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Location: Between Anderson Way and Howe Street, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

Significance: Building 128 was built as an eighty-two-patient Standard Ward and Building 131 as a seventy-two-patient Combination Special and Neuropsychiatric Ward for the Station Hospital in 1943. They signify the expansion of the Station Hospital during World War II and the role of the 800-series hospital, the first use of semipermanent construction for World War II hospital mobilization.

Description: Buildings 129 and 131 are two of four two-story hospital wards set parallel to one another and connected via two-story, brick enclosed, ramped corridors. The wards are rectangular structures, three bays wide and twenty-nine bays (Building 128) and thirty-two bays (Building 131) long. They have concrete foundations and hollow-tile walls with brick veneers. Pitched roofs are covered in composition shingle. End-gable windows are set within two-story, segmentally arched openings with vinyl-sided spandrels. Gable ends feature enlarged louvers. Window openings on the long walls are segmentally arched. New, aluminum windows (with fake muntins) replicate the original division of lights. Originally open sun porches are filled in with either fixed or double-hung sash windows, depending on the building. Original interiors featured double-loaded corridors with private rooms at center and open wards at the ends. Interiors have been gutted, but the central corridor plan is still prominent.

History: Buildings 129 and 131 are two of four wards built to increase bed capacity at the Fort's Station Hospital. Building 128 was built as a Type HSW-98 (modified to eighty-two beds), 800-1934 standard ward. Building 131 was built as a Type HSNPW-72 ward to plan 800-2091. The cost of the wards was \$331,909. They represent late examples of the 800-series, two-story, semipermanent hospital. Building 128 remained a hospital after World War II, while Building 131 was converted to offices. Today, both buildings are primarily administrative.

Sources: Completion Report, Job Number T3 at Fort McPherson, Georgia. January 1943 - May 1943. (Record Group 77, Army Corps of Engineers, Completion Reports, Fort McPherson. Washington National Records Center.)

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