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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.

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Significance: This building was the first nurses' quarters built at Fitzsimons Hospital and is among the first group of buildings constructed on the base. It is significant for its association with the early development of Fitzsimons Hospital and for its representation of the design and style of the early buildings of the hospital complex. This building retains integrity of scale, setting, plan, materials and craftsmanship.

Description: This two-story, hollow tile and concrete building rests on a concrete foundation with a concrete water table. The building is rectangular in plan with the long axis oriented north-south. The building is 167 feet long and measures 15,357 square feet. The exterior of the building is stucco. The building has a low, metal, side-gable roof. A hipped-roofed porch, now enclosed, projects from the north end. A similar hipped roofed porch which incorporates the principal entry to the building, projects from the south end. Separating the core from these porches are the characteristic shaped parapets of the buildings designed for Fitzsimons. The building has overhanging eaves. Fenestration consists of paired, six-over-six windows with concrete sills. Additional entrances to the building are on the east and west sides.

History: Building 509 was constructed in 1918 by the C.S. Lambie Company. The building was originally utilized as nurses' quarters. The original design of the building included

open porches on the north, south, and west of the building.

Alterations made to this building include: the replacement of the original roofing with metal, the enclosure of the two story porches on both the north and west, the enclosure of the second story of the southern porch, and the addition of glass entry doors.

Currently, this building functions as the administration building for the hospital complex.

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" (June 10, 1946)

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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