

LIGHT HORSE SQUADRON ARMORY COMPLEX  
(Equipment Storage Building #6)  
4108 N. Richards Street  
City of Milwaukee  
Milwaukee County  
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-378-G

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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- Location: 4108 N. Richards Street  
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- Significance: Equipment Storage Building #6 was constructed in 1950 as part of the Light Horse Squadron Armory complex.
- History: The post-World War II WIARNG was a mechanized organization. This required adapting the horse-oriented Richards Street Armory complex to one that could handle a large number of vehicles. The construction of Vehicle Storage Building #6 was part of this conversion.

Description:

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Vehicle Storage Building #6 is a side-gabled, astylistic utilitarian building constructed of concrete block. Its west facade is pierced by a continuous line of seven overhead, garage doors. The building lacks any stylistic ornamentation or architectural detail.
2. Condition of Fabric: The condition of this fabric is good. The only notable alterations consist of wholesale window and door replacement.

B. Exterior Description:

1. General Description: Vehicle Storage Building #6 is an astylistic utilitarian facility built of concrete block. The building's dominate feature is a continuous line of seven large vehicle doors on the west facade. Its side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The building lacks significant styling or architectural detail.
2. Overall Dimensions: The building measures 52' x 128'.
3. Foundations: The foundation is of concrete.
4. Walls: The walls are constructed of concrete block.
5. Roof: The side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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6. Openings:

- A. Windows: Window openings are regularly placed on the north and east facades. Each measures 45½" x 40" and is fitted with a replacement, metal-framed, sliding window.
- B. Doorways: The west side carries a continuous line of seven vehicle door openings, each of which measures 15' wide x 14' tall. The openings contain a replacement, metal overhead garage door with four small windows. The north and south endwalls are pierced by a 40" x 88" doorway with a replacement metal-and-glass door.

C. Interior Description:

- 1. General Description: The interior of the building is open and unfinished. It is utilized for vehicle maintenance and storage.

- D. Setting: Vehicle Storage Building #6 is situated at the north end of the east side of the Light Horse Squadron/Richards Street Armory complex. Accompanying the building on the property are the Armory & Riding Hall (HABS WI-378-A), Regimental Commander's House (HABS WI-378-B), Blacksmith Shop & Forge Building (HABS WI-378-C), Equipment Storage Building #4 (HABS WI-378-D), Equipment Storage Building #5 (HABS WI-378-E), and Organizational Maintenance Shop #3 (HABS WI-378-F).

Sources: Citations for all sources are provided in the "Sources" section of the Complex's overview document (HABS No. WI-378). One additional source was used and is cited below:

Richards Street Armory Building Files. Located at the Facilities Management Office, Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Madison, WI.

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