INFORMATION BOOKLET

CFS KAMLOOPS

On behalf of the Officers and men of Canadian Forces Station Kamloops, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this Station.

This booklet has been compiled to pass on to you a little of our history, our aim in life, and to provide general information that will help you enjoy your stay in the Kamloops area.

Commanding Officer
Canadian Forces Station Kamloops

MISSION

The primary mission of CFS Kamloops is to collect, discriminate and transmit to a designated control center radar data appearing within the area of radar coverage and to provide and maintain an air/ground/air transmit - receive facilities in support of the Air Defence (SAGE/BUIC) (System).

CFS Kamloops is the home of 56 Radar Squadron. Operational control of this Squadron is assigned to the 25th NORAD Region at McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington. Canadian Forces Air Defence Command, North Bay, Ontario is administratively responsible for CFS Kamloops.

LOCATION

The Station is located to the north-east of the City of Kamloops. The Operational Element is sited on the top of Mount Lolo, 5,750 feet above sea level, while the Admin Area is some 3,000 feet lower, 7 miles to the south and 15 miles from the centre of the city. Kamloops itself lies in the Thompson Valley at the junction of the North and South Thompson river approximately 284 miles north-east of Vancouver.

HISTORY

The Station at Kamloops was built in 1957 to augment the Pinetree chain and to provide aircraft control and warning to the Air Defence System of North America. The buildings were constructed on the site and accepted late in 1957. The following year saw the installation of the radar and communication systems, and a limited degree of operations was achieved by December, 1958. The Station designed and manned by American personnel, became the home of the 825th Squadron which was fully operational by March, 1959 under the control of the 25th Air Division at Tacoma, Wash. On 1 April, 1962, the Royal Canadian Air Force accepted responsibility for the manning of the Radar Base, which brought about the disbandment of the American Squadron and the formation and activation of 56 Radar Squadron Kamloops. Upon the redesignation of AC&W Squadrons to Radar Squadrons, the Station became CFS Kamloops.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel to Kamloops can be accomplished by road, rail and air.

If using POMC, the Trans-Canada Highway can be used either from Calgary or Vancouver. In winter, the Rogers Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway is kept in excellent condition. The North Thompson Highway (No. 5) is the best route from Edmonton to Kamloops.

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CFS Kamloops is 15 miles from Kamloops city centre. Your route from Kamloops to the Station is initially via the North Thompson Highway (#5). Approximately 3 miles from Kamloops you leave highway,No. 5, turning right, onto what is locally called the Paul Lake Road. This junction is well marked and by staying on the paved road and following the signs, you will arrive at CFS Kamloops.

Commercial air is available from Kamloops to Vancouver and Calgary with air time approximately one hour. Air connection to all American and Canadian points can be made in both Vancouver and Calgary.

Both CNR and CPR main lines pass through Kamloops although most trains arrive and depart Kamloops between 2300 and 0200 hours.

Daily bus service is available to and from Vancouver and Calgary.

Mileage from Kamloops To

CFS Kamloops	15	Kelowna	100
Merritt	57	Revelstoke	136
Nelson	295	Seattle	344
Osoyoos	185	Spokane	377
Penticton	142	Vancouver	284
Princeton	115	Calgary	406
Vernon	72	Edmonton	520

Many fishing lakes are within short driving distance from Kamloops.

REPORTING IN

Upon arrival during normal duty hours, all personnel will report to the Station Orderly Room to receive instructions for signing in and processing.

All incoming personnel reporting on the Station after normal duty hours should contact the Duty Officer or Duty NCO as applicable.

GMT is not available after normal working hours.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All private cars must be issued with a Canadian Forces Station Kamloops decal if the vehicle is to enter beyond the Main Gate. Decals are obtained from the Military Police on presenting proof of insurance.

The Province of British Columbia requires each resident to have motor vehicle liability insurance. If your car is registered out of Province, it must be registered with the local Motor Vehicle Branch immediately upon taking up residence. New licence plates must be purchased and you will be required to take a written and practical driving test.

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WEAPONS REGISTRATION

Private ownership of firearms and their possession by personnel residing on Base in the Trailer Park is permitted. Personnel living in barracks may check their weapons in and out of the Military Police Station for use off the Base. ALL WEAPONS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE MILITARY POLICE.

ON-BASE

CFS Kamloops has a number of on-Base facilities and are explained in detail subsequent to the following brief description of the Station area.

The Station is physically separated into two distinct areas; the Admin Area on the Lower Site, and the Operations Area on the Upper Site.

The Admin Area buildings house our CE Section, Supply Section, Headquarters (CO, CADO, SAO, SOR, CPO, Station Exchange, Communications Section), MSE Section, Combined Dining Hall, Recreation Centre (Jr Ranks Mess, Games Room and Rec Hall with stage), Sgts' Mess, Officers' Mess, and living quarters. Adjacent to the Admin Area is a softball diamond, tennis court and a 17-pad Trailer Park.

Seven miles north and nearly 3,000 feet higher is the Operations Area which house the Operations Section and their associated equipment. This is a RESTRICTED AREA and access to it must be properly authorized by the CO, CGEO and MP.

HOUSING

There is no family housing on the Station and personnel accompanied by their dependants live in Kamloops. A 17-pad Trailer Park is situated adjacent to the Admin Area. Each asphalt pad has a storm shed and connections for water, sewage and electricity. Washers and dryers are installed in a permanent wash building with convenient accessibility. Trailer pads are available on a waiting list basis only.

In addition there are 20 DND owned mobile homes. At this writing these mobile homes are temporarily sited on a privately-owned mobile home park situated on the outskirts of the City of Kamloops. Negotiations are at present underway to determine a location for permanent siting.

Three modern permanent type, steam-heated buildings quarter single and unaccompanied personnel.

RECREATION BUILDING

The multi-purpose recreation building houses the Jr Ranks Mess, Rec Hall with stage, Games Room, Weight lifting room, Recreation office and steam bath.

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DINING FACILITIES

A combined dining hall is centrally located in the Admin Area and seats approximately 80 persons comfortably. Meals are served cafeteria style to men of Warrant Officer rank and below. Officers are table served.

The Operations Area has a small messing facility that accommodates those personnel required for duty during exercises and for the normal noon meal.

The following schedules are provided to assist personnel:

Combined Mess Meal Hours -

Mon - Fri	Breakfast	-	0700 - 0830
	Lunch	-	1130 - 1300
	Early Dinner (Shift workers)		1500 - 1530
	Dinner	-	1630 - 1745

Sat, Sun & Holidays

Brunch	-	0700 - 1300
Dinner	-	1630 - 1745

ME Scheduled Runs

	Frequence	Time	Vehicle
a. To Ops Site	Daily	0800	Bus
	"	1030	Bus
	"	1300	Bus
	"	1500	Bus
	Shift Change	1530	S/W
	" "	2315	S/W
b. To City of Kamloops	Daily	0030	S/W
	"	0845	S/W
	"	1400	S/W
	"	1600	S/W
	"	1900	S/W
	"	2200	S/W

NOTE: Personnel wishing to use these runs to town check with Duty Driver at 358 prior to departure time.

Bar Hours

Officers	-	Bar operated on honour system, keys held by all ordinary members.
WO's & Sgts	-	Bar operated on honour system, keys held by all ordinary members.
Jr Ranks	-	Mon - Thurs - 1630 - 1730, 1800-2200 Friday - 1630 - 2300 Saturday - 1400 - 1700, 1800 - 2300 Sun & Holidays 1400 - 1630, 1830 - 2200

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CHAPEL

There is no Chapel on the Station, however, churches of all demoninations are available in the City of Kamloops. Civilian Officiating Clergy, RC and Protestant, are available on an appointment basis.

POST OFFICE

A post office is not located on the Station. The Station Orderly Room Central Registry is open during normal working hours for receipt and distribution of official and living-in members' personal mail.

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The Station Exchange is located in the north east corner of the Administration Building (#2). Hours of operation are posted in Station Routine Orders.

STATION WORKING HOURS

The normal working hours for Canadian Forces Station Kamloops, unless otherwise detailed, are as follows:

0800 - 1200 hours 1250 - 1630 hours

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

The Officers' Mess is located on the lower floor of the Officers' Barrack Block (Building #4). The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess is located on the lower floor of Barrack Block #5. The Junior Ranks Mess is located in the south wing of the multi-purpose building (building #7). Bar facilities are available.

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KAMLOOPS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LOCATION AND FUNCTION

The City of Kamloops, in the interior of British Columbia, is located in the Thompson Valley at the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers. The strategic position of Kamloops makes it a prime trading and distributing centre for a large area of the B.C. interior. Major industries are lumbering, ranching and mining. The City is also the centre of a fast growing tourist trade.

Some of the finest trout and salmon fishing in Canada exists in the immediate area.

The newly constructed ski lift on Mount Tod (approximately 36 miles from Kamloops) is the longest double chair lift in North America.

All normal domestic facilities are available such as modern schools, churches, shopping centres, etc.

POPULATION

The City of Kamloops was incorporated in 1893. A recent census reveals Kamloops City to have a population of 55,000 making a total trading area population of approximately 100,000. Kamloops area is one of the fastest growing centres in Canada, having doubled its population in the past decade.

TERRAIN AND CLIMATE

The City is situated 1,160 feet above sea level surrounded by lakes, streams and mountainous terrain. Sagebrush covers the low lying ground and heavy stands of fir and pine are prevalent on the mountain slopes.

Climatic conditions are very dry with a brief rainy period in the spring. Average temperature is 85 degrees in the summer and very seldom drops below zero in winter. The first snow fall can be expected in October, however, the annual accumulation is light.

There is some Rocky Mountain fever in the area, but ticks which are the carrier of the disease, have not been reported as a problem. Rattle snakes are prevalent in certain areas.

HISTORY

In 1812 Alexander Ross of the Pacific (Astor) Fur Company camped on the present Kamloops Indian Reserve and for 10 days traded with some 2,000 Indians. Ross bartered 5 leaves of tobacco for each beaver skin and when he exhausted his tobacco supply, the basis of exchange became one yard of white cotton per 20 prime beaver pelts. In the same year the North West Company opened a trading post and the history of Kamloops began.

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HISTORY (Continued)

In 1813, the North Westers bought out the Pacific Fur Company and they in turn sold out to the Hudson Bay Company in 1821. Fort Cumcloups, "the meeting of the waters", as it was known, became the central headquarters. The Fort was moved across the river and located in what was formerly known as North Kamloops (Kamloops and North Kamloops amalgamated on 4 November 1967).

In 1858 the cry of "gold" brought the miners to the Thompson area to stake claims and pan for the precious metal.

The saga of the "Overlanders" and their trek from Upper and Lower Canada is too long to recount here. Suffice to say that in 1862 the Overlanders reached Fort Comcloups too late for the gold rush but in time to farm and develop the Thompson Valley.

Between 1862 and 1868 development was fast. The Fort was moved to the south side of the Thompson River. The first house and flour mill were built and the Harper brothers received $1.00 a pound for beef.

November 7, 1885 was a momentous day. After 4 years of labour and bitter hardships, the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed and the first through train stopped at Kamloops. From that day on, the future of the community was assured.

In 1893, Kamloops was incorporated as a City and this marked the end of pioneering and the beginning of modernized progress. The growth was steady as more homes were built, new businesses sprung up and more ranchers and farmers worked the land.

Tranquille Sanitarium was built and in 1912 the Royal Inland Hospital was opened. Another railroad, the Canadian National Railway, then forged its way through Kamloops to the Coast. Today the city is the heart of British Columbia's inland empire, a City of opportunity and ever expanding growth.

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ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS	Plaza Hotel	372-7121
	Village Hotel	376-8811
	Leland Hotel	372-5525
	Stockmens Motor Hotel	372-2281
	Canadian Inn	372-5201
MOTELS	Four Seasons Motel	372-2313
	Scott's Motel	372-8221
	David Thompson Motel	372-5282
	Courtesy Inn Motel	372-8533
	Sagebrush Motel	372-3151
	Davy Crockett Motel	372-2122
	Travellodge Motel	372-8202
	Motel "7"	374-2488

RAILWAYS AND AIRLINES

Canadian National Railways	372-7181
Canadian Pacific Railways	372-5822
West Coast Air Services Limited	376-8525
Pacific Western Air Lines	376-1255

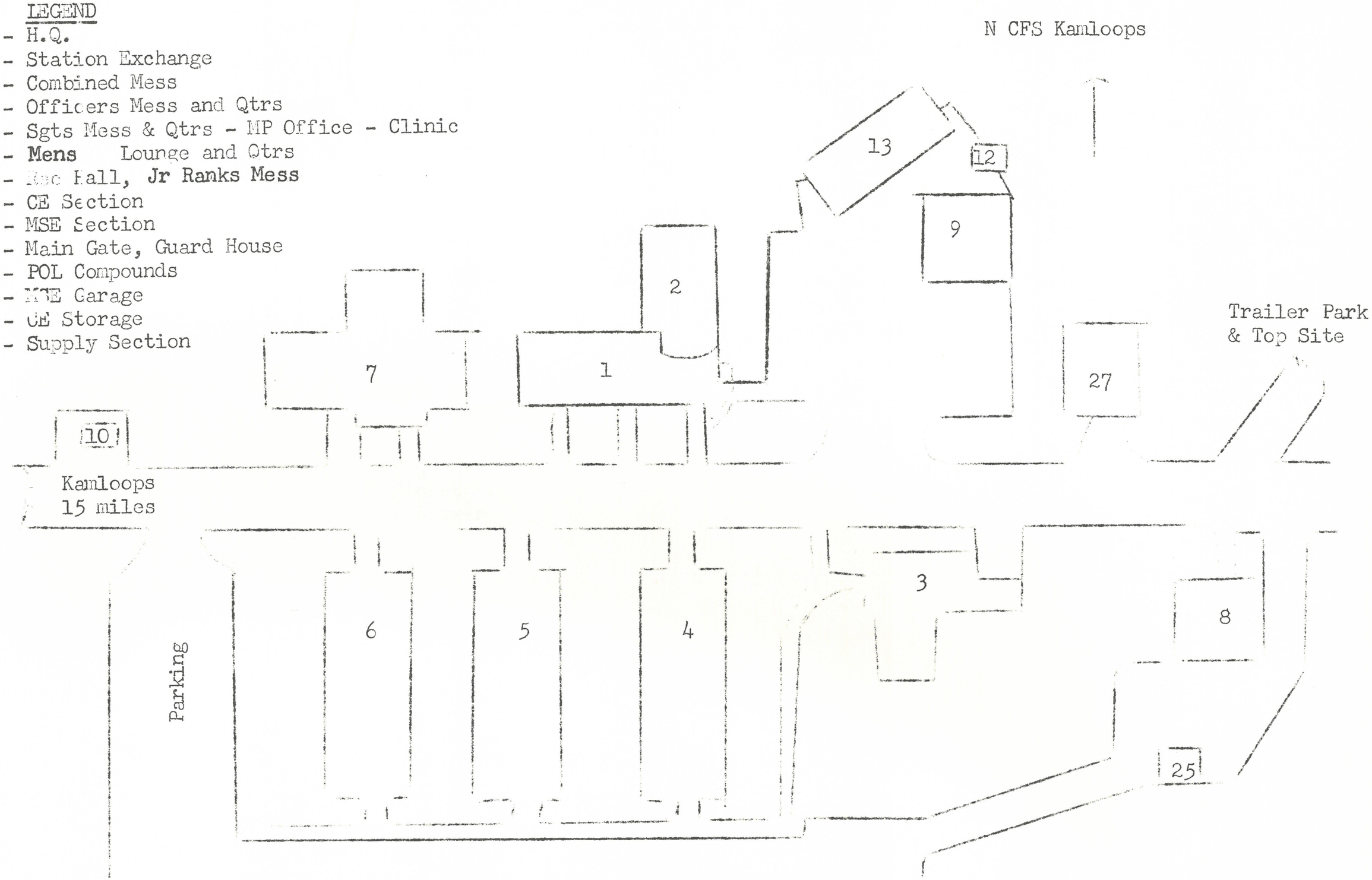
HANDY PHONE LIST

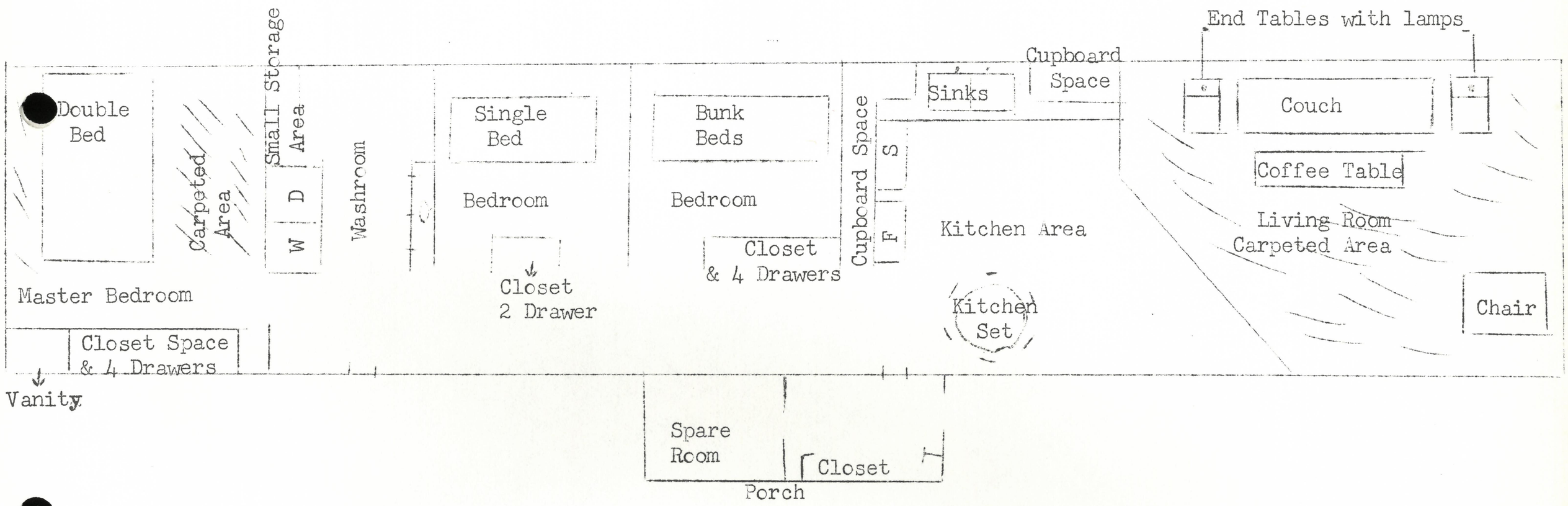
Canadian Forces Station Kamloops		374-0371
Commanding Officer	Local..	300
Chief Ground Environment Officer	Local..	330
Chief Administrative Officer	Local..	301
Ground Environment Operations Officer	Local..	222
Duty Officer	Contact Station Switchboard	
Duty NCO	Local..	333
Mobile Support Equipment (Despatcher)	Local..	358
Clinic	Local..	315
Military Police	Local..	313

THIS IS YOUR NEW STATION. IT WILL BE NO BETTER OR NO WORSE THAN WHAT YOU YOURSELF ARE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS GENERAL WELL BEING AND OVERALL EFFICIENCY.

LEGEND

1 - H.Q.
2 - Station Exchange
3 - Combined Mess
4 - Officers Mess and Qtrs
5 - Sgts Mess & Qtrs - MP Office - Clinic
6 - Mens Lounge and Qtrs
7 - Rec Hall, Jr Ranks Mess
8 - CE Section
9 - MSE Section
10 - Main Gate, Guard House
12 - POL Compounds
13 - MSE Garage
25 - CE Storage
27 - Supply Section





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