

FORT MCCOY, BUILDING T-1020  
(World War II Temporary Buildings)  
(Hospital Mess)  
South side of South Eleventh Avenue,  
Block 10  
Sparta Vicinity  
Monroe County  
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-308-AN

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**Location:** On the south side of South Eleventh Avenue, in the northeast quadrant of the hospital area, Block 10 of the main cantonment at Fort McCoy, Sparta vicinity, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

**Significance:** Building T-1020 is a Hospital Mess, Type HM-196, the only HM-196 Nurses' Mess facility in the hospital area (Building T-1005 at the west side of the hospital area is a Type HM-106, Officers' Mess). Building T-1020 could accommodate 196 nurses at one sitting.

**Description:** Single story, wood frame construction on concrete piers; cement asbestos shingle exterior siding, asphalt shingle roof at 5/12 pitch; five 16" metal ventilators at ridge, gas range vent pipe and exhaust duct removed from kitchen roof. Main axis runs northeast/southwest; four doors, the doors at the northwest entrance of the dining room and the southeast kitchen loading platform are double wood doors, each unit with three recessed panels below and four lights above; the doors at the northeast and southwest sides of the dining area are single wood doors with three recessed panels below and four lights above; the kitchen loading platform and northeast and southwest door platforms and steps are concrete, the originals having been constructed of wood. Total of thirty-three windows, most are eight-over-eight double-hung wood, except two windows at the northeast side which are four-over-four and one window at the northeast side which is six-over-six. Plan is "T"-shaped, with a 29'-6" x 44' kitchen at the northeast end, and a 25' x 86' dining room at the southwest end; approximately 14' to roof ridge. Interior plan of the dining room: entrance at the southwest, open plan for dining, with the serving area located at the northeast end of this space; also at this end is a pass-through window that opens into the dishwashing room. Interior plan of the kitchen: entrance from the loading platform located on the northeast side; cold storage rooms, dry storage room, an office and two toilet rooms are situated on the northeast wall of this space; the remainder of the space is occupied by ranges, ovens, sinks and other kitchen equipment. Wood flooring in dining area, concrete flooring in kitchen; pressed board walls and ceiling.

**History:** Erected on October 1, 1942 during the initial construction phase at Camp McCoy (as Fort McCoy was then known) during the mobilization build-up for World War II. Constructed by the firm of J.P. Cullen and Son of Janesville, Wisconsin. Based on Plan Number 800-1531, Type HM-196, Hospital Mess, from the 800 Series of standard construction drawings; this drawing was also used to construct the Type HM-106, Hospital Mess (see HABS NO. WI-308-Z, Building T-1005). Cost of construction was \$27,418.

**Sources:** "Real Property Record. Buildings and Structures. Post Building Number S-1020," May 29, 1943. Located in the "Meatlocker", Building 2145, Fort McCoy; and "Real Property Record Building. Facility Number T-1020," [no date]. Filed at Real Property Branch, Engineering, Plans and Services, Directorate of Engineering, Building 2111, Fort McCoy.

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**Photocopies of site plan and construction drawings: HABS NO. WI-308-85, SITE PLAN OF HOSPITAL AREA. For typical drawings (reproduced for Building T-1005, HABS NO. WI-308-Z), see HABS NO. WI-308-Z-1, HABS NO. WI-308-Z-2, and HABS NO. WI-308-Z-3.**

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