

FORT MCCOY, BUILDING T-1081
(World War II Temporary Buildings)
(Hospital Mess, Type HM-336)
North side of South Ninth Avenue
Block 10
Sparta Vicinity
Monroe County
Wisconsin

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

Significance: Building T-1081 is a Hospital Mess, Type HM-336, one of three examples of this type of mess facility constructed in 1942 in the hospital area (Note: Building T-1070 was destroyed by fire in 1991). These buildings served the cafeteria needs of both the enlisted men and ambulatory patients who lived on either side of South Ninth Avenue. Building T-1081, at the west side of the hospital area, could accommodate 336 soldiers or patients at one sitting.

Description: Single story, wood frame construction on concrete piers; cement asbestos shingle exterior siding, asphalt shingle roof at 5/12 pitch; seven 16" metal ventilators at ridge, two gas range vent pipes and an exhaust duct over the kitchen roof. Main axis runs northwest/southeast; six entrances (all doors are four lights over three panels): two separate doors at the northwest end (dining room); double doors at the southeast end (food preparation/storage); a single door at both the northeast and southwest sides of the dining area; and also at the southwest side are double doors that lead into the enclosed walkway that connects this building to another enclosed walkway. Loading platform and steps at the southeast end, as well as platforms and risers at northeast and southwest entrances are concrete (wood specified on the plan, no modification noted on either property card). Total of thirty-one windows: twenty-four eight-over-eight double-hung wood units; three four-over-four double-hung wood units, and four four-over-eight double-hung units; hinged wire guards on four kitchen windows. Overall dimension: 37' x 160' (16 bays of 10'); approximately 14' to roof ridge. Interior Plan of the dining room: large open seating area, with the serving area at the southeast end of this space; also at this end are two pass-through windows that open into the dishwashing room. Interior plan of the kitchen: large, open space dominated by a large metal stove hood suspended over cooking ranges; ovens, sinks, steamers, and other kitchen equipment were located around the perimeter of the space. Interior plan of the food preparation/storage area: corridor flanked by dry storage room, an office, toilet room, and janitor's room on northeast side; meat cold storage, dairy cold storage, vegetable cold storage, food preparation area, and two toilet rooms (Note: One is labeled as "white", one as "colored" on Plan Number 800-1537.) on the southwest side; the loading platform is located at the southeast end of the corridor. Vinyl tile over wood flooring in dining area, concrete flooring in kitchen; pressed board walls, except horizontal tongue and groove in toilets; exposed trusses and knee braces at dining hall and kitchen, pressed board ceiling at food preparation/storage area.

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 800-1536, Type HM-336, Hospital Mess, from the 800 Series of standard construction drawings. Cost of construction was \$41,876.00.

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Sources:

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Photocopies of site plan and construction drawings: HABS NO. WI-308-85, SITE PLAN OF HOSPITAL AREA. HABS NO. WI-308-CU-1, FLOOR PLANS, SCHEDULES & DETAILS, PLAN NUMBER 800-1537; and HABS NO. WI-308-CU-2, FRAMING ELEVATIONS, SECTIONS & DETAILS, PLAN NUMBER 800-1538.

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