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FORT MCCOY, BUILDING T-1040
(World War II Temporary Buildings)
(Ward, Type C-H)
North side of South Tenth Avenue,
Block 10
Sparta Vicinity
Monroe County
Wisconsin

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Location: On the north side of South Tenth Avenue, in the northwest quadrant of the hospital area, Block 10 of the main cantonment at Fort McCoy, Sparta vicinity, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

Significance: Building T-1040 is a Ward, Type C-H, with a 33-bed capacity (31 beds in an open ward, two beds in individual rooms next to the ward office). There are seven Type C-H Wards located throughout the hospital area (except the northeast quadrant), and, according to the 1943 Annual Report to the Surgeon General, these were constructed during that year in response to a shortage of patient beds at McCoy.

Description: Single story, wood frame construction on concrete piers; cement asbestos shingle exterior siding, asphalt shingle roof at 5/12 pitch. Main axis runs northwest/southeast; three entrances: a double door located at the northwest, each single unit with five recessed panels; double door at southeast, each single unit with four lights above three recessed panels below; single door at porch, with four lights above and three recessed panels below located on the southwest side; total of forty-six six-over-six double-hung wood windows. Overall dimension: 25'-4" x 150'-6" (14 bays of 10' & one bay of 10'-6"); approximately 14' to roof ridge, six 16"-diameter metal ventilators mounted on the roof ridge (plan shows five ventilators of a different type). Screened porch on southwest side, 9' x 30'-1" (screen doors are not as shown on original drawing); solarium at southeast end, approximately 10' x 25'. Interior plan: central corridor at northwest end with flanking rooms including kitchen, two single ward rooms for one bed each, clothes room, linen room, utility room, nurses' station, ward office, two toilet rooms (one for nurses, the other for patients), separate lavatory; open ward for 31 beds and solarium at southeast end. Wood floors, except concrete at kitchen, lavatory, toilets and utility room; pressed board walls and ceiling throughout, except kitchen (ceramic tile wainscot was installed in the kitchen of Building T-1040 in 1952); knee braces in open ward.

History: Erected on July 14, 1943 after the initial construction phase at Camp McCoy (as Fort McCoy was then known) during the mobilization build-up for World War II. Probably constructed by the firm of J.P. Cullen and Son of Janesville, Wisconsin. Based on Plan Number 1100-660, Type C-H, Ward. (Note: This drawing superseded Plan Number 700-462, the Type W-1, Standard Ward.) Cost of construction was \$16,828.49.

Sources: "Real Property Record. Buildings and Structures. Post Building Number S-1040," November 25, 1943. Located in the "Meatlocker", Building 2145, Fort McCoy; and "Real Property Record Building. Facility Number T-1040," [no date]. Filed at Real Property Branch, Engineering, Plans and Services, Directorate of Engineering, Building 2111, Fort McCoy.

"Addendum to Fort McCoy, HABS NO. WI-308," pp.14+.

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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-1039, HABS NO. WI-308-BF) see: HABS NO. WI-308-BF-1, FOUNDATION, FRAMING & FLOOR PLANS, PLAN NUMBER 1100-660; HABS NO. WI-308-BF-2, ELEVATIONS.

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