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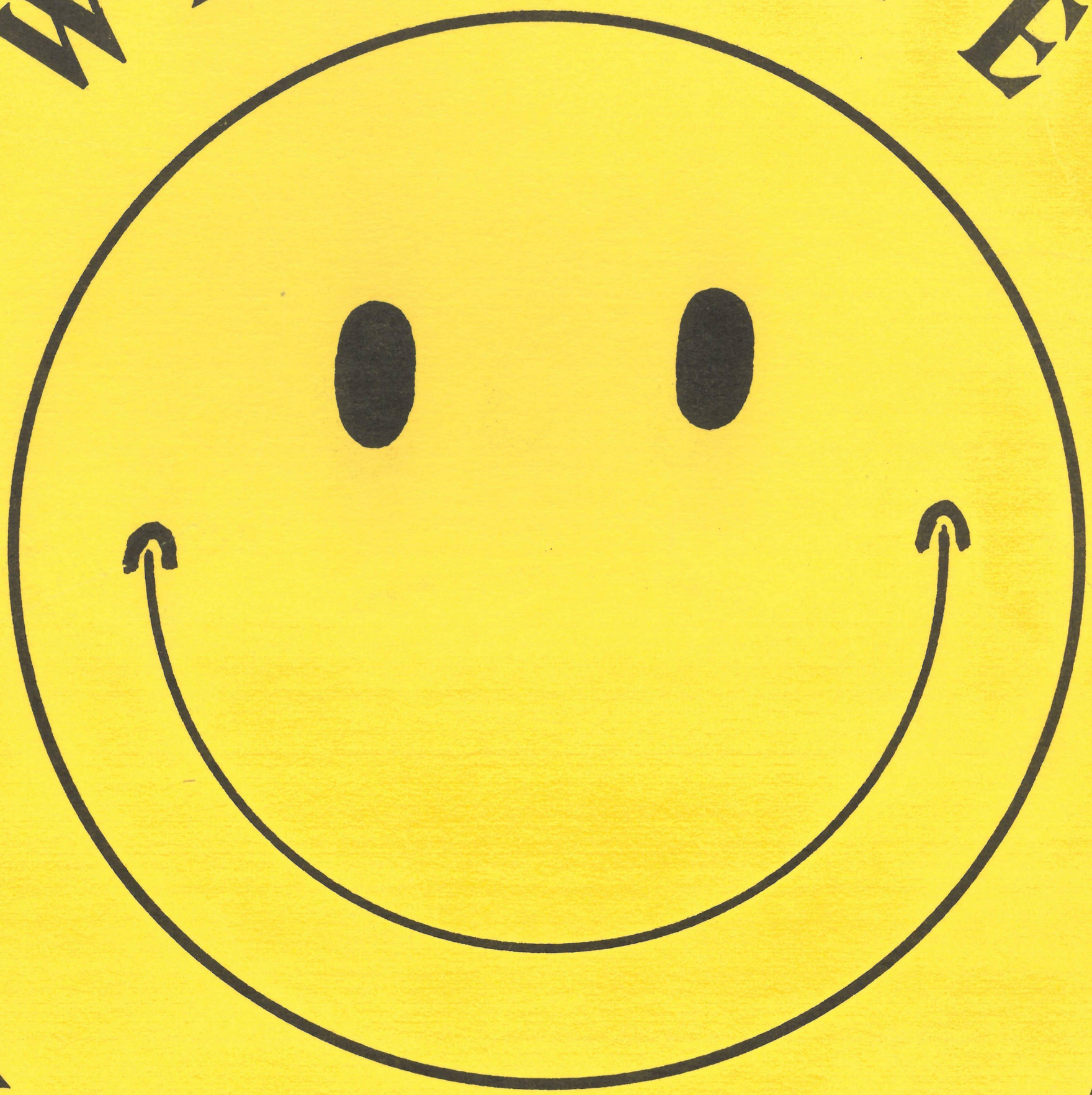


TO

HAPPY HOLBERG

WELCOME TO HAPPY HOLBERG

It is indeed a pleasure to have you join us for a tour of duty at Canadian Forces Station Holberg. It is a pleasure because, whatever your feelings are now about coming to Holberg, I know that once you have been here for a short while you will find life both pleasant and interesting.

We have prepared this booklet to give you accurate information on how to get to Holberg, the Station itself, the area surrounding it and special regulations which apply to personnel posted to Holberg. Please read it carefully.

CFS Holberg is an isolated, self-contained community comprised of 650 people. Access to any place from Holberg is difficult. Consequently we receive isolation allowance. We are, however, well equipped with shopping, schools, recreational, medical and dental facilities. As a result, except for specialist medical or dental treatment, there is little requirement to venture 'out' except for a change of scenery.

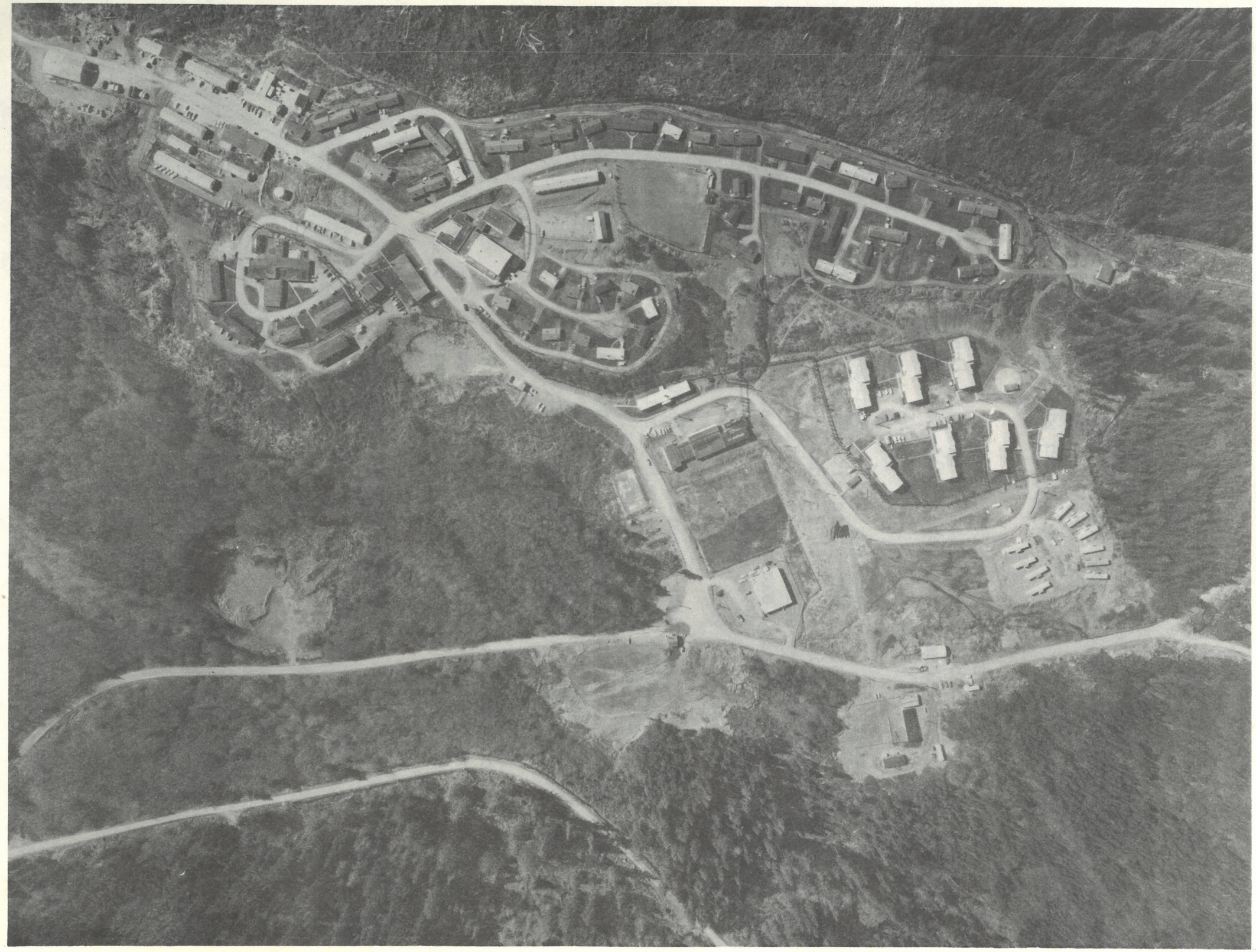
We have an outstanding record of achievement in all fields of activity on the Station. All sections received good or outstanding ratings on their last Command evaluations. Thus you are joining a 'winning team'. You can contribute to maintaining this record by taking a professional approach to your duties and by setting yourself high personal standards. The other professionals here expect it of you.

I am looking forward to meeting you personally on your first day at Holberg. However, if there is any advice or assistance you need before then, do not hesitate to call or write to us. We will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

LCOL

Commanding Officer
Canadian Forces Station Holberg



AERIAL VIEW DOMESTIC SITE

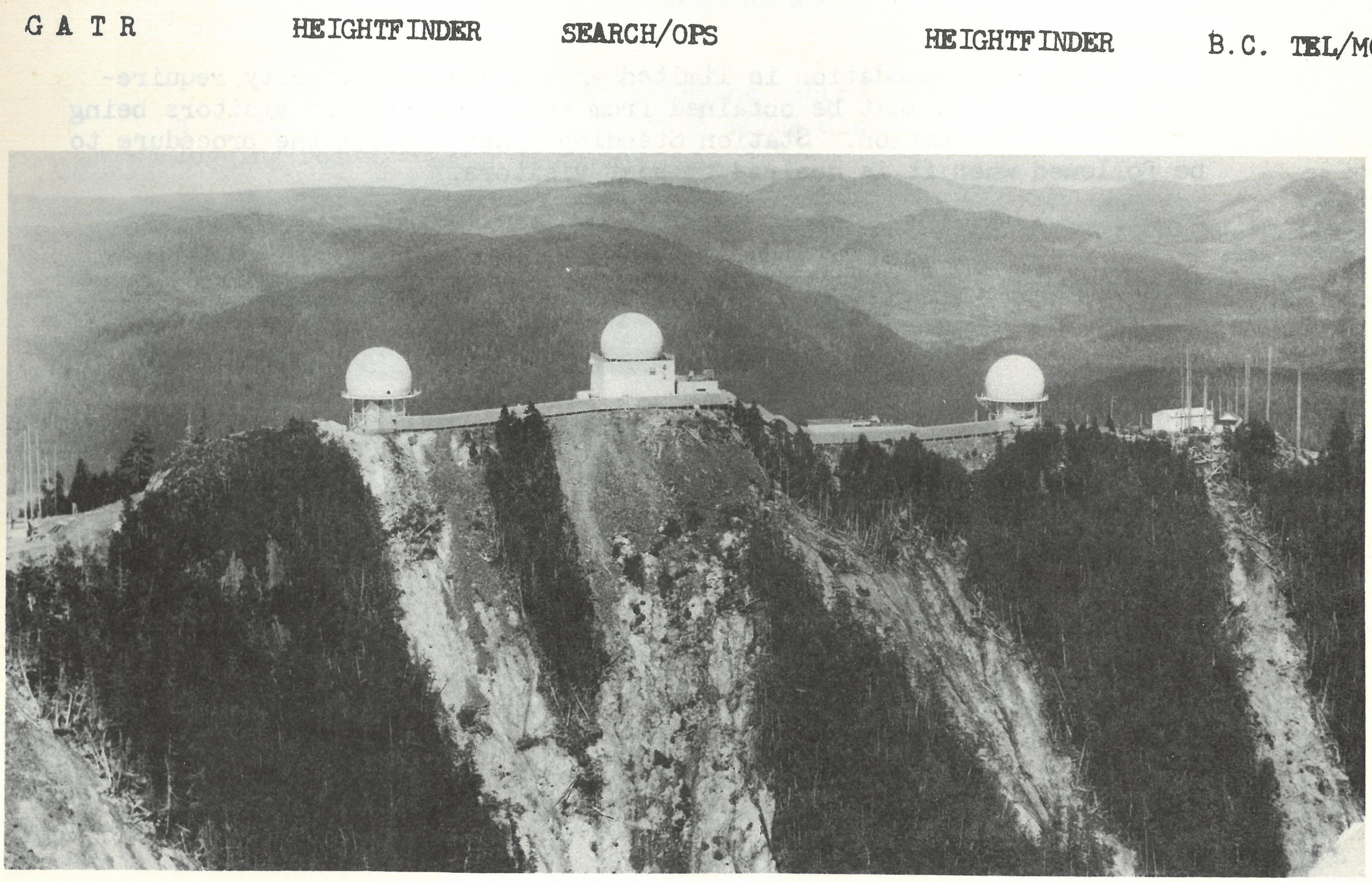
INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO HAPPY HOLBERG - HOME OF THE GUARDIANS

Station Holberg is located at the head of Holberg Inlet on the north west corner of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The general terrain is ruggedly beautiful and ideally suited to good hunting and fishing. The weather is moderate, with a considerable amount of rain in the winter months.

Station Holberg formally came into being on 1 January, 1954, with the establishment of 501 Squadron. On 1 August, 1956 the unit was re-designated 53 AC & W Squadron and assumed a major role in the western area of the North American Defence System. Once again the designation and operational function of the unit was changed when, on 1 June, 1963 the unit was re-named 53 Radar Squadron and assumed a semi-automatic ground environment capability. In August, 1967 the unit was given its present name of Canadian Forces Station Holberg.

The present role of CFS Holberg is to provide digitized surveillance data to the 25th NORAD Region Headquarters at McChord AFB, Washington, and its subordinate BUIC sites. Additionally, some manual control is still exercised under certain conditions.



CFS Holberg Operations Site on Mt. Brandes

ACCOMMODATION

SINGLE QUARTERS

Living in personnel are accommodated in centrally located two level barrack blocks complete with washer and dryer.

ALLOCATIONS

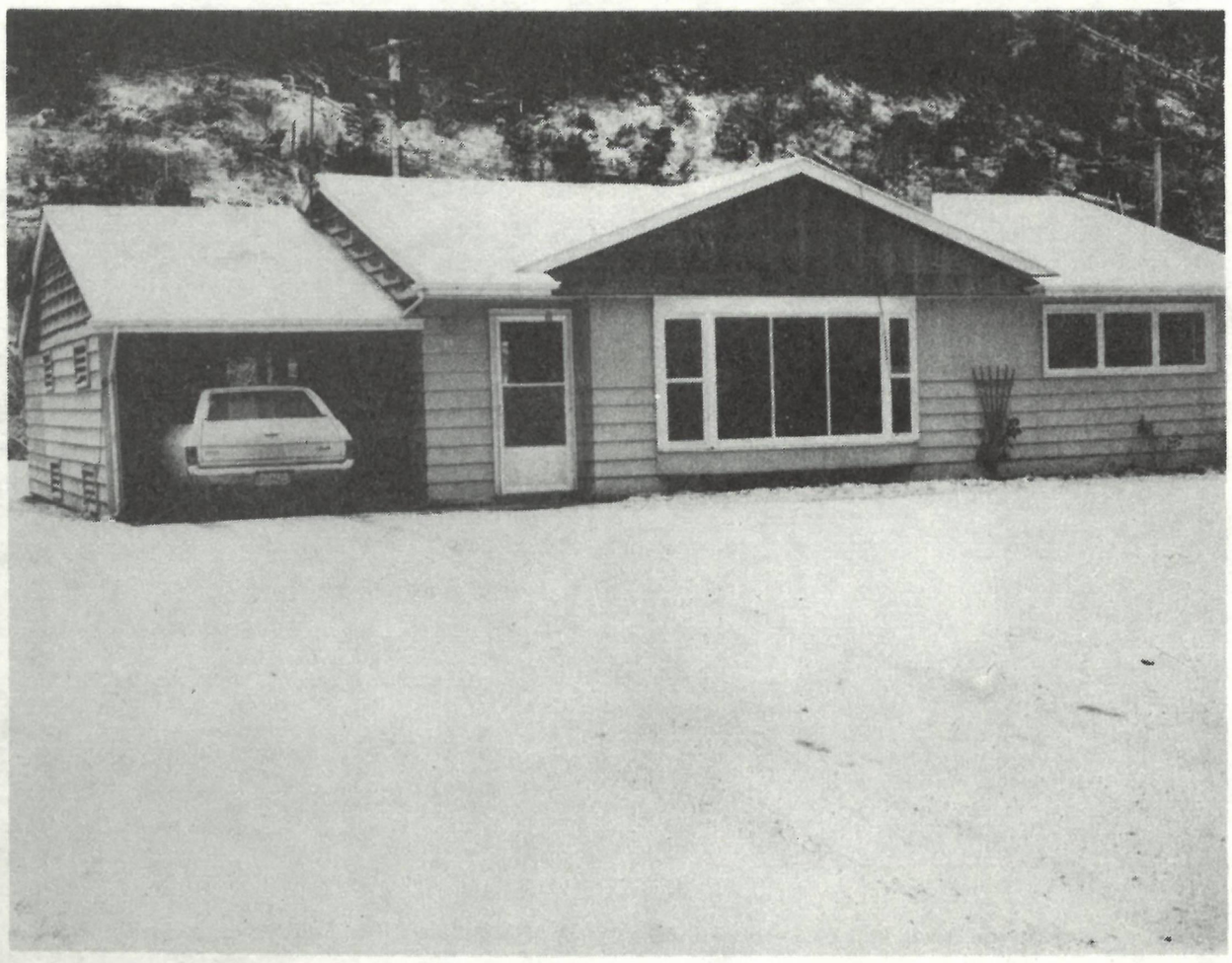
Privates	-	One or two per room
Corporals	-	One per room
Senior NCOs	-	Single rooms
Officers	-	Suite
Nurses	-	Suite

MARRIED QUARTERS

The Station is fortunate in both the number and comfort of the Permanent Married Quarters available. There are 59 two to four bedroom bungalow type houses with attached carports, complete with fridges, stoves (gas) and fire places. There are also 69 three bedroom suites in seven apartment blocks, 10 mobile homes, and 18 mobile home pads for privately owned mobile homes. There is no accommodation for married personnel off the Station, nor for married civilians on the Station.

VISITORS

Since accommodation is limited and because of security requirements, permission must be obtained from the CAdO prior to visitors being allowed on the Station. Station Standing Orders detail the procedure to be followed when it is desired to host visitors.



3 BEDROOM PMQ

STATION SERVICES

POST OFFICE

The Post Office is located at the south-west corner of the Recreation Centre building and provides a full postal service. Rentable post boxes and wicket service daily except Sunday.

BANKING

Full banking services are available on the Station at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

STORES

A modern Canex Complex is situated on the Station and meets most needs of the personnel. Situated in the building are, a Groceteria, Exchange, Beauty Shop, Barber Shop and order desk.

The Groceteria carries a full line of groceries and in addition, operates a Meat and Produce counter. Meat freezer orders are available for customer convenience.

The Exchange stocks most basic needs including Sporting Goods, Drugs, Cosmetics, Giftware, Sound Equipment, Household Goods, as well as ladies, mens and childrens clothing and footwear. There is also a catalogue Order office.

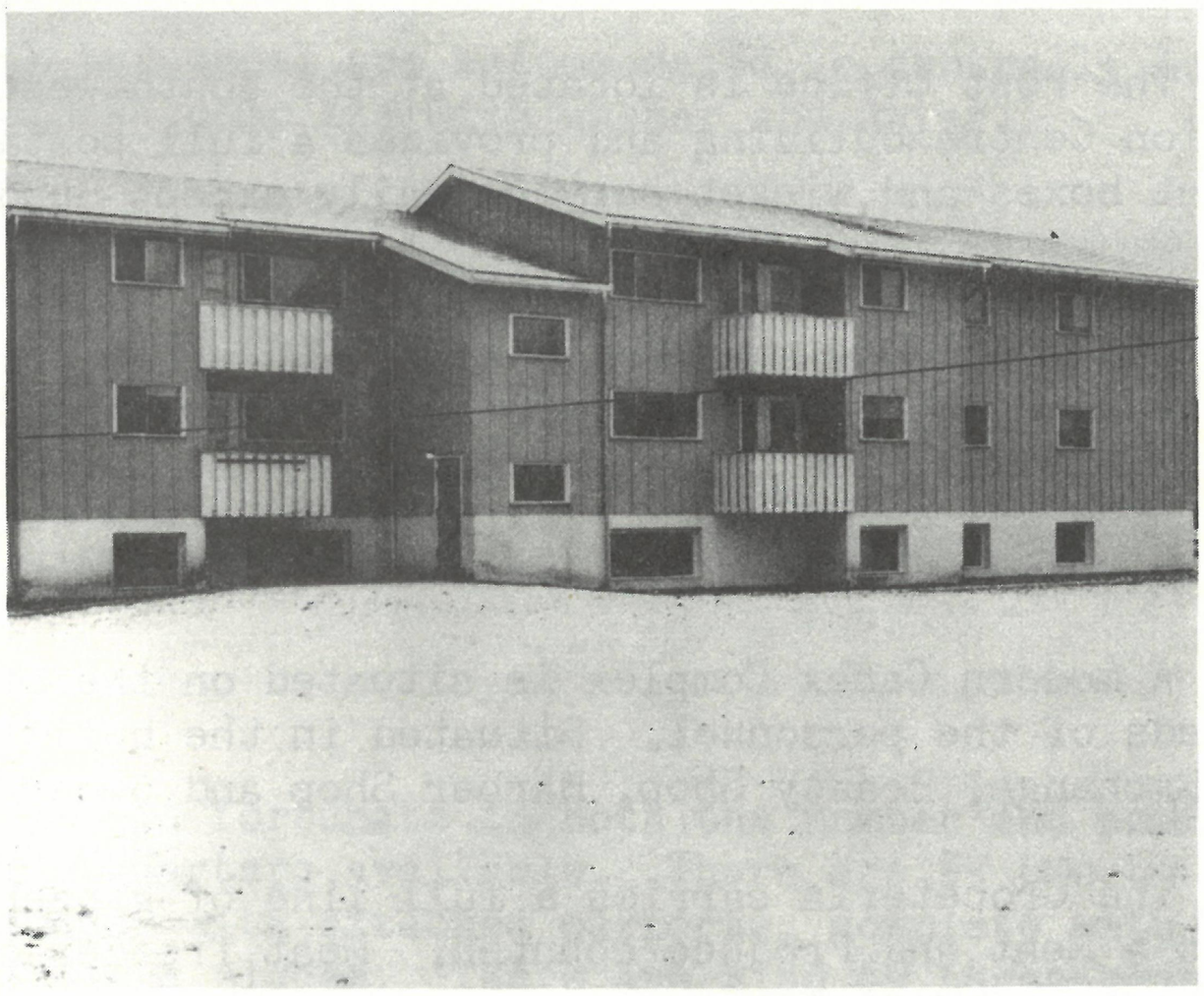
The nearest off-base shopping centre is located at Port Hardy, a small community approximately 35 miles distant over at best, rough logging roads.

DRY CLEANING

There is a Dry Cleaning pick-up service in operation at the Station Exchange. Dry Cleaning is picked up on Wednesday and returned the following Monday.

PETS

It is suggested that pet owners ensure their pets receive the required inoculations (IAW CFAO 34-3) before they proceed into Holberg. The nearest Veterinary is located at Comox, a distance of approximately 200 miles.



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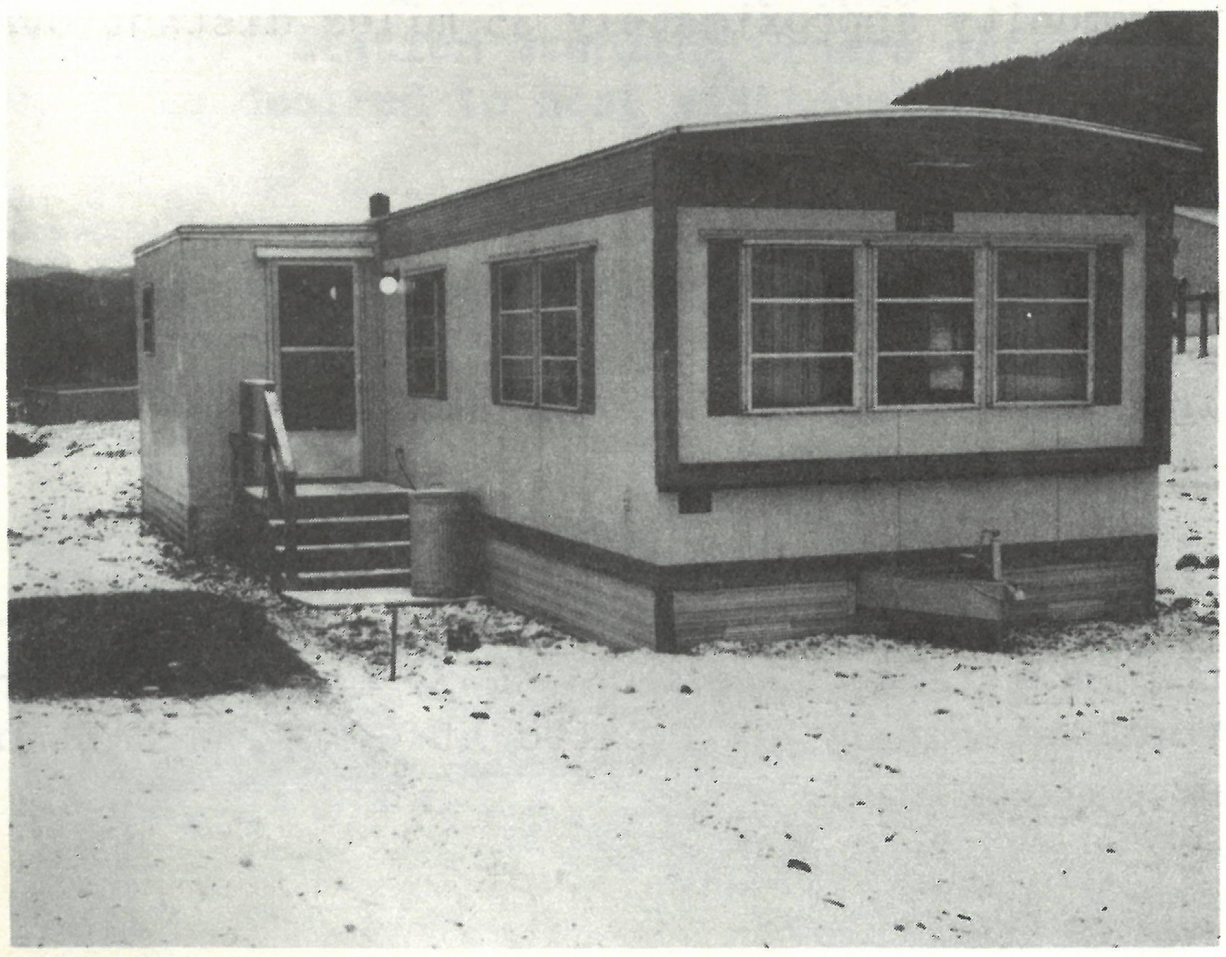


TRAILERS

SCHOOLING

The San Josef Elementary Junior Secondary School, located on the Station, accommodates Kindergarten through Grade 10. Grades 11 and 12 are available at the North Island Secondary school located at Port McNeill. The latter is a boarding facility and students from CFS Holberg, as well as other North Island locations are transported to Port McNeill on Sunday night and returned Friday afternoon.

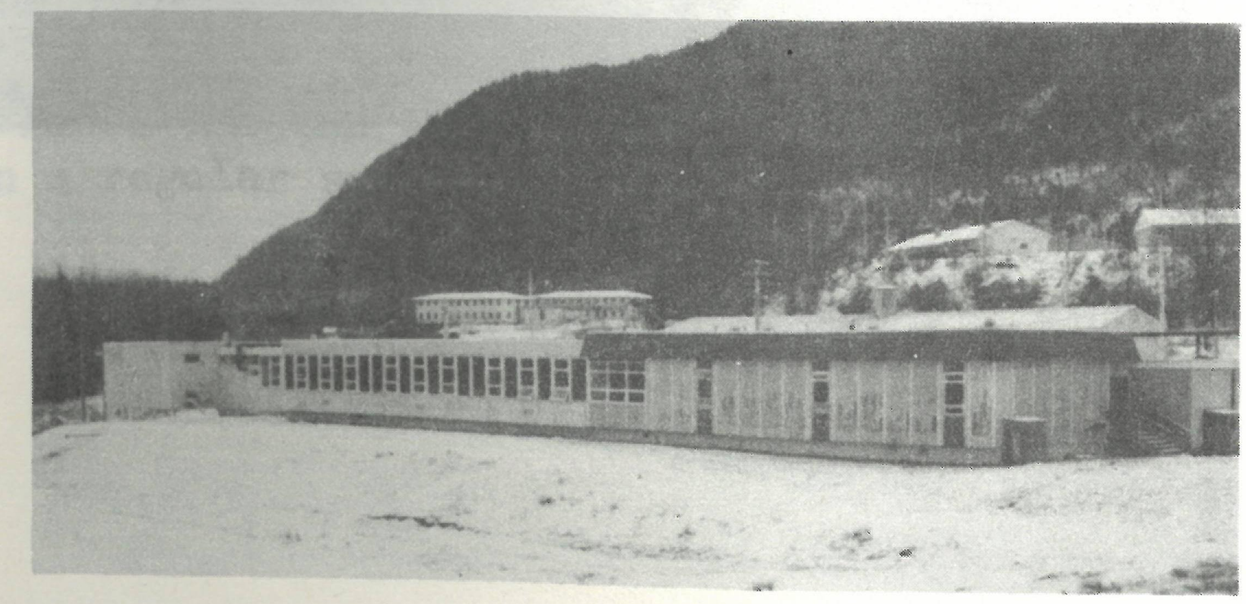
The San Josef school consists of a main, ten classroom teaching area which includes a primary open area, a special science room, a library, a home economics centre and a commercial area. A separate three room annex is located about one block from the main building and is used for kindergarten through Grade 2. The industrial arts building and the gymnasium are located one block from the main building in the opposite direction. Both these areas are well equipped and add greatly to our curriculum and the students enjoyment.

With the exception of the separate three classroom unit which is owned by the School Board, the school and all its facilities are DND owned. The teaching staff is supplied by School District #85 Vancouver Island North; the curriculum is supplied by the Province of British Columbia. The school is staffed by a principal and fifteen teachers, including an industrial arts and a home economics teacher and is attended by approximately 320 students, 230 of whom are dependants of Service personnel and DND employees. Ninety students are dependants of the Rayonier Canada (BC) Ltd. logging company employees.

The staff of this school realize the importance of education in a small community such as Holberg. It is our intention to use the advantages of a small pupil/teacher ratio, coupled with a well equipped school to ensure that every child receives a progressive and contemporary education comparable to, if not superior to what would be expected in the large urban centres of Canada.

SCHOOL FEES

Personnel are reminded that only legal dependants, as defined in CFAO 54-5 are provided with free schooling at CFS Holberg. Other children living on the Station and attending the school must pay $61.90 per month.



SAN JOSEF ELEMENTARY JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

CANEX INTERIOR

FRESH PRODUCE & MEAT

HOSPITAL

The Station hospital can provide complete emergency medical and dental services. There is a Medical Officer, a Dental Officer, three Nursing Sisters and several medical assistants. The hospital is well equipped for minor operations and deliveries. More serious cases are referred to Vancouver. Dependants are cautioned to ensure maximum dental health before reporting because of very limited facilities.

Servicemen with dependants who will be proceeding to CFS Holberg are to ensure that they are medically fit in accordance with CFAO 34-28 para 4 and CFMO 27.09 para 8. These medicals should be completed not more than three months prior to COS date. These medicals must be duly recorded on a CF 2022 and forwarded in accordance with the proper instructions by a Service facility or, where no service facility exists, that which is used by the Base or Station.

B. C. MEDICARE

Dependants listed on the application form become insured persons under the plan not later than the first day of the month following the date of their arrival in British Columbia, provided the appropriate premiums are paid.

B. C. HOSPITAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Personnel bringing in dependants are advised that there is a waiting period of three months before they are eligible for BCHIS coverage. There are no premiums for this coverage; however, a charge of $1.00 per day while in hospital is levied. Supplementary coverage may be obtained through GSMIP.

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal counselling, as outlined in CFAO's is available through a qualified legal officer based at Esquimalt. Appointments may be made through the CAdO. Visits to the Station by the legal officer are irregular and usually on an "as required" basis. He may, however, be contacted at any time by telephone.

WELFARE SERVICES

Chaplains and the CAdO administer Welfare services, the Benevolent Funds and the Astra Loan Fund. A Welfare Officer visits the unit on a regular schedule.

COMMUNICATIONS

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

Incoming prepaid long distance calls may be placed through the Station switchboard provided operational restrictions are not in effect. Incoming collect calls are not accepted; however, the operator will pass a message to call the Campbell River operator and the pay phone can be used to receive collect long distance phone calls.

TELEGRAM AND CABLE SERVICE

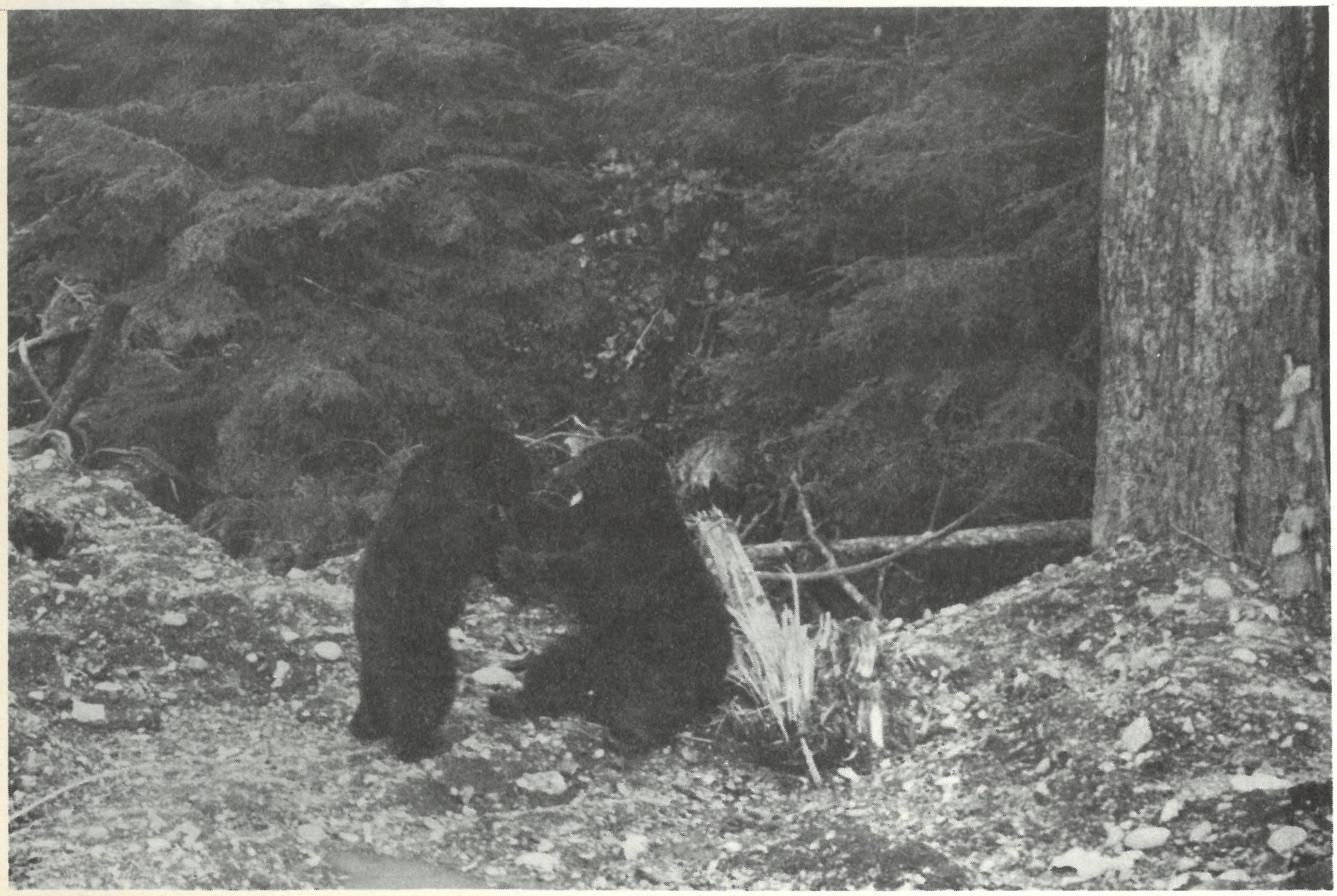
As there is no telegraph or cable service located in the immediate area, all telegrams must be placed through the Message Centre in the Station Headquarters Building during normal working hours, or through the operator at Campbell River. This facility is available through the B.C. Telephone Company.

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Commercial telephone service at Holberg is comparable to any large community. Local and long distance is accomplished by direct dialing. Private and party line rental is available.

To have a phone installed at your residence when you arrive at Holberg, call the Campbell River operator and ask for Zenith 6055.

Single personnel living in quarters may, if they desire, have a commercial telephone in their room - rates are the same as for private dwellings.



"Head up, Chin in, Chest out - soldier

Black bear cub receiving a lesson in discipline at the Holberg "Zoo"

PRIVATE CARS

1. There are two ways in which a car can be driven to Holberg from Comox:

(a) By road from Comox to Gold River to Beaver Cove to Port Hardy and on through to Holberg. The road construction over this route is as follows:

Comox to Gold River - (90 miles) - hard top
Gold River to Beaver Cove - (92 miles) logging road
Beaver Cove to Port Hardy - (39 miles) hard top
Port Hardy to Holberg - (34 miles) logging road

Logging roads are privately owned and used strictly at your own risk. These roads are also closed to private vehicles when logging operations are in effect. As logging operations are frequently carried out on week-ends in addition to week days, you are instructed to check closely before proceeding over logging roads to ensure no logging trucks are operating. The claimable distance on this road from Comox to Holberg is 250 miles. Snow tires or chains are required by law during winter months and it is strongly recommended you equip your car with both for travel over logging roads.

(b) By road from Comox to Kelsey Bay, by B.C. Ferry from Kelsey Bay to Beaver Cove, and by road from Beaver Cover to Port Hardy and Holberg. The road construction over this route is as follows:

Comox to Kelsey Bay - hard top (asphalt)
Beaver Cove to Port Hardy - hard top (asphalt)
Port Hardy to Holberg - logging road (gravel)

The only restrictions on this route are over the logging road from Port Hardy to Holberg, and the same restrictions as mentioned in para (a) apply. Snow tires and/or chains are required by law on Provincial Highways during winter months and are absolutely essential for travel over logging roads from Port Hardy to Holberg. Total claimable distance on this route is 185 miles. The ferry charges from Kelsey Bay to Beaver Cove are also claimable. Reservations for the Kelsey Bay - Beaver Cove Ferry should be made at least 3 or 4 weeks in advance of trip by writing to B.C. Ferries Office, P.O. Box 1365, Victoria, B.C. Reservations may also be made by phoning B.C. Ferry Terminal office at Kelsey Bay (282-3351) but they will only accept telephone reservations up to 14 days in advance of trip.

2. If you wish to keep wear and tear on your car to a minimum, the use of route mentioned in 1(b) is recommended. For personnel making their first trip to Holberg, it is suggested you phone the Guard House (MP office _ 288-3321, Local 313) before leaving Port Hardy.

TRANSPORTATION

Due to the semi-isolated area of CFS Holberg, the means of transportation to and from the unit are limited.

AIR (COMMERCIAL)

Pacific Western Airlines has two scheduled flights between Vancouver and Port Hardy. The flights operate seven days a week with scheduled stops at Comox both to and from Vancouver.

The Holberg Limousine provides transportation to and from Port Hardy and meets all P.W.A. flights. The standard adult fare is $8.00. Personnel arriving via commercial air should use this service.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Shipments of personal effects to Holberg can be consigned to a civilian moving company and delivered to the unit. CFS Holberg is serviced by one moving company, Cantin's Moving & Storage Ltd., which is affiliated with United Van Lines.

Unaccompanied baggage and effects of a single man can be shipped via rail to Vancouver for onward transportation to Holberg via Seaspan International Limited. All unaccompanied baggage shipments must be prepaid to destination.

One of the better sectio along the Holberg/Hardy road.

VEHICLE LICENSING

Under the existing Motor Vehicle Regulations of British Columbia, it is required that incoming residents obtain valid B.C. Vehicle Registration and plates within thirty days.

Incoming residents are exempt from the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act for a six month period from the date they enter the province. If they are in possession of an International Driver's Permit issued outside of Canada they will be exempt from the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act for a twelve month period from the date they enter the province. After the period allowed, as stated above, all personnel who become residents must purchase and hold a valid British Columbia Driver's license. (Authority-Section 20-M.V.A.).

Incoming personnel are encouraged to obtain provincial driver's license and vehicle registration before proceeding into Holberg. This can be done by writing to:

The Superintendent of Motor Vehicles
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B. C.

To claim for exemption from provincial sales tax, boats, trailers and POMVs must have been in the possession of the registered owner for a period of 90 days prior to taking up residence in British Columbia.

All necessary forms for the above changes can be obtained from the Military Police.

FIREARMS

All firearms must be registered with the Military Police. Personnel living in Married Quarters are allowed to keep private firearms in the PMQ. Single personnel must store their firearms in the Guardhouse.

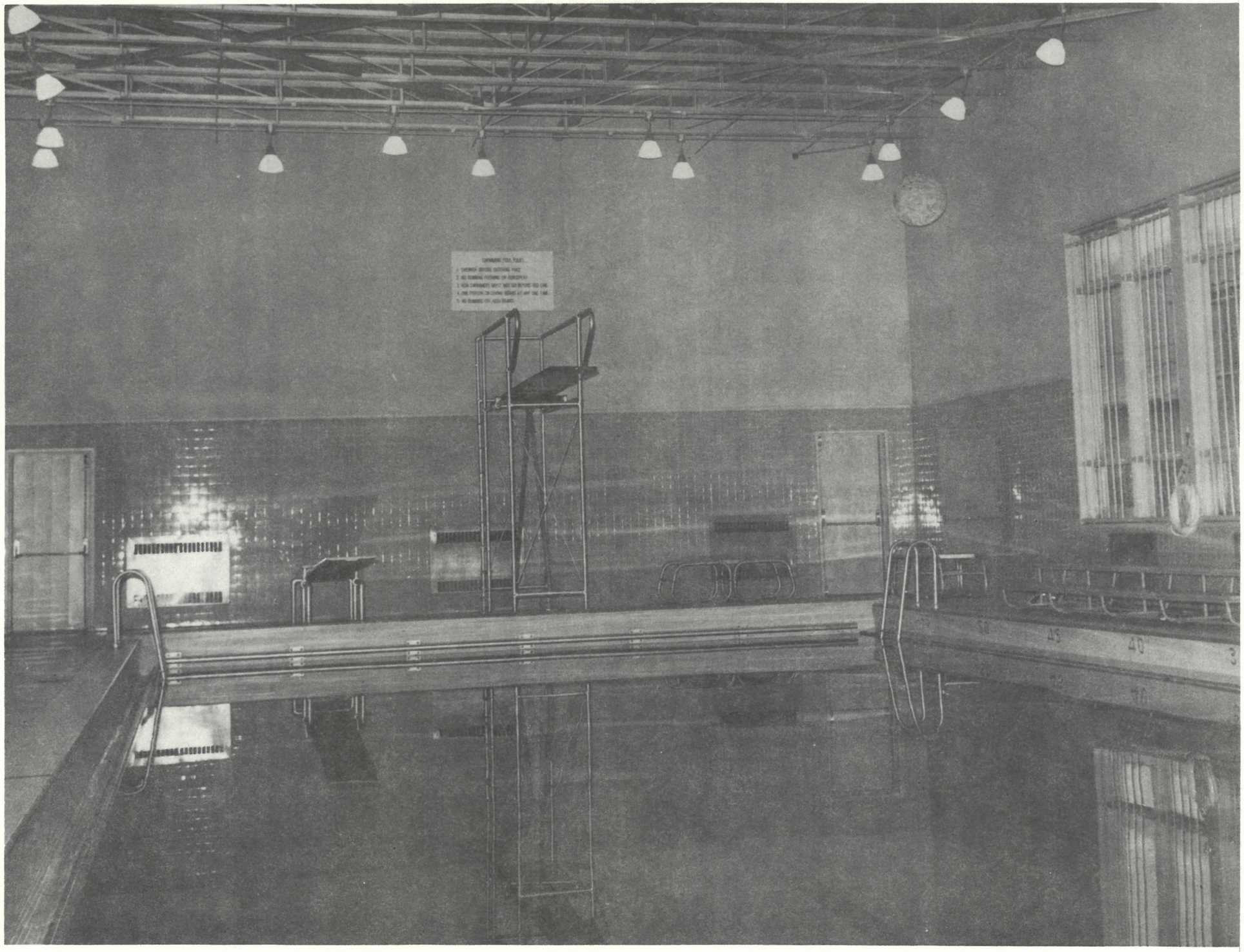
HUNTING & FISHING LICENCES

Hunting, fishing and firearms licenses are available from the Military Police. All angling, hunting and tag-licenses are valid from April 1st to March 31st.

Fees for licenses are as follows:

Firearms License	-	$1.00
Hunting "	-	$7.00
Anglers "	-	$5.00
Steelhead "	-	$3.00

SWIMMING POOL - CFS HOLBERG



SERVICES

RADIO STATION CFHG

1490 on your radio dial has a hook-up with the CBC. Personnel who are interested in volunteering their time for announcing, programming, or assisting in any technical or administrative capacity are most welcome.

THE SEAGULL COURIER

This is your bi-weekly newspaper containing information of all sorts, from local to national and international items. If you want to know what's going on at Holberg, about its activities and facilities, this paper is a MUST. It is distributed free of charge and compiled by voluntary workers.

TELEVISION

Through a network of relays and translators the Station receives Victoria's Channel 6.

A plan exists to also bring in Channel 12 from Bellingham, Wash.

THEATRE

The Station Theatre with a seating capacity of 135, located in the Rec Centre, is on the Canadian Forces Movie Guild circuit.

Three relatively current movies are shown each week, one of which is a children's Saturday Matinee.

LIBRARY

The Station Library has a good selection of books, including best sellers. Books are available to suit the literary tasts of everyone. The library is located in San Josef School and convenient hours of operation are maintained.

SNACK BAR

A modern snack bar is located in the Recreation Centre Building.

GYMNASIUM

The "gym" is open most evenings and there are such sports as badminton, volleyball, basketball, broomball, etc.

ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

SCOUTS, GUIDES, BROWNIES, WOLFCUBS AND BEAVERS

Children transferring to the Holberg groups should ensure that they bring their transfer certificate. This form is issued by their leaders prior to leaving the group to which they now belong.

All Scouters, Guiders and Group Committee men and women transferred to Station Holberg are requested to continue their active participation in the above groups for the continued benefit of our Station youth.

BRIDGE CLUB

Meets once a week.

WINE MAKING

Regular gatherings throughout the year.

AUTO HOBBY SHOP

A well equipped Auto Hobby Shop is available where gas and oil products may be purchased and which contains three bays where repairs can be carried out.

TOPS

There is an active weight watchers club in Rayonier which holds weekly meetings. All interested ladies are cordially invited to join.

OFFICERS' MESS

Holberg has a small but active Officers' Mess. The Associate Membership is as large as the regular one and this, of course, helps the viability of social functions. Monthly entertainment normally includes two movies and a TGIF each week, as well as luncheons and evening dinner/receptions for visiting dignitaries. Wives take an active part in these social functions.

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

The Senior NCOs' Mess, although small in size, is very active throughout the year. Entertainment usually consists of: Sunday evening movies, bingo games, dances and social evenings each Saturday. Every Friday there are TGIFs. Shuffleboard, darts and ping-pong are the popular games played during TGIFs, and every third Friday of the month there is a mixed TGIF for the ladies. An enclosed barbeque in the patio permits steak barbecuing year round. A recent installation of the Station TV transmitter resulted in the Mess purchasing a color TV.

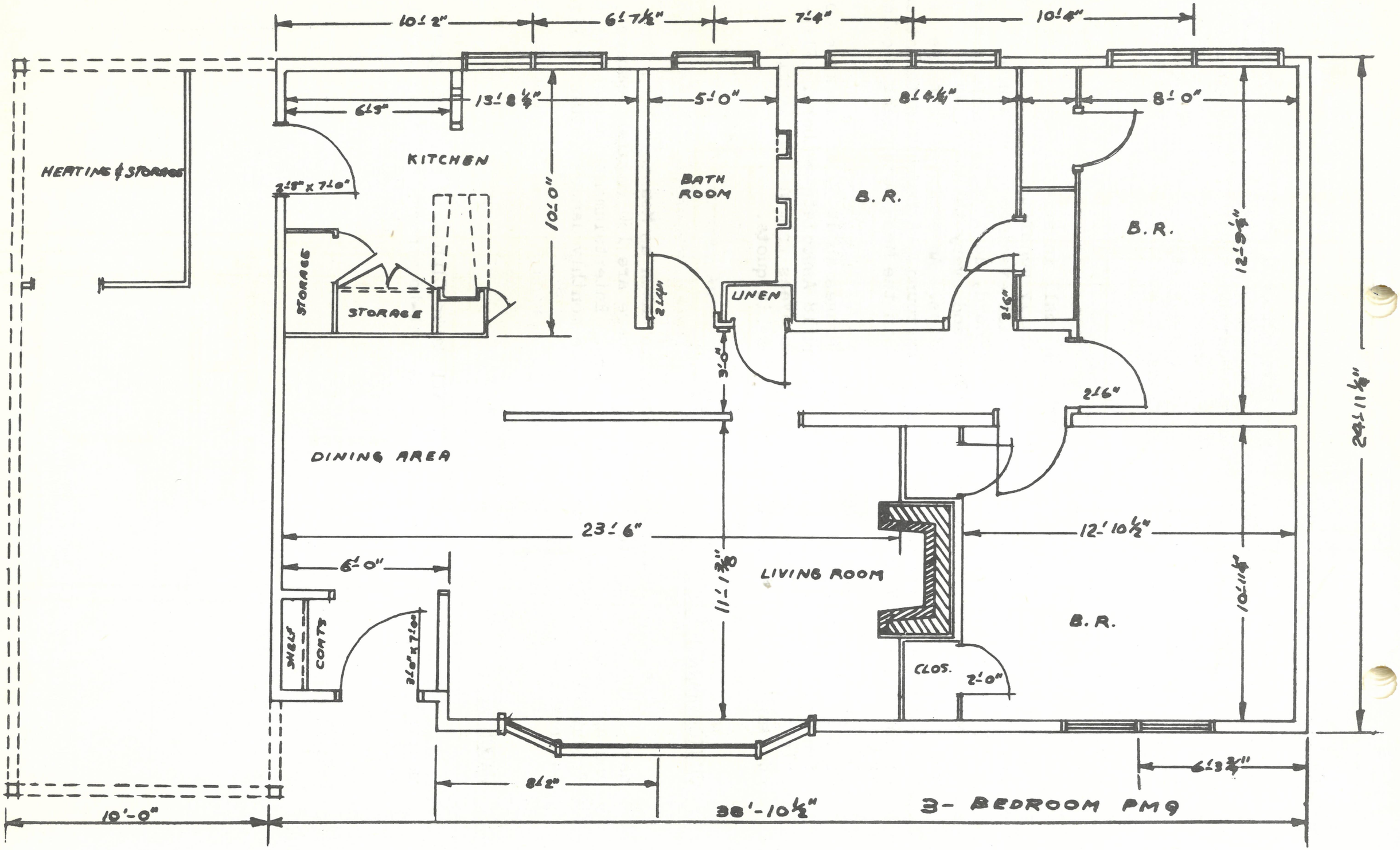
Total membership of the Mess averages about 50 and is made up of approximately 32 Service members and 18 Associate members. Eligible civilian staff on the unit and employees from nearby logging companies comprise the Associate membership quota.

JUNIOR RANKS' MESS

The Junior Ranks' Mess, which is known as Mountain View Inn, has just been completely renovated. There are 150 regular members and approximately 24 Associate members. Entertainment includes, Friday Weepers, weekly movies and twice monthly dances featuring live entertainment.

WAGON WHEEL

The Wagon wheel Inn is an All Ranks Club available for group meetings, section parties, mixed rank get-togethers and other social events.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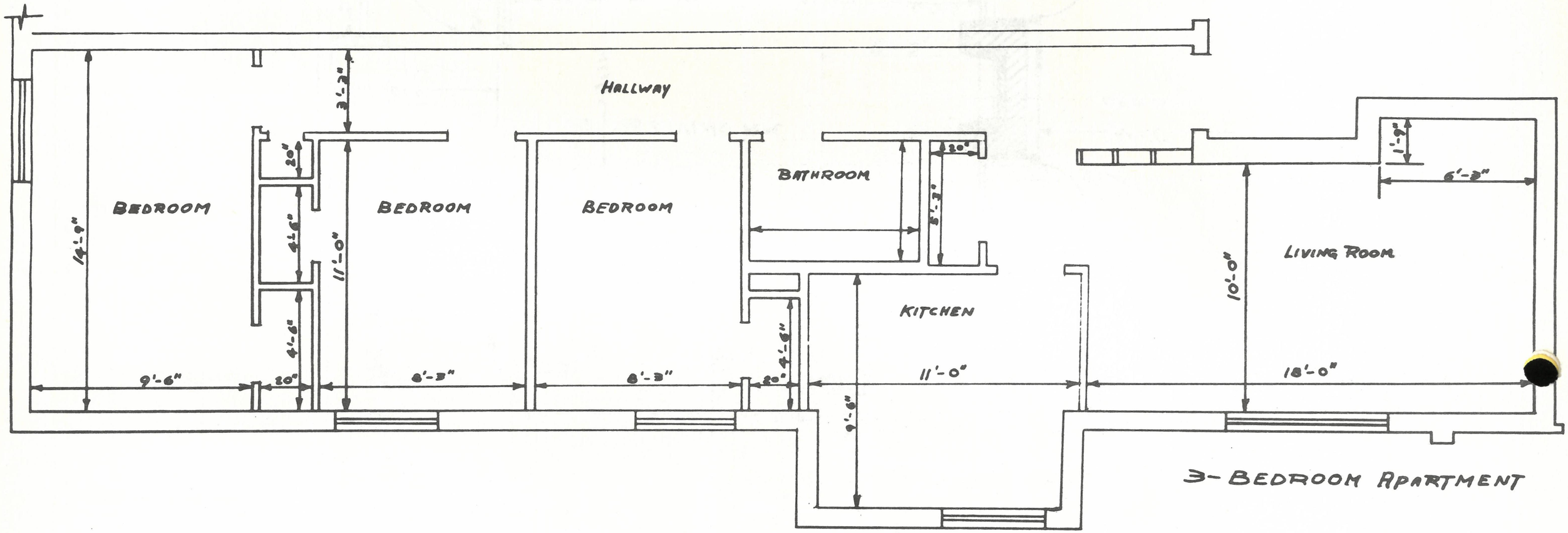

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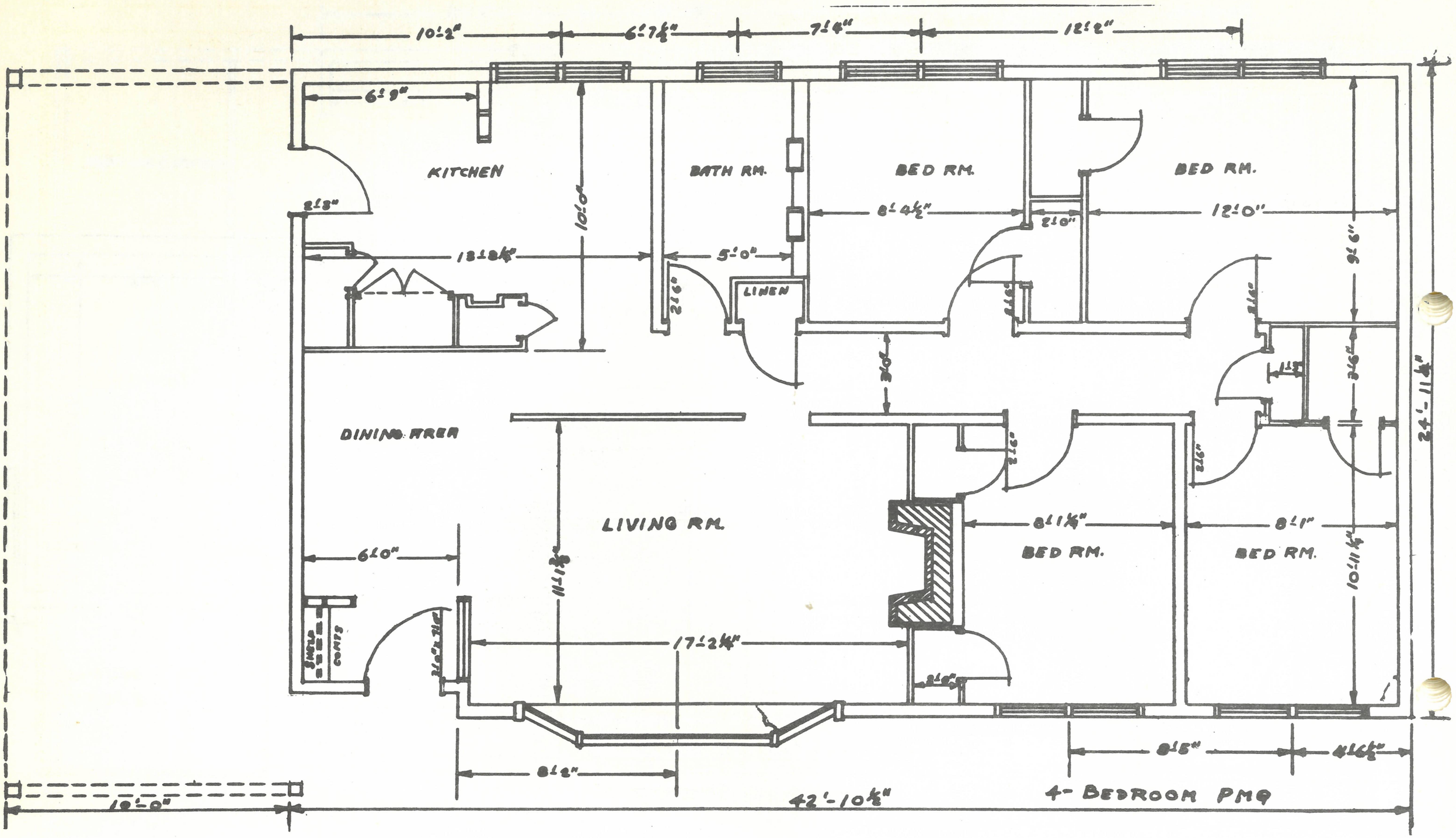
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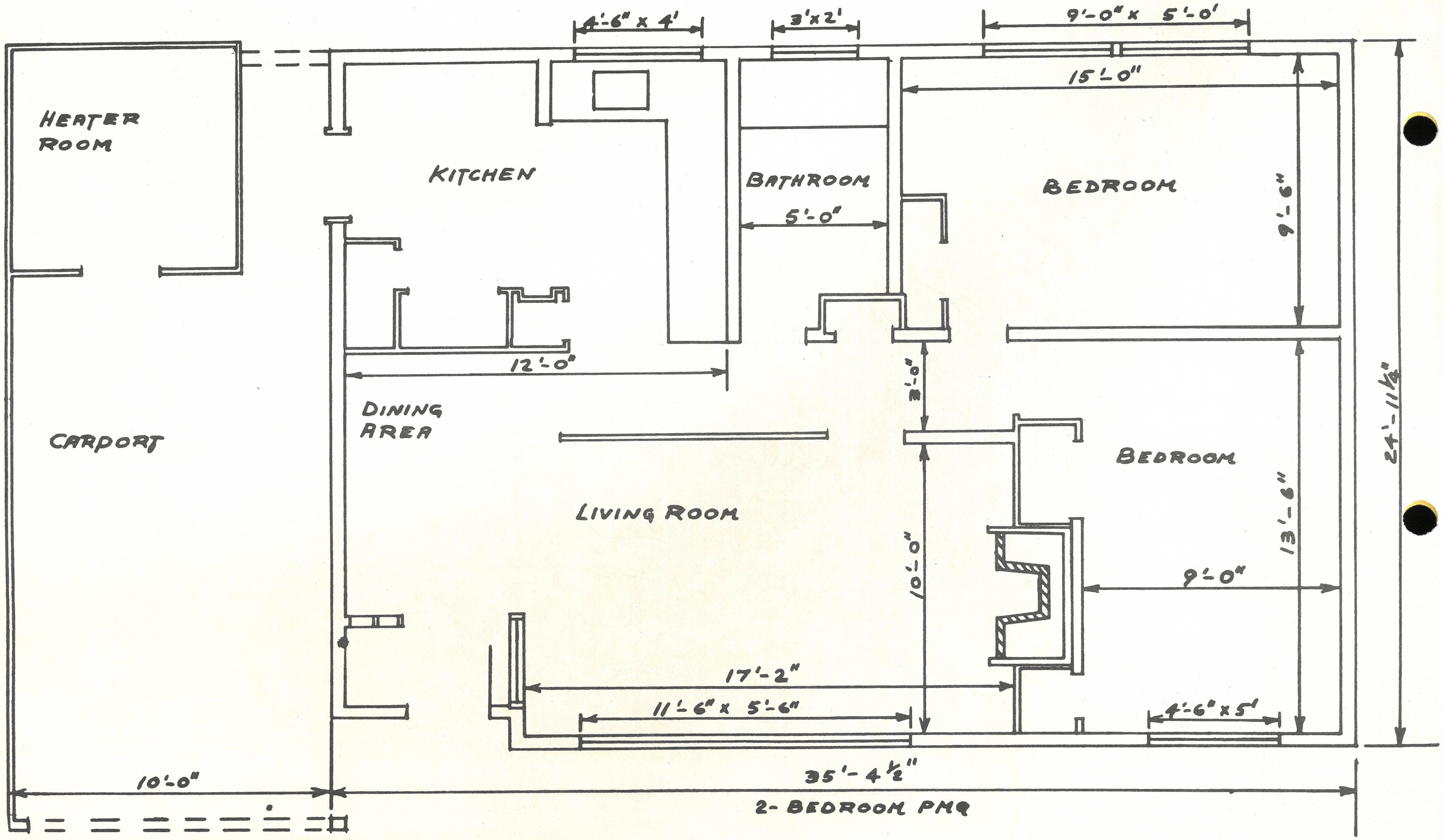
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