

FORT HANCOCK, AMBULANCE GARAGE
(Fort Hancock, Building No. 323)
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:
18,584410,4478770

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 medical emergency response vehicles throughout the United States during World War II.

Description: Exterior:
The garage dimensions are 19'-10" x 24'-2"; composing the 433 square feet area. This structure shares the electricity of the adjacent garage, Structure No. 322. Both are sited in the hospital building parking area where trees and vegetation grow nearby. Set upon a concrete foundation, the exterior walls are of vertically installed corrugated sheet metal siding on 2 x 4 studs. The roof is finished with tar paper laid over the sheathing which sits on 2 x 4 rafters. There are no gutters, but the eaves overhang slightly. Two metal and glass casement windows are located on the east rear wall abutting the west wall of Structure 322. Consequently, these windows are not functional and it appears as though the structure (No. 323) had been originally relocated on its present site. The overhead garage doors are wood panelled doors equipped with modern hardware.

Interior:
The floor is a concrete slab on grade. All structural elements are exposed on the inside. There are remnants of lights but no space heating.

History: The permanent 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. With the advent of World War II the post was greatly expanded to accommodate the increased demands of the expanding army. Building 323 was built as a result of that expansion.

Source: National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form
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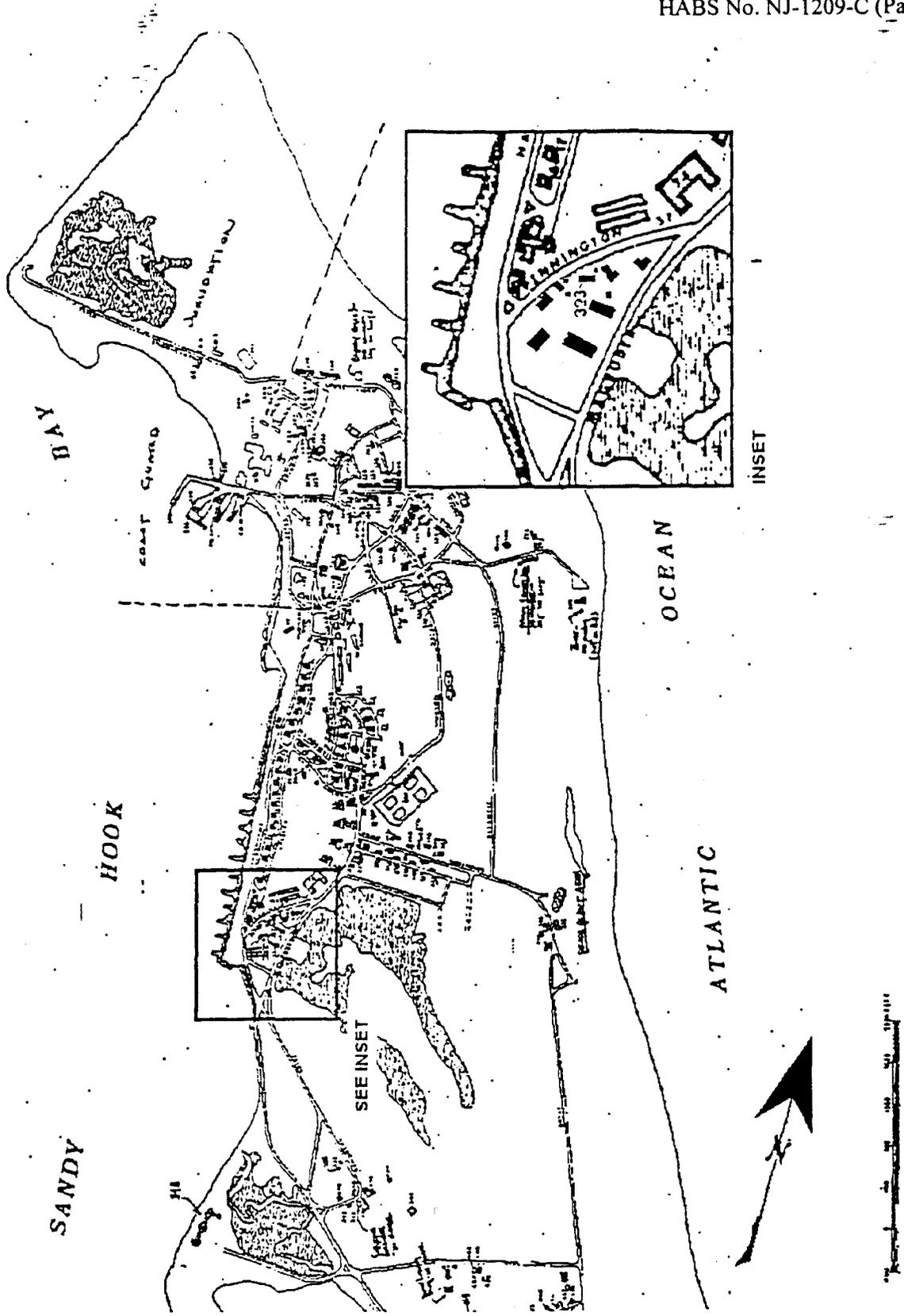
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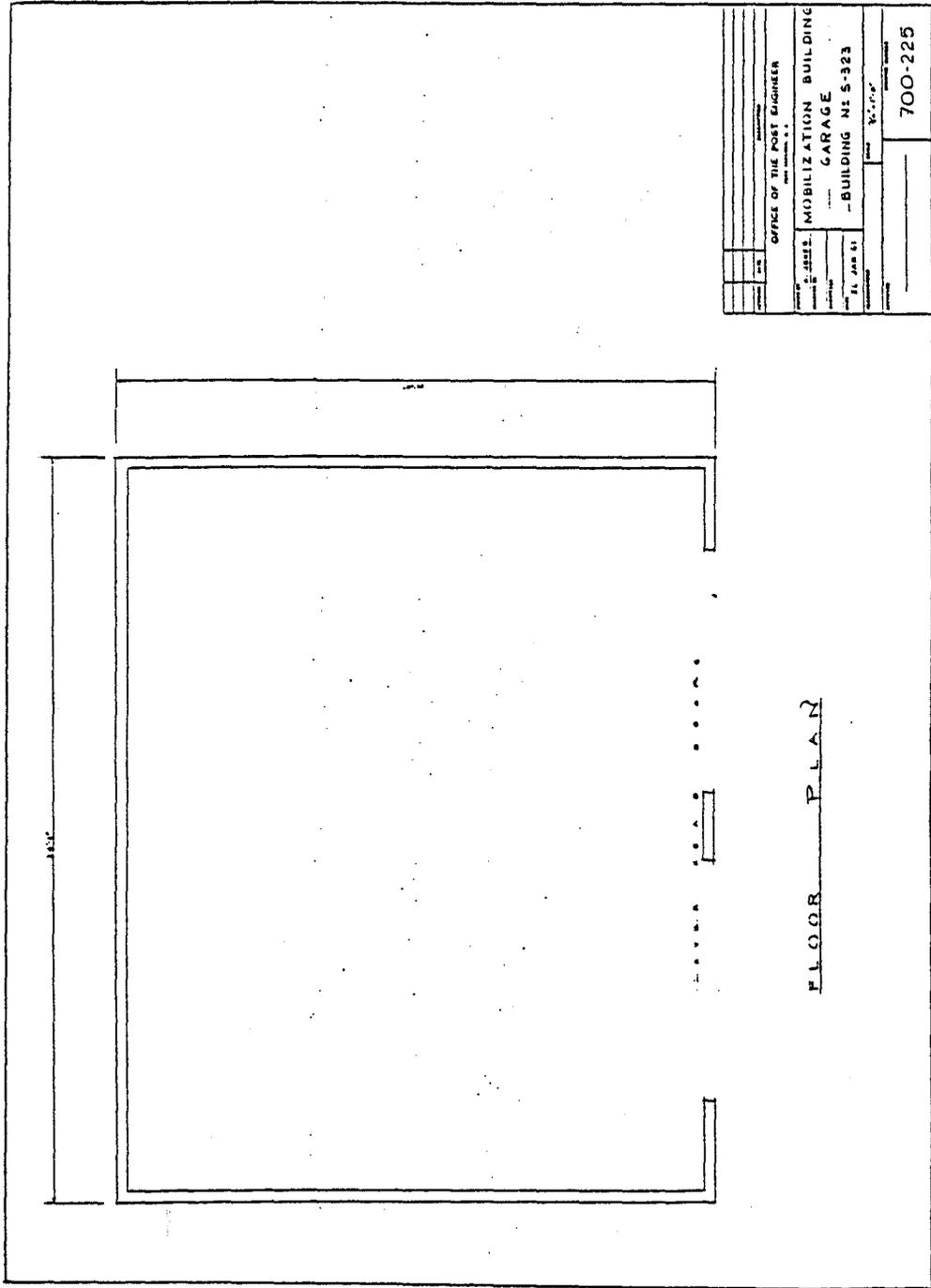
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