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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Building 6981, Camp Shelby
other names/site number World War I Ammunition Magazine

2. Location

street & number _____ N/A not for publication
city, town Hattiesburg vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Forrest code 35 zip code 39407

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	_____ objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Kenneth H. J. Pool May 7, 1992
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)
Alonzo Byrum 6/11/92
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Defense: Arms Storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls concrete

roof concrete
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Building 6981 is currently unoccupied. It is located on a wooded undeveloped area of Camp Shelby. It appears to have undergone little or no modification since it was built in 1918. The single room building is essentially square with walls 20 feet 4 inches in length on the east and west sides and 20 feet on the north and south sides. Interior wall length is 19 feet 2 inches. The walls are constructed of concrete poured over a wire mesh frame. Interior walls are paneled in horizontal unfinished pine boards to the height of the tops of the door frames. The building is seated on a poured concrete slab which rises three feet from ground surface. Interior wall height from floor to ceiling cross beams is approximately thirteen and one half feet. There are eleven cross beams. A poured concrete loading platform 20 feet long and 5 feet 10 inches deep abuts the north facade of the building. A double leaf wooden door is centered in the north facade. The leaves of the north door are constructed of a double layer of 1 inch by 6 inch boards clad in galvanized metal. These doors do not appear to be original to the building. A second pair of double wooden doors which appear to be original to the building are centered in the south facade of the building. The doors are double leaf. Each leaf contains two panels of 3 inch diagonal beaded board. The doors are 6 feet 5 inches tall. Each door opening is 4 feet 6 inches wide. A set of 5 poured concrete steps provide access to the south door. The step risers are 1 foot deep x 5 inches high x 4 feet 6 inches long. The roof, which is also constructed of concrete poured over wire mesh is a modified clerestory type with a raised center section to provide interior ventilation.

With the exception of one recent set of doors, Building 6981 does not appear to have been substantially altered since it was built in 1918. As noted previously, the double-leaf doors in the south facade appear to be original elements of the building. The building is in fair to poor condition as evidenced by holes in the outer walls and major cracks in the walls and foundation slab. There are no other buildings associated with this property.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Military

Period of Significance

1918

Significant Dates

1918

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

None

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Building 6981 at Camp Shelby is significant at the state level under Criterion A for its historical association with the development of Camp Shelby as a military mobilization and training center during World War I. It is the only building on the installation that survives from World War I.

Camp Shelby was established in 1917 as a facility for mobilizing and training US Army forces. About 6000 National Guard soldiers from Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia were sent to the new post, which was named in honor of Isaac Shelby, a Revolutionary War hero and the first Governor of Kentucky. These troops formed the nucleus of the 38th Division, which took the nickname "Cyclone Division" after a tornado occurred during their training at Camp Shelby. Some 36,000 troops were eventually stationed at Camp Shelby during World War I.

During the World War I period Camp Shelby's cantonment area was largely a vast array of tents. Few permanent buildings were constructed. One early map indicates that four small ammunition storage buildings were the only permanent buildings on the entire installation. Three of these were eventually demolished, leaving the structure now called Building 6981 as the only surviving building from the World War I years.

Camp Shelby was inactivated shortly after World War I. In 1934 the State of Mississippi acquired the property for use as a National Guard camp. It became a federal installation in 1940, and was a major training center during World War II. Construction of new facilities in World War II obliterated most traces of the original camp. Most of this later construction was demolished or substantially altered after World War II. The existing facilities were largely built after 1954, when the post was designated as a permanent training site for reserve forces.

Building 6981 is the only surviving building associated with the World War I era at Camp Shelby. Few, if any, other properties directly associated with the military mobilization for that war survive in the entire state of Mississippi.

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(Camp Shelby is now owned by the State of Mississippi.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Anonymous Camp Shelby, Brochure available at Post Museum, Camp Shelby, MS. N.D.

Camp Shelby Post Museum Miscellaneous Collections of Maps, Photographs, Newspaper Articles and Camp memorabilia

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Mississippi National Guard Bureau

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than 1 acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Located in an undeveloped wooded tract on block 6900 at Camp Shelby, the boundary of the nominated property extends 50 feet in each cardinal direction from the center of the building.

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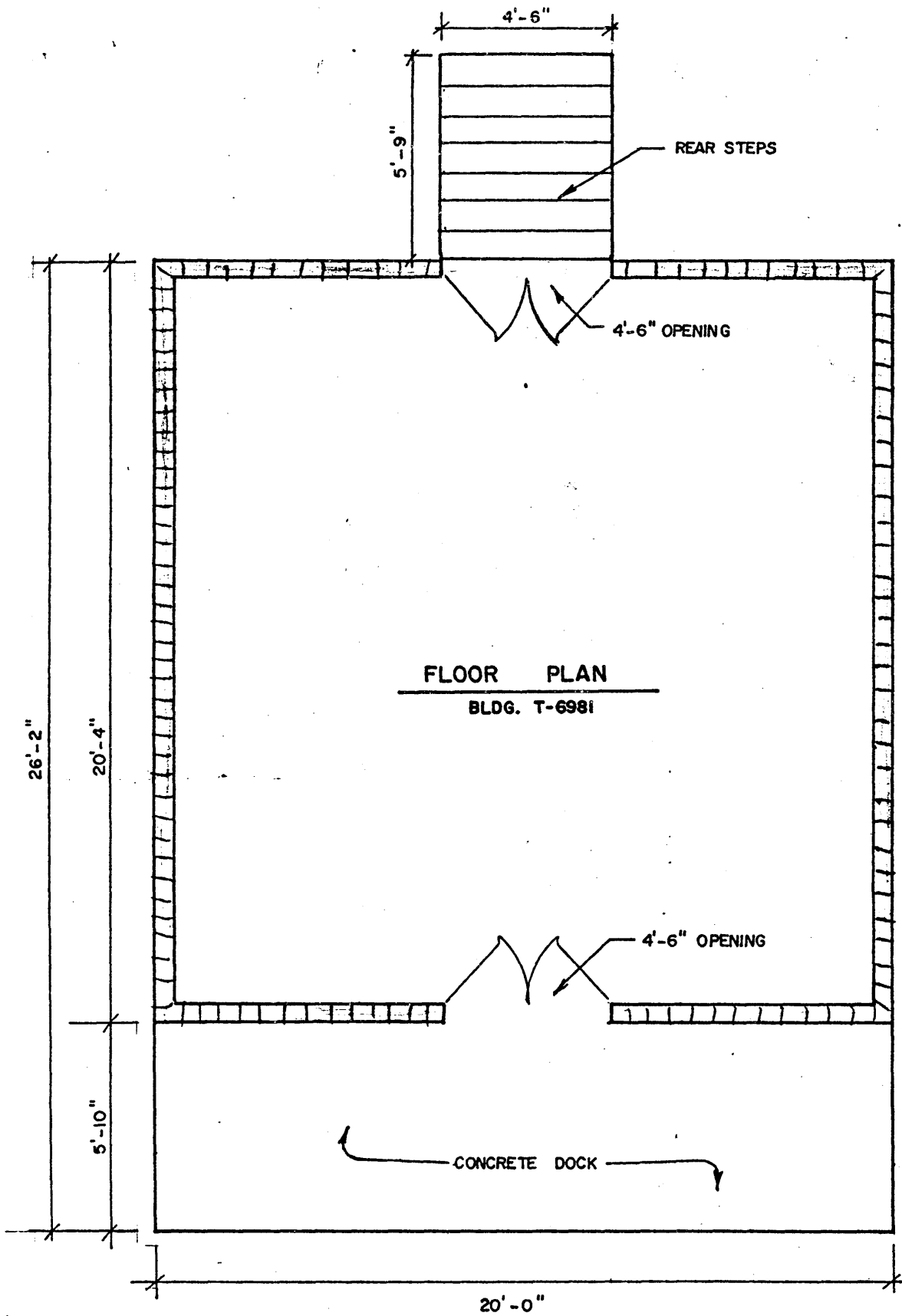
Boundary Justification

The building stands by itself in an isolated location on the Camp Shelby military reservation. The nominated property contains the building itself and its immediate setting.

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BUILDING 6981
 Camp Shelby
 Forrest County
 Mississippi



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Building 6981 / WWII AMMO MAGAZINE
Camp Shelby, Forrest County, MS

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August 1990

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EAST and NORTH (REAR) elevations

Photo 1



Building 6981/WWI Ammo magazine
Camp Shelby, Forrest County, MS.

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West Elevation, View to East

Photo 2



Building 6981 / WWI Ammo magazine
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South and East (front) elevations, view to northwest

Photo 3

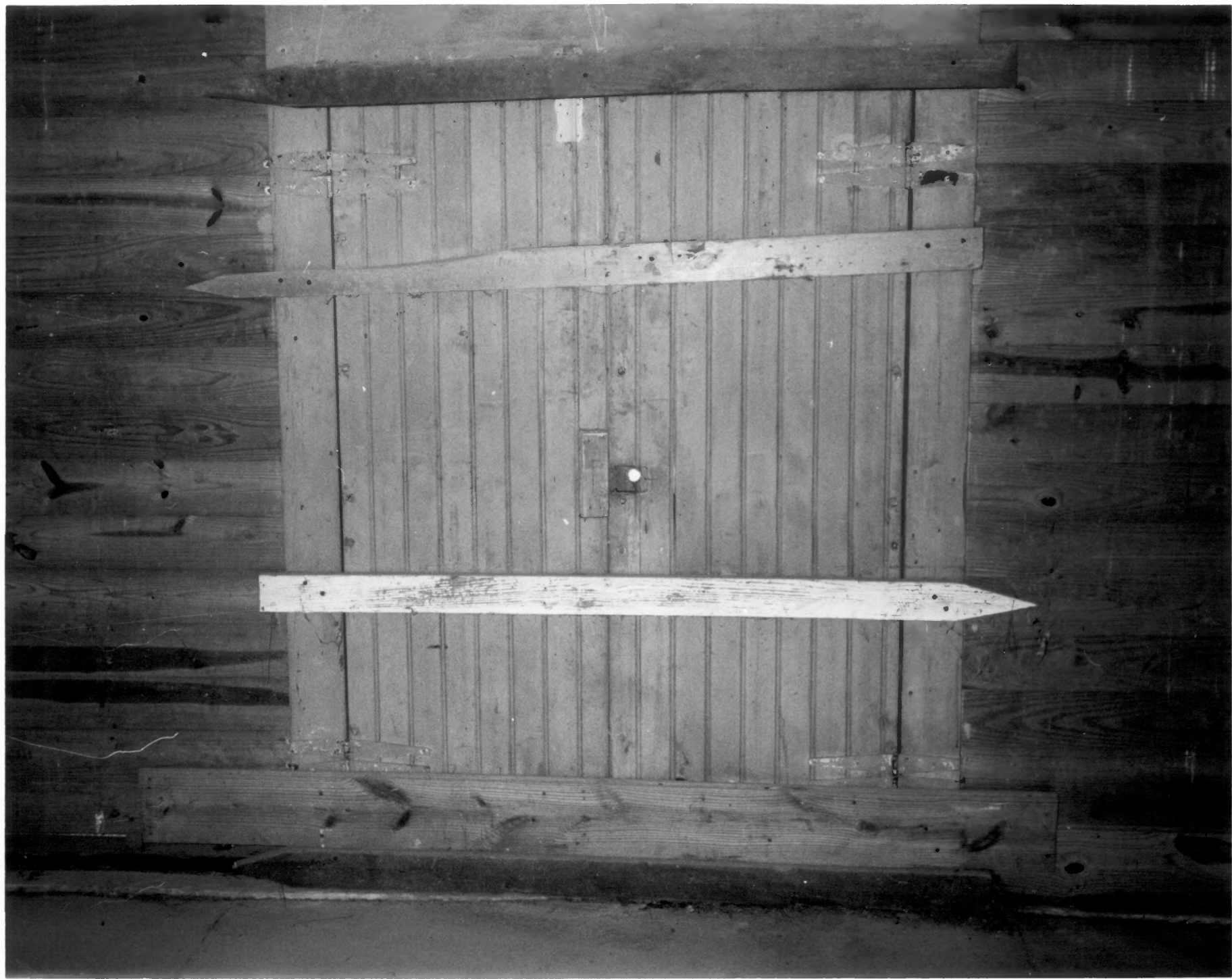


Building 6981 / WWI Ammo Magazine
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Doors and Steps in South Façade, View North
Photo 4



Building 6981 / WWI Ammo Magazine
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Interior walls and south doors, view south

Photo 5



Building 6981 / WWI Ammo Magazine
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Interior Beams and detail of wire mesh / concrete material

Photo 6