

FORT BENNING, VETERINARY HOSPITAL COMPLEX
AMBULANCE GARAGE
(Main Post Veterinary Hospital Ambulance Garage)
(Building No. 267)
7110 10th Division Court
Maneuver Center of Excellence
Fort Benning Military Reservation
Chattahoochee County
Georgia

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- Location: 7110 10th Division Court, Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), Fort Benning Military Reservation, Columbus, Georgia.
- USGS 1955, photorevised 1985 Fort Benning, Georgia-Alabama 7.5 topographic quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: E690123 N3582555.
- Present Owner: Fort Benning Military Reservation, Georgia.
- Present Occupant: U.S. Army Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) Command.
- Present Use: Vacant; reserved future possible use as a FMWR Kennel.
- Significance: The Veterinary Hospital Ambulance Garage, Building 267, is a contributing element to the Fort Benning Main Post Historic District, Fort Benning Military Reservation, Chattahoochee County, Georgia.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1934. Construction of the veterinary hospital complex buildings was completed on October 12, 1934.
2. Architect: U.S. Army Construction Office for the Quartermaster General, Fort Benning, Georgia.
3. Original and subsequent owners: U.S. Army, Fort Benning Military Reservation, Georgia.
4. Original and subsequent occupants: From 1934 to 2008, U.S. Army Veterinary Command. From 2008 to present: vacant (FMWR)
5. Contractor: Smith-Pew Construction Company, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia.
6. Original plans and construction: No original plans for Building No. 267 on file at Fort Benning.
7. Alterations and additions: As constructed, the veterinary ambulance garage consisted of two open garage bays and an enclosed garage bay with metal rolling

door. In 1959, the building was converted into kennels. The open bays were changed to a reception and administration room (left bay), and a storage and food preparation room (right bay). The enclosed garage was converted into a cat kennel. A screened concrete porch with low concrete block walls was constructed on the southeast front across the right open bay and the garage bay. An open concrete porch was added to the front of the left bay. The screened porch was removed (date unknown). The window opening on the southwest side was filled in with brick (date unknown). In 2010, the building was stripped for conversion for use as a kennel to support pets requiring billeting when soldiers are deployed or when families are awaiting family housing apartments.

B. Historical Context:

The veterinary hospital complex at Fort Benning consists of three permanent buildings constructed in 1934: Building No. 265, veterinary hospital and barracks; Building No. 266, veterinary hospital ward; and Building No. 267, veterinary hospital ambulance garage. Constructed during the Depression Era building boom on the installation, the complex represents the continued importance of the Army's Veterinary Service in the years preceding World War II. The complex was designed and constructed with the intention of providing permanent housing facilities for the Veterinary Detachment, veterinary equipment, and sick animals. Building No. 267 was designed to house one ambulance and two cars or trucks.

Building No. 267, the veterinary hospital ambulance and garage was one of the original structures built in 1934. For historical context and history of the Army's Veterinary Service refer to the veterinary hospital complex overview complex overview in GA HABS No. 2426.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The architectural integrity of Building No. 267 has been compromised by subsequent conversions into kennels (1959, 2010). The building's Georgian Revival style-inspired details have been removed. Despite alterations, Building 267 remains compatible in scale and building material with the other buildings in the veterinary hospital complex.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The one story T-shaped building measures 44' x 27'-4" x 14' high; a total area of 1,175 square feet.
 2. Foundations: Reinforced concrete.
 3. Walls: 8" thick red brick common bond (5:1).
 4. Structural system, framing: Brick.
 5. Porches, stoops: The screened porch (built 1959) on the southeast front was demolished.
 6. Chimneys: None.
 7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Two open bays are located on the southeast front and the gable end of the garage has a partially enclosed bay. All of the doors have been removed.
 - b. Windows: The original single window opening on the northwest side of the gable was removed and converted into a doorway opening.
 8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gabled roof with red clay tile shingles and clay tile ridge cresting.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Slightly overhanging eaves with exposed wood rafter tails visible on the sides of the front-gabled bay and on the northwest side of the main block.
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Floor plans: T-shaped. No original plans on file at Fort Benning.
 2. Stairways: None.
 3. Flooring: Concrete.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Wall surfaces are brick and partially covered with drywall. The ceiling is covered with cork sheet ceiling tiles.

5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Constructed without interior doors.
 - b. Windows: Constructed with a single six-over-six double-hung wood sash window on northwest gable end.
 6. Hardware: All of the original hardware has been removed.
 7. Decorative features and trim: None.
 8. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating and air conditioning, ventilation: The building was constructed as a garage with no heating or air conditioning. In 1960, a 30 gallon hot water heater was added. Presently, the building is an open vacant building without heating or air conditioning.
 - b. Lighting: None of the original lighting fixtures remain. The fluorescent lights installed in 1959 were removed.
 - c. Plumbing: The building was constructed with running water. In 1959, a latrine and sinks were installed; each of which were removed.
- D. Site: The building is located on the northwest side of the veterinary hospital ward building, Building No. 267, at the northwestern end of 10th Division Court. Building No. 267 is the northwestern building of the three primary buildings in the veterinary hospital complex. A grass lawn with perimeter fence surrounds the northeast side and northwest rear of the building. The veterinary hospital kennel/dog run, Building No. 264, is adjacent to the southwest side of the building.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

A. Architectural Drawings:

577th Engineering Battalion (Construction) S-3 Section, United States Army
1959 Dog Kennels. 577th Engineering Battalion (Construction) S-3 Section, United States Army, Fort Benning. On file in Plans and Support, Master Planning Department, Division of the Directorate of Public Works, Building No. 6, Fort Benning, Georgia. Electronic database drawing numbers PE 4860A-4860.

1960 Fort Benning Post Engineer Office
Installation of Heat Pumps. Fort Benning Post Engineer Office, Fort Benning. On file in Plans and Support, Master Planning Department, Division of the Directorate of Public Works, Building No.6, Fort Benning, Georgia. Electronic database drawing numbers PE 4813.

B. Early views:

Historic Photographs: From the collection at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning Military Reservation, Fort Benning, Georgia (see Part V - Graphic Documentation).

C. Bibliography:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Office of the Constructing Quartermaster

1934 *Completion Report for the Construction of Veterinary Hospital Building, Veterinary Hospital, and Ambulance Garage Building at Fort Benning, Georgia*, Number 6, War Department, Quartermaster Corps, Construction Division, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Real Property Office, Fort Benning

1944-2007 Building 267, Real Property cards on file in the Office of Real Property, Master Planning Department, Directorate of Public Works, Building No. 6, Fort Benning Georgia.

2008-2009 IFS Memorandums on file in the Office of Real Property, Master Planning Department, Directorate of Public Works, Building No. 6, Fort Benning, Georgia.

2. Secondary and published sources: see HABS No. GA-2426.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION:

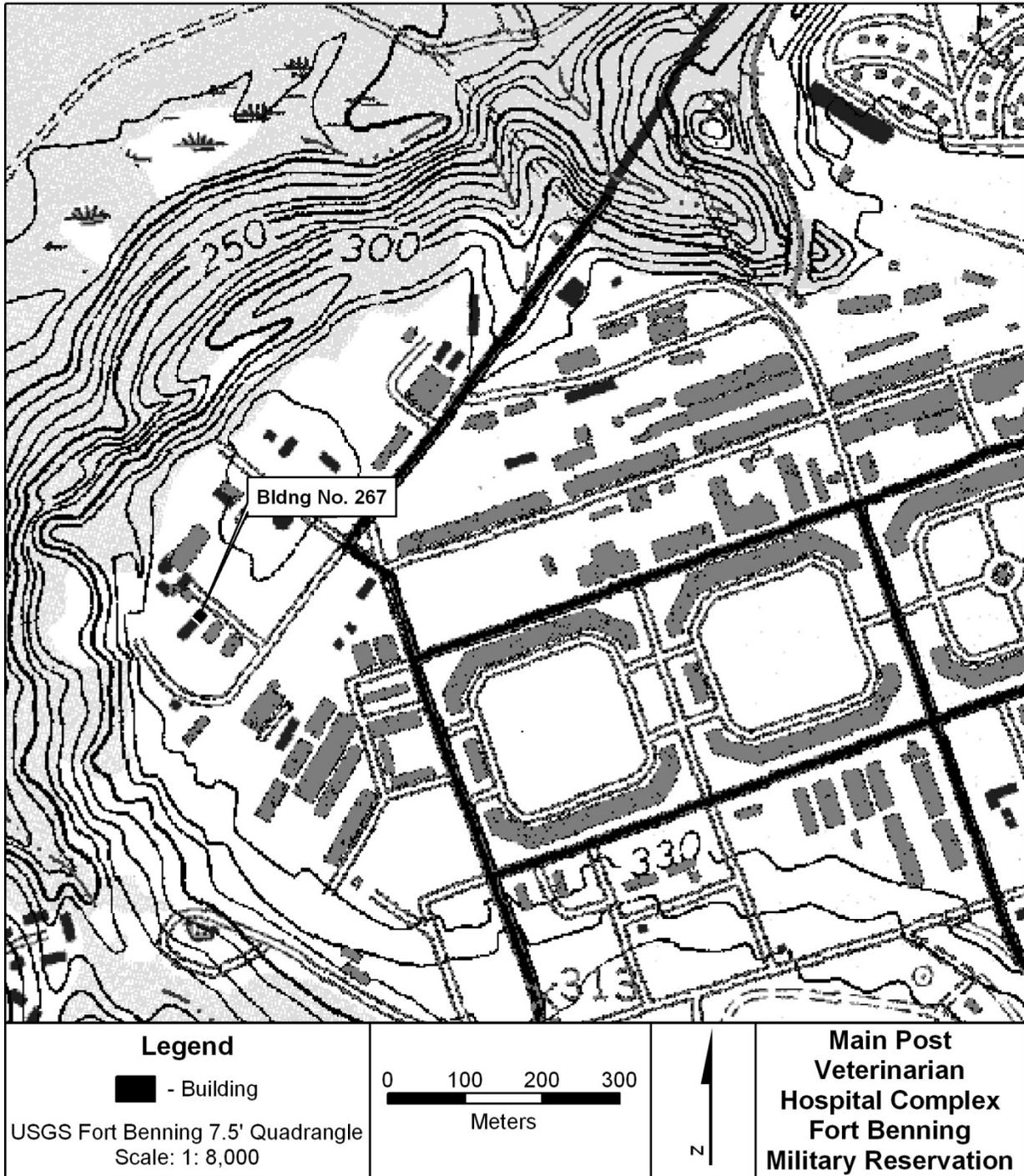
Constructed in 1934, the original veterinary hospital complex buildings, Building Nos. 265-267 are contributing elements of the Main Post Historic District. In 2008, the Army transferred the veterinary hospital ambulance building (Building No. 267) from the Veterinary Command to the Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (FMWR) for conversion into a kennel. A Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) of the Veterinary Clinic (Veterinary Hospital), Building No. 265, was required due to the proposed alterations of the interior spaces of the building. Building Nos. 266 and 267 were included in HABS No. GA-2426 because Building No. 265 is part of a complex that historically functioned as a cohesive unit to meet the mission of the U.S. Army Veterinary Service at Fort Benning Military Reservation. At the time of the HABS field

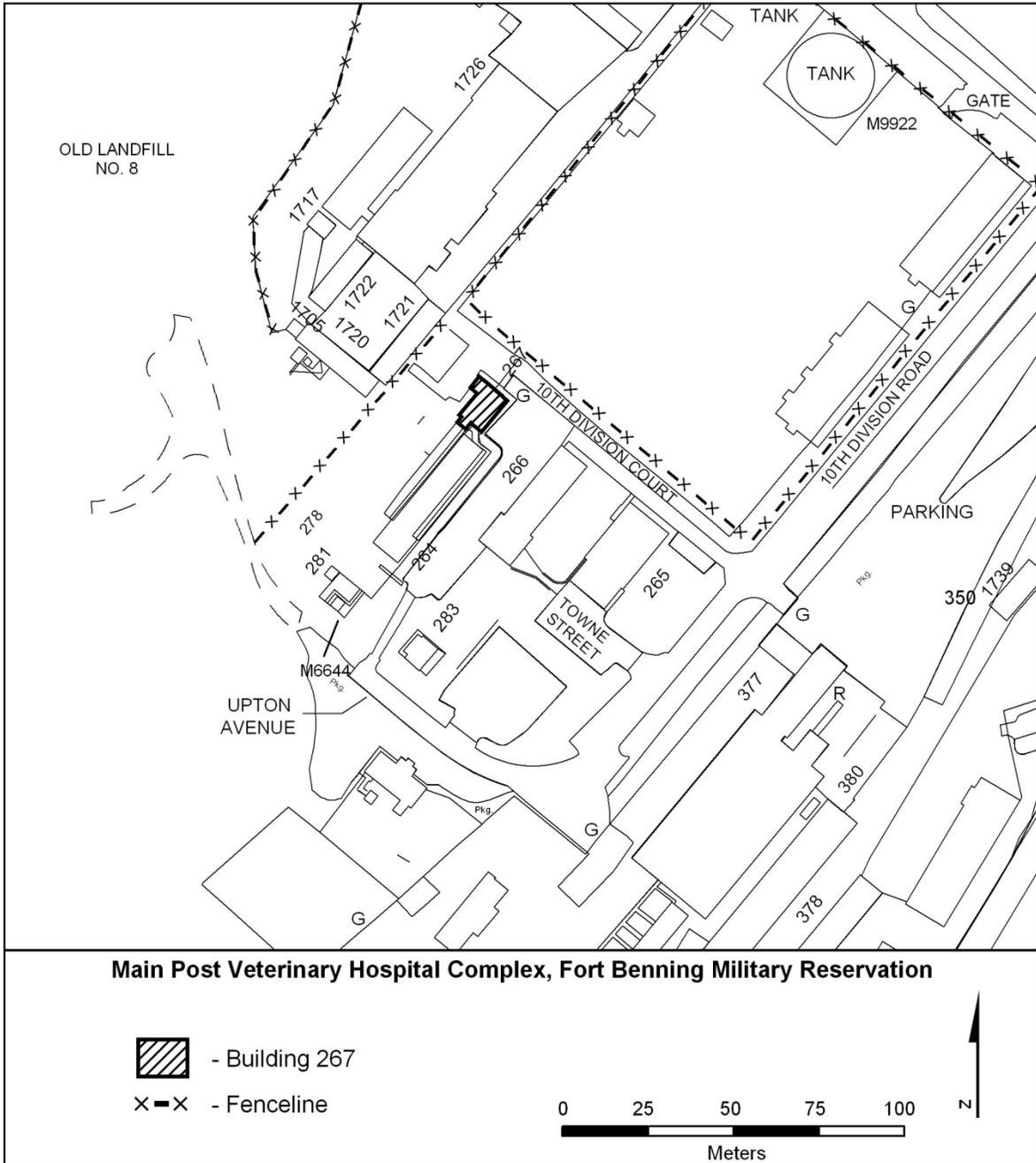
recording (April 2010), Building No. 267 stood vacant and open without exterior doors or windows.

At the request of Fort Benning's Environmental Management Division, fieldwork was completed in April 2010. The final documentation was prepared by Architectural Historian Christine M. Longiaru and Principal Investigator Stacey Griffin; Rachel Kyker, Editor; Mark Drumlevitch, Large-Format Photographer; all of Panamerican Consultants, Inc., 924 26th Avenue East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404, (205) 556-3096.

PART V. GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION:

A. Location Maps





Site plan for the Veterinary Hospital Complex. Electronic database drawing available in Plans and Support, Master Planning Office, Directorate of Public Works, Building 6, Fort Benning, Georgia.

B. Historic Photographs



View of the Veterinary Hospital Ambulance Garage (Building No. 267) as constructed with two open bays and enclosed garage bay, facing southwest. Original photograph on file at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning Military Reservation, Columbus, Georgia (Folder 1/3/39:Buildings – Industrial Buildings).



View of the rear (northwest) and southwest side of the Veterinary Hospital Ambulance Garage (Building No. 267), facing northeast. Original photograph on file at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning Military Reservation, Columbus, Georgia (Folder 1/3/39:Buildings – Industrial Buildings).