

FORT RODMAN MILITARY RESERVATION,
POST EXCHANGE LUMBER STORAGE
(Fort Rodman Military Reservation, Building P-67)
Southern portion of complex, north of Bake House
New Bedford
Bristol County
Massachusetts

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- Location:** Fort Rodman Military Reservation
New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts
- USGS: New Bedford, South
UTM Coordinates: 19.341400.4606175
- Significance:** The Post Exchange (P.E.) Lumber Storage building is an example of a "temporary" building constructed by the Army during World War II.
- Description:** It is a small one-by-two story structure with a projecting vestibule. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, the exterior with wood drop siding, a form of tongue-and-groove boards laid horizontally, and the foundation is cement. The building retains many of its original finishes: drop siding, six-over-six wood sash, and doors with a four-pane light over three horizontal panels.
- History:** The building was erected in 1943, although its "P" designation implies that it was a permanent building constructed before World War II. The anomaly is explained by the fact that the Lumber Storage Building (P-67) was constructed on the foundation of an earlier building, a searchlight truck shelter built in 1906 and was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane. The building was used as a post engineers lumber storage during the war and at least until 1959; it is still used for storage.
- Source:** Architectural Inventory Form, on file at Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, MA.
- Historian:** Nancy Seasholes, Boston University Office of Public Archaeology, 1989.