barrack has gable ends at each wing end on the east and west sides. See photos HABS No. TX-3339-c-1 through TX-3339-E-2.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior is altered. Of note are the horizontal wood sliding windows (see photo HABS No. TX-3339-7). Windows of this type are described in the War Department Manual of the Construction Division, Section C., Plate 5. They are typical windows for World War I Cantonments.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Exterior alterations include a rectangular wing addition, on the east side, in 1949-1950. The wing addition enclosed the U-shaped area and created an enclosed patio. Several windows have been sealed on the north and west sides.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building needs major repair. The masonry walls are bulging and the roof is sinking. It is currently used as an Army Chaplain's Office.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building will be demolished. Three similar buildings which retain the original U-shape will be part of a historic district.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See Jamieson, Perry D., A Survey of Fort Bliss, 1890-1940, Directorate of Facilities Engineering, Fort Bliss, Unpublished manuscript, 1980. See also Real Property Records, Buildings and Structures Card File, on file in the Real Property Office, Fort Bliss.			
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