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(Fort Hancock, Building No. 327)
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:
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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 provide shelter for automobiles and additional office and storage space, throughout the United States during World War II.

Description: This, wood-frame structure is located south of the hospital across and parallel to Pennington Street. The structure measures 19' x 55'; 1,045 square feet and originally cost \$200. When constructed, the north end of the structure was used to house two vehicles. The south end was used for storage or office space. Flooring was originally cinder. A metal, cylindrical chimney projects above the gable roof. The original roofing material has been replaced and is unknown without further investigation. Horizontal wood siding covers the exterior. Windows are wood frame. A set of multi-panelled overhead wood doors is positioned at the north end of the east elevation.

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

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Building No.327 was built to provide shelter for the automobiles of employees, and additional storage and office space for the expanded military post.

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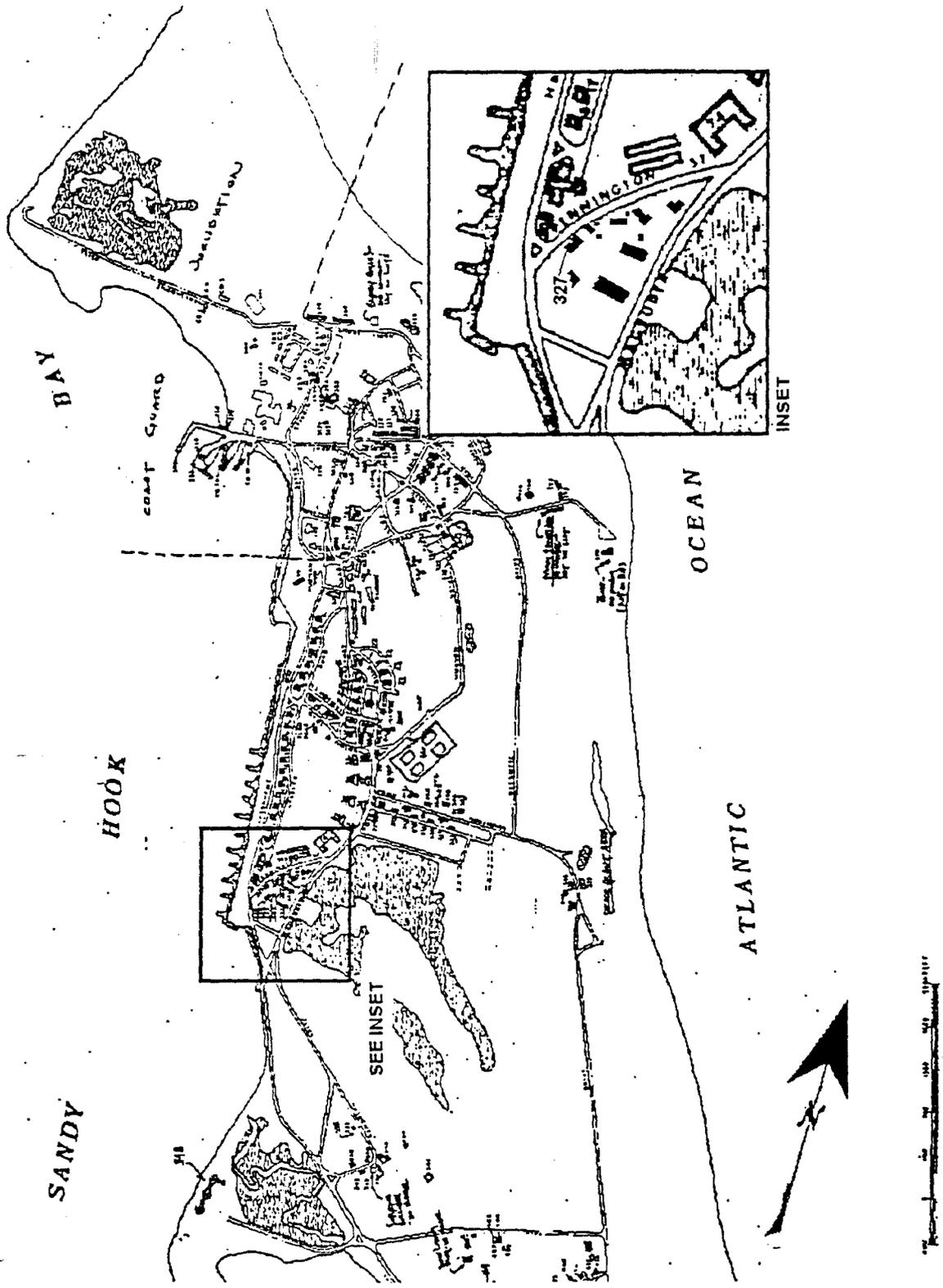
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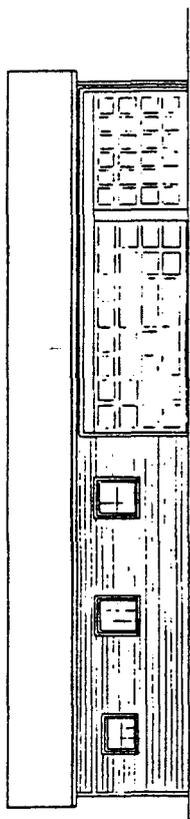
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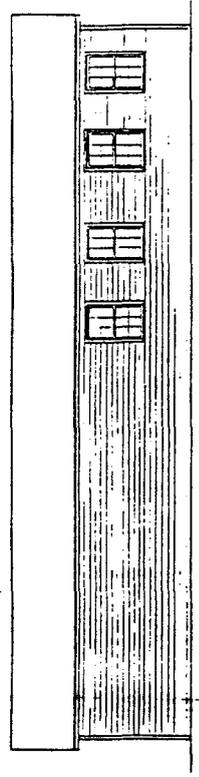
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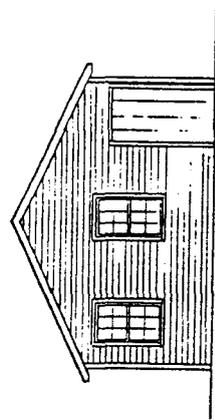
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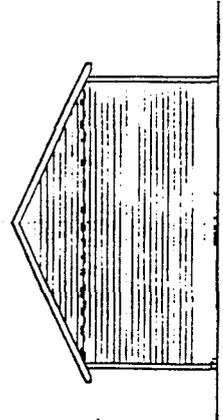
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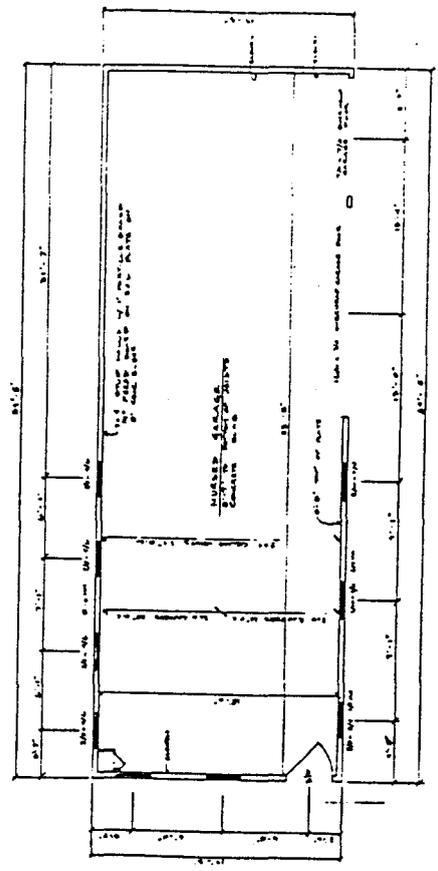
NORTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING 327 NURSES