

FORT MCCOY, BUILDING T-1053
(World War II Temporary Buildings)
(Ward-Standard)
South side of South Tenth Avenue,
Block 10

Sparta Vicinity
Monroe County
Wisconsin

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Location: On the south 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-1053 is a Standard Hospital Ward, Type W-1, with a 33 bed capacity; as one of thirty such buildings, it is the most common type of structure located at the hospital area. According to a 1946 status report, this building was utilized as an orthopedic clinic; however, there is no information on the real property cards that suggests this use.

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 sets of double wood doors, each single unit with two recessed panels below and four lights above, one set each at the northwest, southeast and southwest sides; total of forty-six six-over-six double-hung wood windows. Overall dimension: 25'-4" x 150'-6" (12 bays of 9' & 7 bays of 6'), approximately 17' to roof ridge. Screened porch on southwest side, 9' x 59'-10"; solarium at southeast end, approximately 10' x 25'. Interior plan: at northwest end, single corridor with thirteen flanking rooms, including kitchen, office, lavatories, two wards with one bed in each; open ward for 31 beds occupies over 70% of the plan. Wood flooring; concrete at kitchen, lavatories and utility room; pressed board walls and ceiling; knee braces in open ward; horizontal tongue-and-groove wainscot throughout.

History: Erected on October 3, 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 700-462, Type W-1, Ward-Standard, from the 700 Series of standard construction drawings. Cost of construction was \$22,132.00.

Sources: "Real Property Record. Buildings and Structures. Post Building Number S-1053," June 17, 1943. Located in the "Meatlocker", Building 2145, Fort McCoy; and "Real Property Record Building. Facility Number T-1053," [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+.

Photographs: See HABS NO. WI-308-BE-1, exterior view of typical standard ward, Type W-1 (Building T-1038).

Photocopies of site plan and construction drawings: HABS NO. WI-308-85, SITE PLAN OF HOSPITAL AREA; and HABS NO. WI-308-AT-1, FLOOR PLAN & ELEVATIONS.

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