

**FORT SHAFTER MILITARY RESERVATION, Facilities  
No. 823, 825, 842**

**HABS No. HI-287-D**

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Location: Fort Shafter Military Reservation  
Honolulu County, Hawaii

USGS 7.5 minute series topographic map

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates:

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Significance: This residential neighborhood was part of the U.S. Army's build up of troops and expansion of facilities in Hawai'i prior to and in the early years of World War II (WWII). It also retains significance based on its association with the importance of Fort Shafter as a historical installation.

Fort Shafter is significant as Hawai'i's first U.S. military post and as a U.S. Army headquarters in Hawai'i. The post was established just after Hawai'i became a territory of the U.S. in 1900. In 1921, Fort Shafter became the headquarters of the Hawaiian Department, and since then it has served as the Senior Army headquarters in Hawai'i. During WWII, Fort Shafter was the site of logistical planning for many significant U.S. military battles and operations in the Pacific.

Description: This small WWII era neighborhood has three single-family houses among the 16 duplex housing units. The houses are a modest Ranch-style, with moderately-sloped hipped roofs, large wood windows, and simple metal railings. The exposed texture of the exterior concrete brick walls add to the informal character.

The floor plan has an off-center front entry with a concrete platform landing. This leads into the living room, which extends from the front of the house to the back. A central hallway leads off the living room to one side. On either side of the hallway are the kitchen, three bedrooms, and a bathroom. There was originally a service porch accessed from the kitchen; the interior wall has been removed between these rooms creating a larger kitchen. The bedrooms each have a closet with shelf and rod. The bathroom has a watercloset, bathtub/shower, and lavatory. A storage room and linen closet are also accessed from the hallway.

This house type has a wood floor structure supported by a concrete block foundation perimeter wall and concrete piers. The floor structure consists of 2x6

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joists and 4x6 girders, with wood sheathing above. Interior flooring is wood or linoleum tiles; this is typically now covered with vinyl tile, sheet vinyl, or carpet.

Windows were originally wood double-hung, each sash having two lites with one horizontal muntin at the center of the sash. Windows were either single, paired, or triple windows. An opening at the back in the original service porch was screened with no window. The windows have all been replaced with jalousie windows.

Most of the original doors remain. The front entry door is 3'-0" wide by 7'-8" high. It is 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick, constructed of Douglas Fir v-joint T&G boards over a cell core. The door was originally natural finish and had a small peephole viewer. What appears to be the original door hardware is typically still present, and is a simple art deco style escutcheon and knob. The front entry also has a screen door, which has one lower wood panel and a screen in the upper portion with two intermediate horizontal batten supports. This door has a small simple door knob on the outside, and lever and thumb lock on the inside. The doorway has a simple thin wood frame in opening in the concrete brick.

The original door leading from the original service porch (now kitchen) to the rear landing was a 3'-0" x 7'-0" screen door with a wood panel in the lower portion and a screen in the upper portion. Interior doors are wood framed with wood casing that is  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3-1/2" with rounded edges. The doors are painted wood single panel, with 5-1/2" wide top and side stiles and rails, and 10-1/2" wide bottom rail. The doors are 1-3/8" thick with 3/8" thick panels.

The original wall finish on was 5/8" plaster over the concrete tile and concrete door and window headers, or over the wood studs at the interior walls. All rooms had a wood baseboard 5/8" thick by 4-1/2" high, with a rounded top edge, and a small base shoe the same material as the flooring in that room. Ceilings are originally  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick insulation board, with a decorative 1-1/2" picture molding at the top of the wall in the living room and bedrooms. Where renovations have occurred on the interior, typically at the kitchens, the wall and ceiling finishes are generally now gypsum board.

Door hardware is typically a classic-shaped metal knob of brass, with a rectangular backplate with beveled edge and a lever lock key hole. The window hardware was not recorded in any of the historic documents available, and all of the original window hardware has been removed. Remaining wood framed screens have pull-pin type locks at the sides to secure the frame. There is little ornamentation in the interior, except that the living room and bedrooms have a decorative wood picture molding at the top of the walls.

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The kitchens originally had built-in cabinets, including a sink with ceramic tile counter and backsplash, and wood cabinets below on either side; a “cooler” which was a built-in cabinet with shelves and a screened vent at the top and bottom, and a cabinet with lower and upper doors and a maple-top counter. These cabinets have all been removed.

Although new lighting typically seems to have been installed in the same location as original lighting, the only noted likely original fixtures are at the entry porch ceilings. This fixture is a ceiling-mounted fixture with a metal plate-shaped base with a smaller cylindrical bowl-shaped glass shade of patterned glass. These fixtures are also located at the rear laundry/storage room addition, and may have been relocated there from the original portion of the house. New lighting includes ceiling fan lights, ceiling -mounted lights, and other various fixtures. The original plumbing consisted of cold water, hot water, and waste lines run underneath the floor in the crawl space, and vent lines run in the attic. All original interior plumbing fixtures have been replaced with modern fixtures.

History: See HABS No. HI-287-C for a description of the history of Fort Shafter and the Rice Manor Neighborhood.

Sources: See HABS No. HI-287-C

Historian: Katharine Slocumb, Mason Architects Inc., 2011.

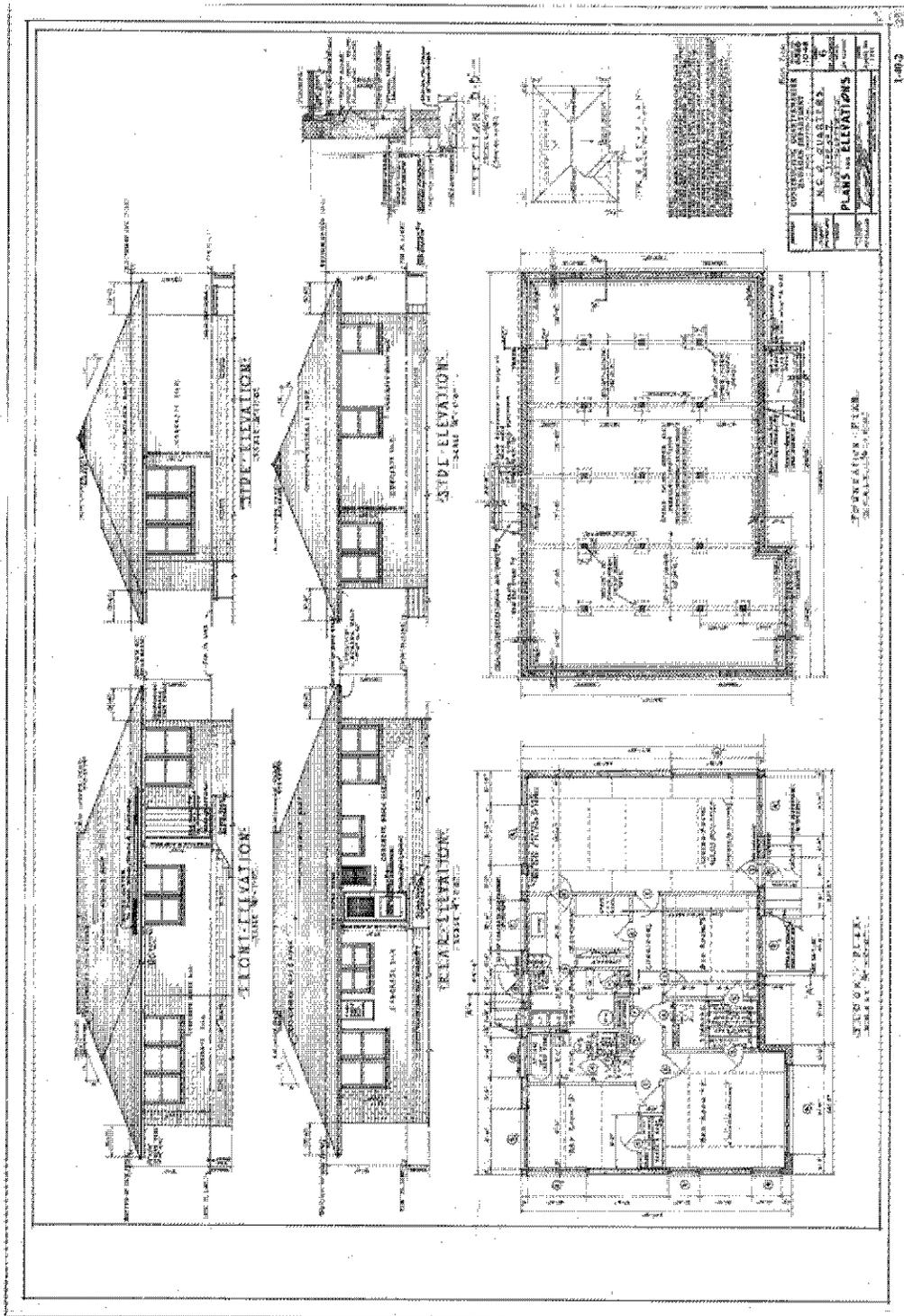
**Project**

Information: This HABS documentation was undertaken in 2010 in accordance with a programmatic agreement related to the privatization of family housing at US Army Garrison (2004), and in association with a child development center construction project. The report was researched and written by Katie Slocumb, Mason Architects Inc., 119 Merchant Street Suite 501, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 in May 2011. The large-format photographs were taken on July 14, 2010, by David Franzen of Franzen Photography, Kailua, Hawai'i.

A HALS documentation was prepared concurrently for the Rice Manor neighborhood by Helber Hastert & Fee, Planners Inc. and Franzen Photography.

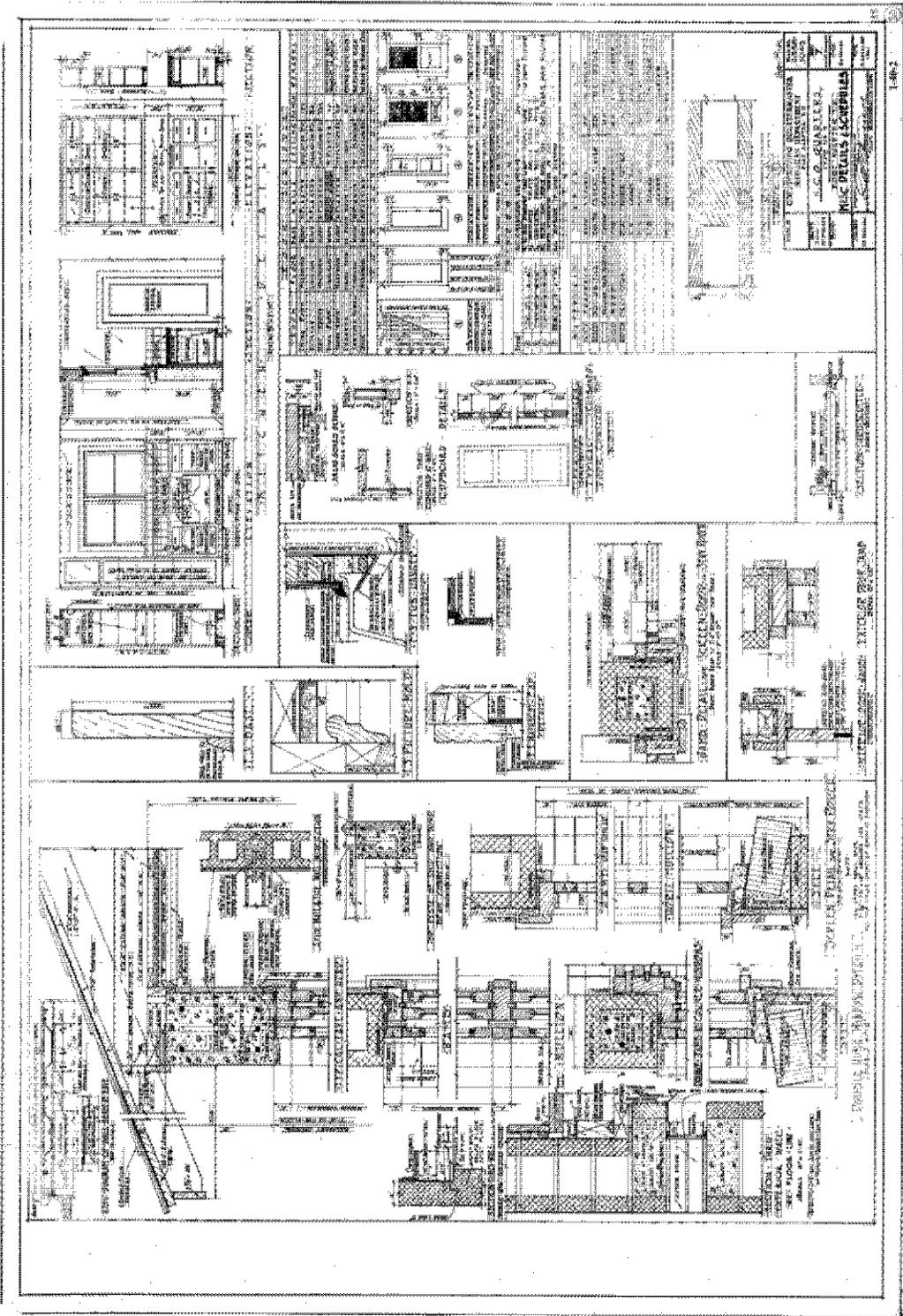
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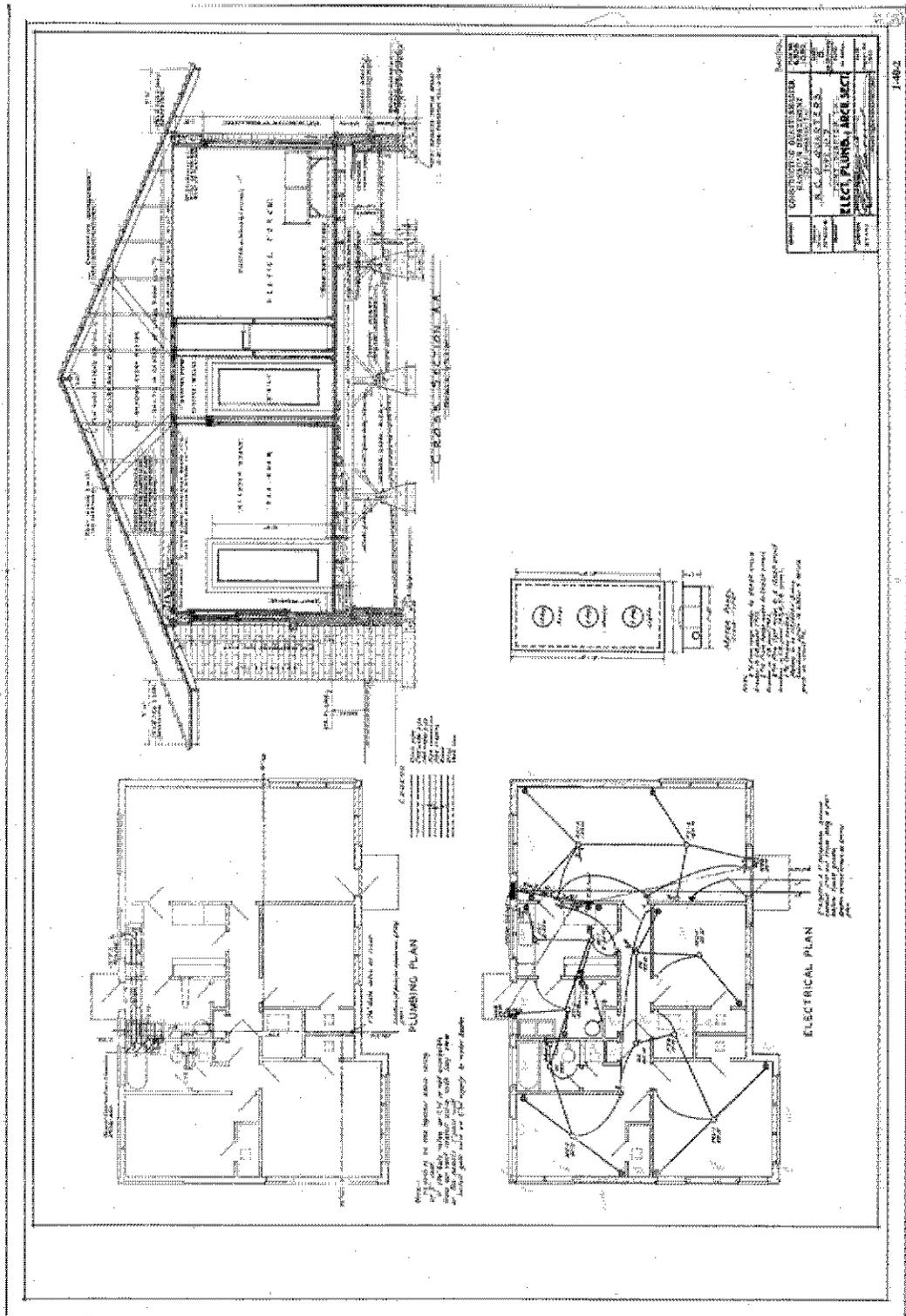
**Type No. 7 floor plan, foundation plan, and elevations, (Historic drawing No. 658-1048, dated August 30, 1941 (reduced))**

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Type No. 7 details, (Historic drawing no. 6558-1049, dated August 30, 1941 (reduced))

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**Type No. 7 plumbing and electrical plans, (Historic drawing no. 6558-1050, dated August 30, 1941 (reduced))**