

FORT HANCOCK, AMBULANCE GARAGE  
(Fort Hancock, Building No. 322)  
On Pennington Drive, West of Hartshorne Drive  
at the Fort Hancock Proving Ground  
Fort Hancock  
Monmouth County  
New Jersey

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USGS Sandy hook, NJ-NY Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18,584430,4478770

Significance: This World War II era wood frame structure has been identified as a contributing structure to the Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Ground Historic District because of the role that Fort Hancock played during World War II as the headquarters for the harbor defenses of New York and the New York Subsector. During 1945 and 1946 Fort Hancock served the nation as a primary reception center for troops returning from European theater of operations, before being demobilized and discharged. Between 1943 and 1948 the Sandy Hook batteries, because of development of the atomic bomb and missiles and the successful application of new principals of amphibious warfare, were phased out and disarmed. This building was typical of the temporary wood frame structures built to shelter automobiles throughout the United States during World War II.

Description: The wood-frame structure is located on the south side of Pennington Drive. The main portion is rectangular in plan and serves as a two-car garage. It has a gable roof. A smaller, shed-roofed portion of the structure projects to the rear or south of the main portion. The entire wood frame of the structure rests on a concrete block foundation and is covered with horizontal wood siding. The garage doors are of the overhead type, multi-paneled and constructed of wood. Windows are 8 over 8 light, wood double-hung sash. An outside brick chimney with concrete cap stands at the west elevation. A concrete apron at the south is an extension of the interior concrete slab floor. The interior is finished with unpainted gypsum drywall at the walls and ceiling.

History: The post of Fort Hancock consisted primarily of yellow brick structures built from 1896 to 1939 to house the army units assigned to the Sandy Hook Coastal Batteries defending New York harbor. At the advent of World War II the post was expanded to accommodate the increased demands of the expanding army.

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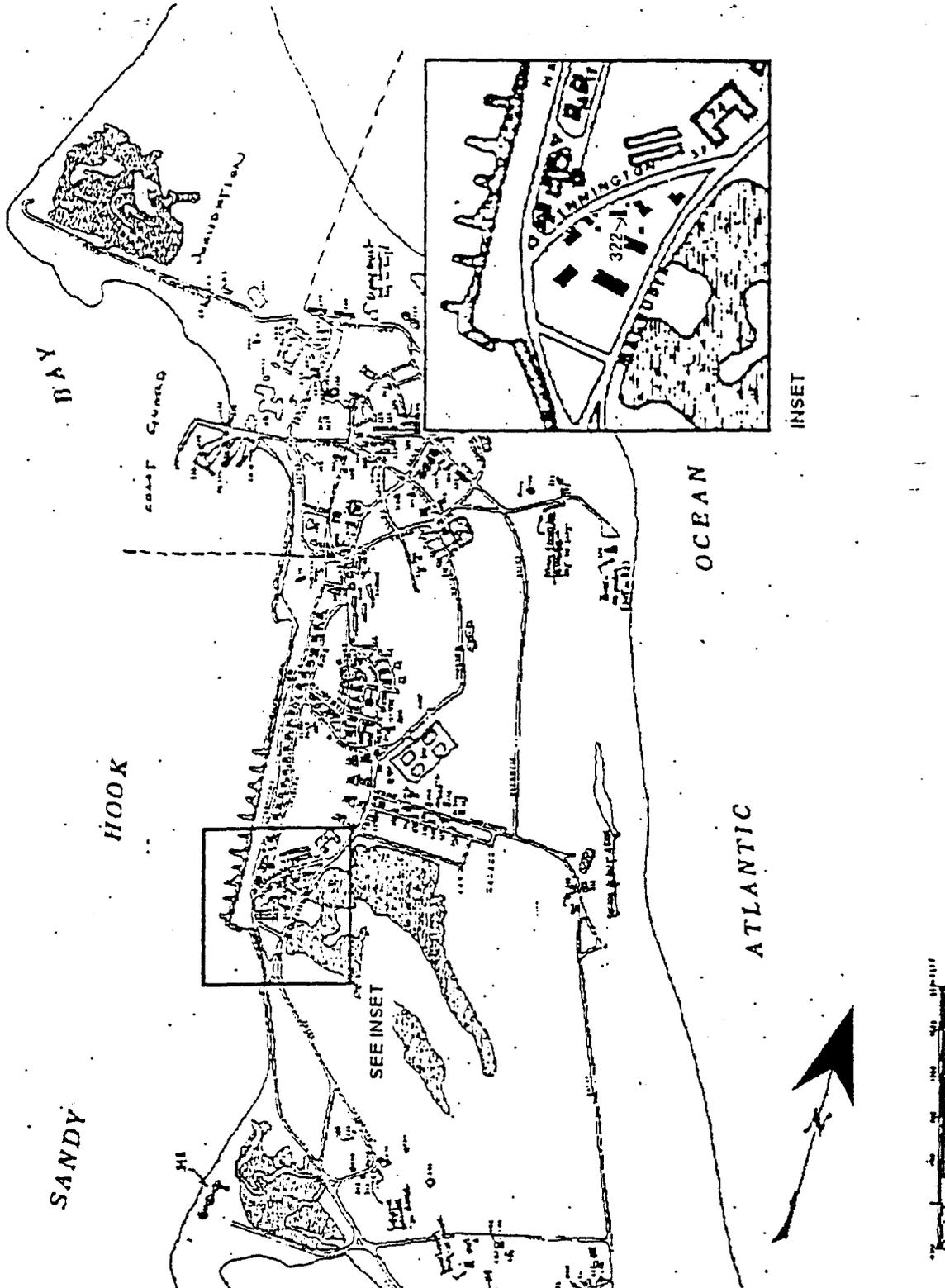
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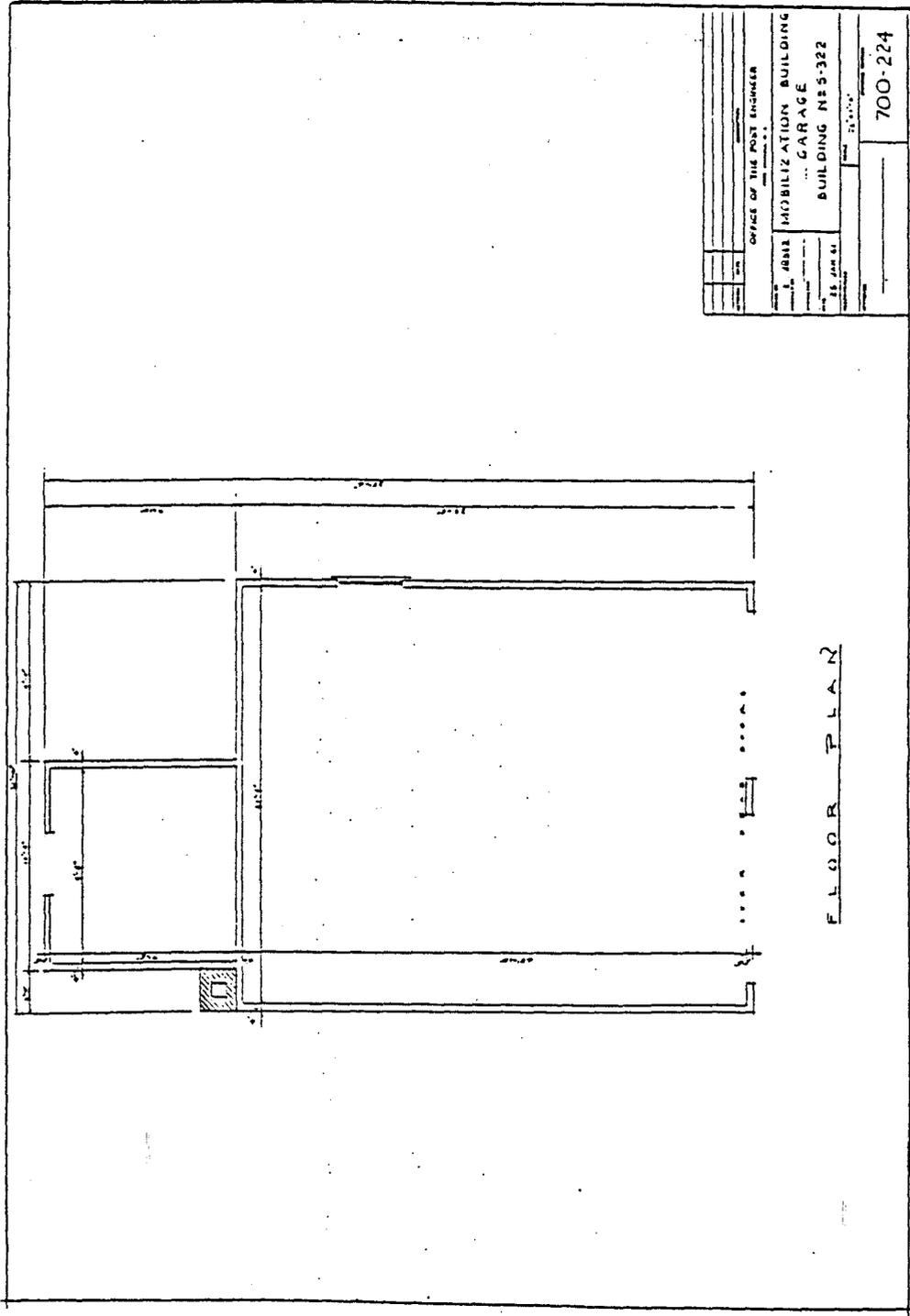
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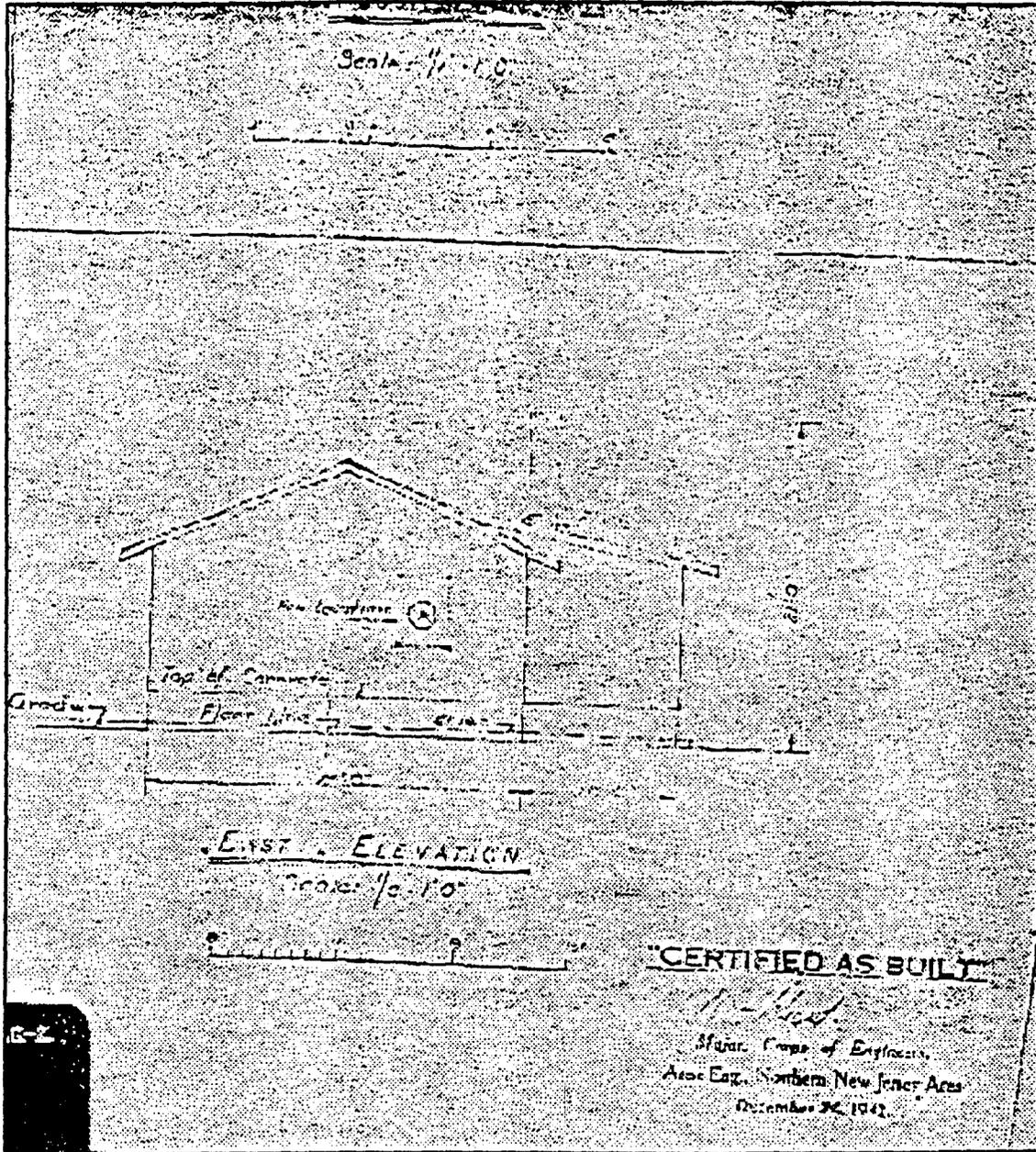
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| OFFICE OF THE POST ENGINEER |                       |
| NO. 322                     | MOBILIZATION BUILDING |
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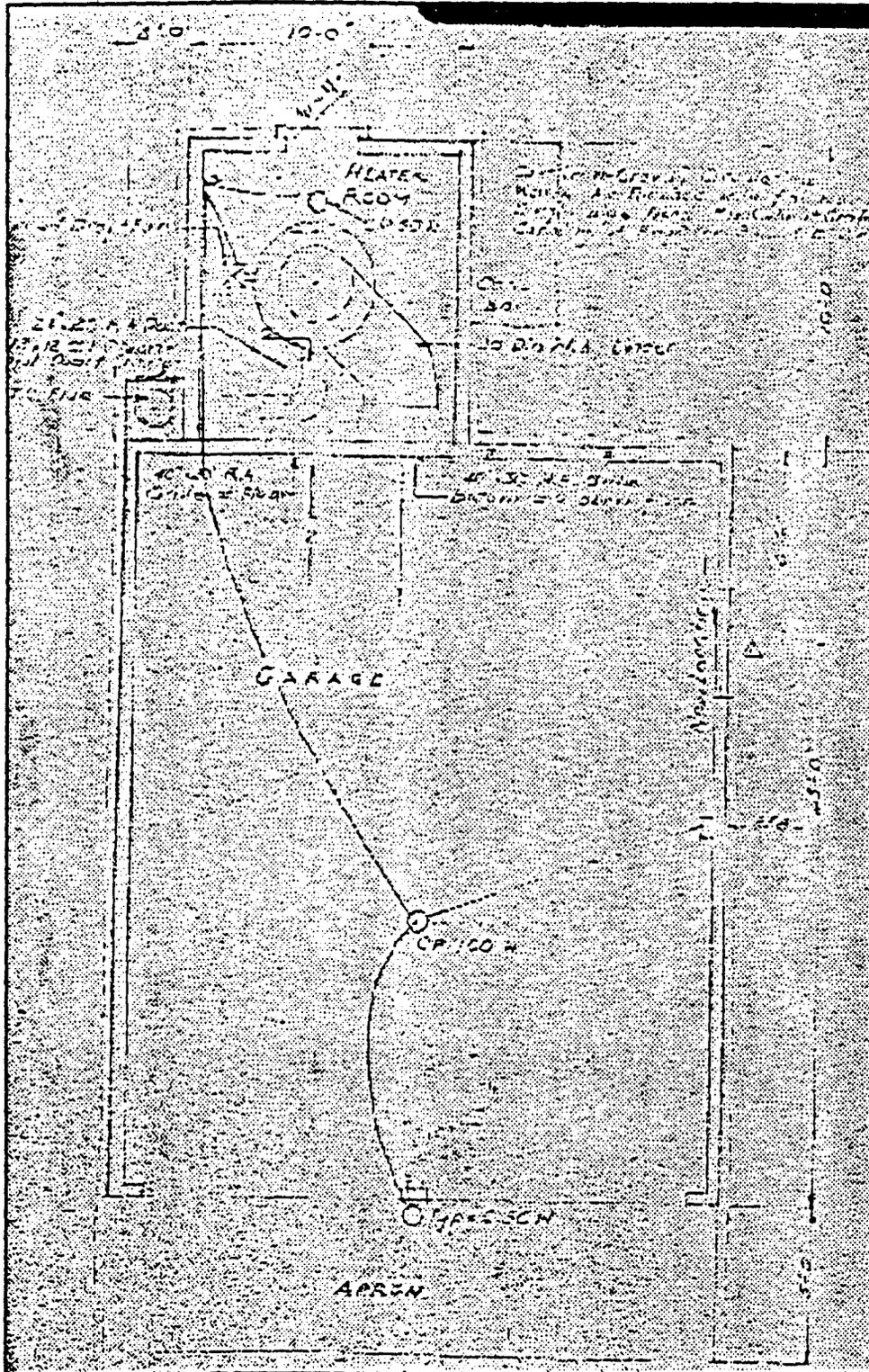
FLOOR PLAN - DRAWN 1960





EAST ELEVATION - DRAWN 1942

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ELECTRICAL PLAN - DRAWN 1942