

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Confederate Breastworks

AND/OR COMMON

Veterans Administration Medical Center

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2300 Ramsey Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

North Carolina

VICINITY OF

CODE

37

COUNTY

Cumberland

CODE

051

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Veterans Administration

STREET & NUMBER

810 Vermont Avenue, N. W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE

D. C.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

VA, Land Management Service

STREET & NUMBER

810 Vermont Avenue, N. W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

VA Historic Sites Survey

DATE

Continuing

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

VA Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The breastworks which remain are earthen bunkers. They are located north of the VA Medical Center's main building and are on the east side of Ramsey Street (Highway U. S. 401 also known as the Raleigh Road). The area has been landscaped and concrete sidewalks have been constructed to allow visitors and patients easy access to the site. None of the earthworks have been disturbed by the landscaping.

The State of North Carolina has erected a bronze historical marker on Ramsey Street giving a brief description of the site and its purpose.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      March 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the surrounding area wholeheartedly supported the Confederacy. Though many thousands of men came from this part of Carolina, actual warfare did not come to Fayetteville until March of 1865. General Joseph E. Johnson was retreating before General William T. Sherman's superior forces passed through the city. The rear guard of Johnson's army crossed the river after the advance troops of Sherman had entered the city.

An arsenal was located at Fayetteville, North Carolina, during the Civil War, making this an important city for the Confederacy. Before its capture by the Confederacy in 1861, the arsenal made arms for the United States Government. At one time during the war it was reported to be able to produce 500 rifles a month. In order to prevent Federal troops commanded by General Sherman from taking the arsenal, fortifications were thrown up in great haste. The fortifications were built north of the town for it was believed that Sherman would travel up the Cape Fear River and invade Fayetteville from the north. Among the workers who built the fortifications were: Home Guards - composed of males under 16 years of age; men too old to serve in the armed forces and the handicapped; wounded soldiers and slaves.

Sherman had experienced wet weather and insignificant skirmishes with the Confederate cavalry on his way to Fayetteville. In order to safeguard his forces, Sherman sent messengers to Wilmington to make contact with General Schofield. This was to coordinate a two pronged assault on Fayetteville, one by land and the other by sea. On March 11, 1865, Sherman's army surprised the Confederate forces and invaded Fayetteville from the south. The army met no resistance on entering the city and thus the breastwork fortifications were never used. Sherman's army began destroying machinery, buildings, and any property which could be used by the Confederates. Included was the old United States Arsenal and the machinery brought from Harpers Ferry Arsenal in 1861. Some of the machinery was removed early that morning by wagon and train to Greensboro to be stored in the Egypt Coal Mines.

Sometime on the morning of March 12th, a boat came up the Cape Fear River from Wilmington with news of the "outer world" for General Sherman. Later in the day General Schofield arrived in Fayetteville with his naval units and Sherman decided to continue his march.

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By March 15th the army was once again on the move. Much of Fayetteville was left in ruins in the wake of Sherman's invasion of the city. The Federal troops moved out enmass with Kilpatrick's cavalry in front of Slocum's left wing. The soldiers had heavy skirmishes with the rear guards of the Confederacy near Smith's Mill on the Black River and again at the South River.

The following day, March 16, 1865, the Battle of Averasborough began. Four miles south of the town, Sherman's army, under Slocum attacked Hardee's army and successfully closed off the path to Goldsborough. This was virtually the end of the Carolina campaign.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Garden City and Doubleday and Company.

Oates, John A., The Story of Fayetteville, Charlotte and Dowd Press, Inc., 1950  
Department of Archives and History, State of North Carolina

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 51.79

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Sandra Webb - Program Analyst  
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ORGANIZATION

Veterans Administration, Historic Preservation Office

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

810 Vermont Avenue

TELEPHONE

(202) 389-3447

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ NONE\_\_\_

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is \_\_\_National \_\_\_State \_\_\_Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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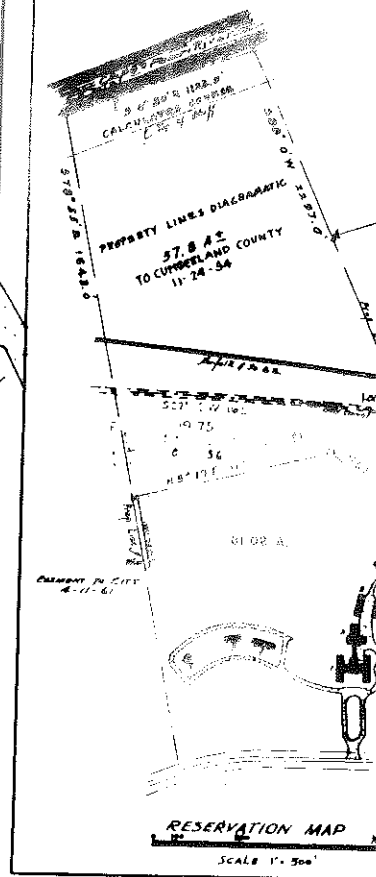
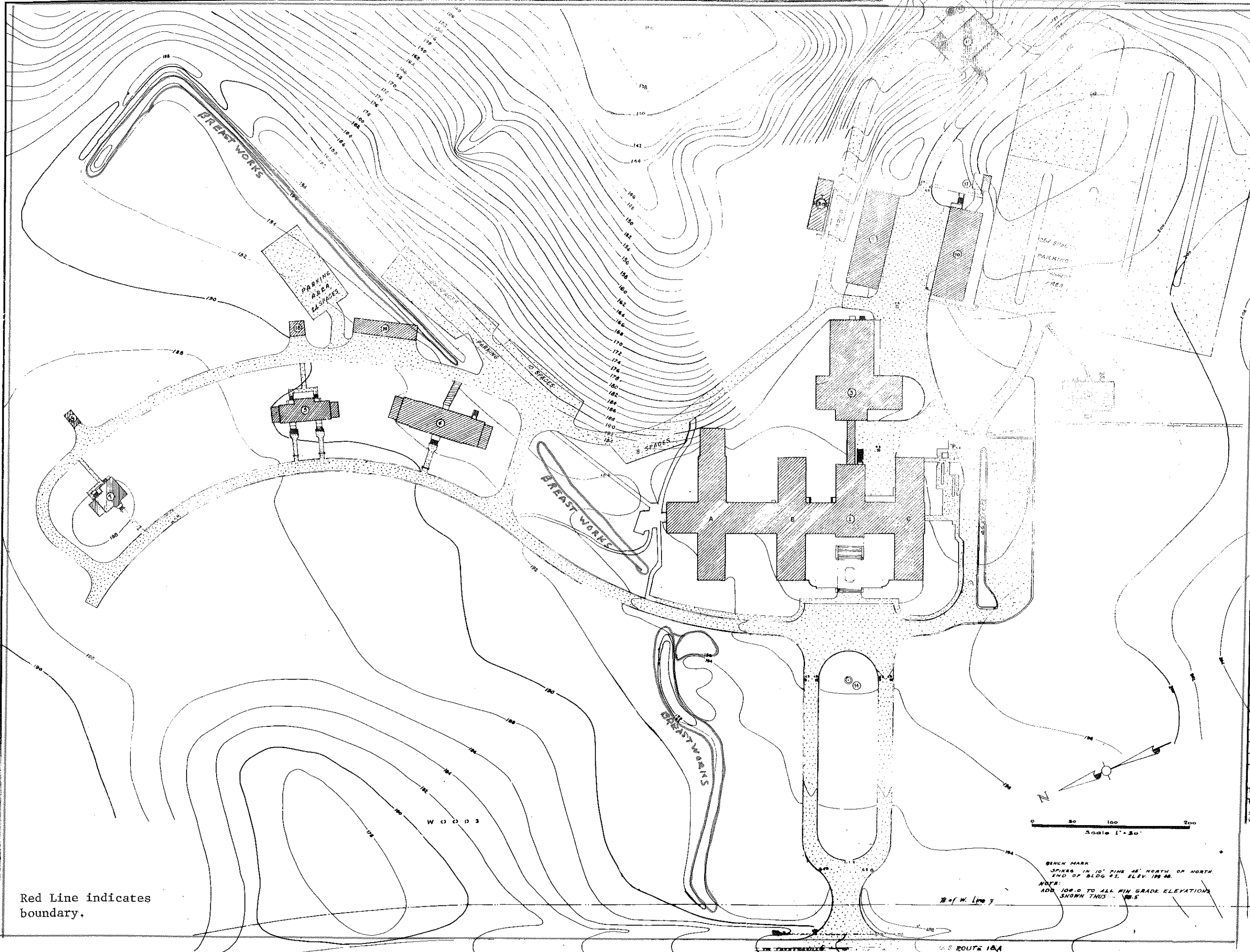
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NO	NAME	BUILDING	SCHED
1	MAIN BUILDING		
3	SERVICE BLDG DINING HALL, RECREATION AND STORAGE		
4	STUDENT DORMITORY		
5	DUPLEX QUARTERS		
6			
7	MANAGERS QUARTERS		
8	ADMINISTRATION OFFICES		
9	ENGINEER MAINTENANCE SHOPS		
10	LAUNDRY BUILDING		
11	BOILER HOUSE		
12	STACK		
13	WATER TANK, STEEL TOWER (DEM.)		
14	FLAG POLE		
15	1 CAR GARAGE		
16	8 CAR GARAGE		
17	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGE STATION		
18	2 CAR GARAGE		
19	GARDENERS TOOL HOUSE (DEM.)		
T-20	QUONSET HUT-SUPPLY STORAGE (DEM.)		
T-21	SPEC SERVICE STOR		
T-22	SUPPLY STOR. (DE		
T-23	CENTRAL ROOM (LINEN) (DEM.)		
T-24	BARRACKS BLDG-NURSES QTRS (REM)		
T-25	(REMO		
T-26			
T-27			
T-28			
29	GUARDHOUSE (DEMOLISHED)		
T-30	PLUMBER, STEAMFITTER & CARPENTER SHOP		
T-31	SUPPLY STORAGE - (DEM.)		
32	STORAGE BLDG. (DEMOLISHED)		
33	INCINERATOR BLDG. & CAN WASH ENGINE		

Red Line indicates boundary.

Scale 1"=50'

BENCH MARK  
SPIRES IN 10' PINE 45' NORTH OF NORTH  
END OF BLDG #1. ELEV. 198.48.  
NOTE:  
ADD 108.0 TO ALL FIN GRADE ELEVATIONS  
ADD SHOWN THUS 198.5

BLDG. NO. & LOCATION  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
FAYETTEVILLE,

NO	DATE	BY	REVISION
12-20-61	TS		2-12-72 DMC
11-29-62	KW.D		6-5-72 LBN
11-8-67	GC		

DRAWN Prior to 1955 (DATE)  
CHIEF, SITE PLANNING DIV  
DIRECTOR, LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
PROJECT