

FORT BENNING, BUILDING NO. 865
(Detached Garage)
7350 Miller Loop, Main Post
Fort Benning Military Reservation
Chattahoochee County
Georgia

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- Location: Building No. 865 is located at 7350 Miller Loop, Main Post, Fort Benning. The garage was constructed to serve the former Bachelor Officers' Quarters on Richardson Circle.
- Significance: Building No. 865 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as contributing elements to the proposed Main Post Cantonment Historic District. The garage is associated with the themes of community planning and is examples of Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style.
- Description: Building No. 865 is an eighteen-stall detached garage constructed using provisions of Specifications No. 6417-B and Drawing No. Constructing Quartermaster (CQM) 275-308-312, which was prepared by the Office of the CQM, Fort Benning, Georgia.¹ According to the Real Property Records, the garage is 178'-7" long, 21'-9" wide, and 15'-9" high. The *Completion Report* accurately gives the dimensions of the structures as 178'-6" long, 21'-8" wide, and 15'-9" high. The entrance to each stall is 8'-4" wide, and the garage doors are separated by a 1'-6" concrete wall. Based on the Real Property Records, the garages cost \$7,223.76 each to construct, for a total of \$21,671.28.²

The building sits on a concrete foundation and currently has concrete floors that were added after the original construction. According to the 1934 *Completion Report*, the floors were gravel. It appears that sometime later, the Army covered the floor with concrete; however, no documented evidence was located to verify this alteration. The interior stalls are separated by 2" x 4" stud walls covered with corrugated metal walls.

The outer walls are constructed of clay tile covered by stucco. The wood-frame roof has one-inch tongue-in-groove decking, felt underlayment, asphalt shingles, and barrel-style mission clay tile. The roof has exposed wooden rafter ends.

The main façade of the building is eighteen bays long. Each stall is separated by a concrete-block base. The garage doors are wooden, twenty-five-panel doors. According to the original drawings, the building had a copper gutter system; this has been removed. The gable ends of the building have a concrete base, stucco walls, and hooded rafters. The rear of each building has eighteen three-over-

¹ Carl H Jabelonsky, *Completion of Report for the Construction of Two Hundred Ninety-Six Garages at Fort Benning, Georgia* (Fort Benning, GA: Office of the Constructing Quartermaster, 1934), 2.

² Fort Benning Real Property Record, Building 865. On file at the Real Property Office, Fort Benning, Georgia.

three-panes, wood-frame windows that are 2'-10" x 2'-5". The windows sit on a cast stone lentil.

History: Building No. 865 is an eighteen-stall detached garage constructed in 1934 as part of the construction of 296 garages at Fort Benning, costing a total of \$92,506. The garage was a one-story building of hollow tile and stucco with tile roof and gravel floor, constructed under the Army Housing Program for the infantry. The garage was designed to house automobiles belonging to officers at Fort Benning. Building No. 865 was constructed along Service Road (renamed Miller Loop in 1971) in the rear of Bachelor Officers' Quarters (BOQ) as shown on Plan CQM 275.³

The construction of Building No. 865 was the result of the 1930s New Deal-era expansion of the post. In October 1933, the U.S. Army allotted over \$6 million to Fort Benning for a public works construction program. The program called for the construction of new housing, administration buildings, academic buildings, and other buildings and structures. One of the housing projects approved by the War Department in 1933 was the construction of three 18-apartment BOQs for \$180,000.⁴ The Army awarded a contract to A. J. Honeycutt Company, Inc., of Columbus, Georgia (General Contractor) on June 14, 1934 to construct the 296 garages, including Building No. 865 at Fort Benning. The contractor commenced construction of the garage on June 21, 1934; they completed the work and the Constructing Quartermaster accepted the garage on November 14, 1934. The building was transferred to the Commanding General on November 16, 1934.⁵ While the garage was constructed by an outside contractor, the U.S. Army Constructing Quartermaster provided supervision of the project.

³ Most of the specific information regarding the construction of the garages came from Carl H. Jabelonsky, *Completion of Report for the Construction of Two Hundred Ninety-Six Garages at Fort Benning, Georgia*.

⁴ "Fort Benning Building Program Announced," *Benning Herald*, (6 October 1933), 1; "Construction Just Started on Thirty Officers' Quarters," *Benning Herald*, (8 December 1933), 1, 4.

⁵ "Construction Just Started on Thirty Officers' Quarters," *Benning Herald*, 3.

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Fort Benning, Georgia Quadrangle
showing location of Building No. 865

