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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, NURSES' QUARTERS NO. 3
(FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, BUILDING 117)
(FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL, ADMINISTRATION BLDG.)

HABS No. CO-172-I

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, Nurses' Quarters No. 3
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building 117)
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Administration Bldg.)
Northwest corner of W. Harlow Avenue and North 7th Street
Aurora
Adams County
Colorado

Significance: This building, which was originally utilized as nurses' quarters, is one of the better preserved buildings on the post. Constructed in 1923 the building represents the early architectural style adapted for Fitzsimons. The building is associated with the early period of the hospital and with the Army Nurse Corps.

Description: This two-story, concrete, south-facing, rectangular, administration building rests on a concrete foundation. The building measures 7,842 square feet. The walls are smooth stucco. The gable roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters is covered with tiles. There are shaped parapets on each end and two symmetrically placed along the east and west elevation. Fenestration consists of paired, evenly spaced six-over-six double-hung windows. There are four-pane windows in the apex of each parapet. The south facade's entrance has a gabled hood supported by triangular braces. There is a gabled hood over the entrance on the east elevation as well. The entrances are modern glass doors.

History: Building 117 was constructed in 1923 and was intended for the housing of the hospital's nursing staff. The building was originally designated as Building 864 and had the capacity for 65 nurses. The structure included bedrooms, toilet rooms, solariums, laundry rooms, and storage areas. Nurses were an integral part of the medical staff at

Fitzsimons from the beginning. In 1901, Congress established the Nurse Corps as an auxiliary branch of the Army. By the end of World War I, the Corps had expanded from 400 to 20,000, and this expansion was felt at Fitzsimons. In 1920, in recognition of their wartime services, nurses were granted officer status with "relative rank".

Several minor alterations have been made to the building since its construction. Metal fire stairs have been added to the west elevation. The parapet end window on the north has been covered up and the parapet window on the south has been replaced with a single pane. Modern glass doors have replaced original doors.

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

"Real Property Record-Buildings and Structures"
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Project

Information: This building will be demolished 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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