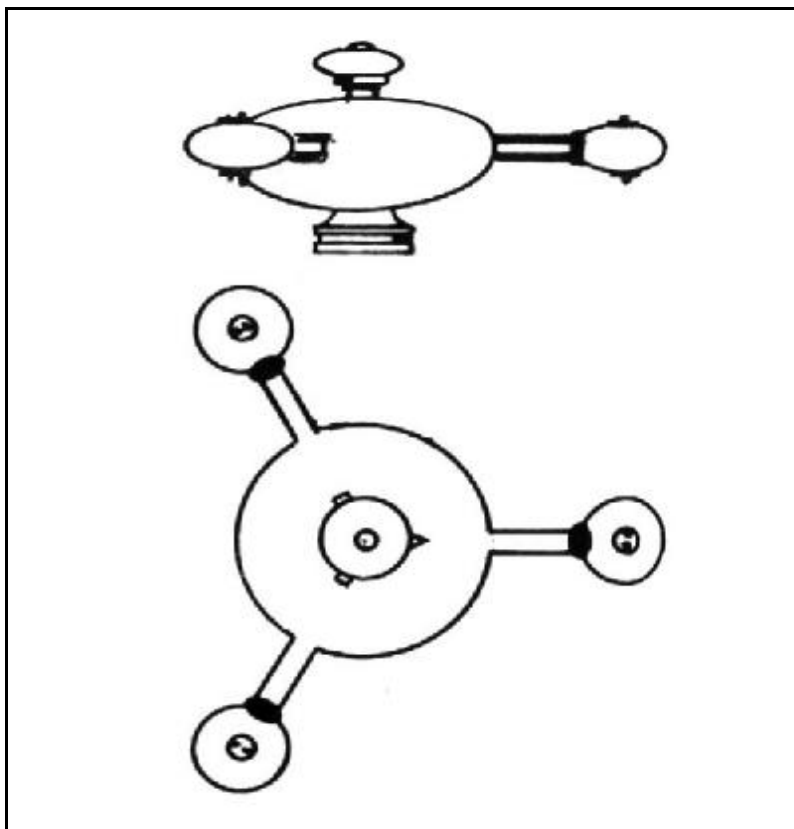


<b>Classification:</b>	BASE	BASE
<b>Class:</b>	19	19
<b>Model:</b>	I	II
<b>Class Commission Date:</b>	2251	2257
<b>Number Proposed:</b>	10	1 (Conversion)
<b>Constructed:</b>	1	1 (Conversion)
<b>Lost:</b>		
<b>Destroyed:</b>		
<b>Scrapped:</b>		
<b>Training:</b>		
<b>Captured:</b>		
<b>Sold:</b>		
<b>Superstructure:</b>	150	150
<b>Damage Chart:</b>	OUTPOST	OUTPOST
<b>Dimensions:</b>		
<b>Length:</b>	500m	500m
<b>Width:</b>	500m	500m
<b>Height:</b>	200m	200m
<b>Displacement:</b>	447300 mt	412630 mt
<b>Cargo Specs</b>		
<b>Total SCU:</b>	1606 SCU	1528 SCU
<b>Cargo Capacity:</b>	80280 mt	76400 mt
<b>Computer Type:</b>	M-4x3	M-4x3
<b>Landing Capacity:</b>	N	N
<b>Cloaking Device:</b>		
<b>Power to Engage:</b>		
<b>Transporters:</b>		
<b>6-person:</b>	10	10
<b>20-person Combat:</b>	10	10
<b>22-person Emergency:</b>	10	10
<b>cargo:</b>	20	20
<b>Laboratories:</b>		
<b>Brigs:</b>	40	40
<b>Replicators:</b>		
<b>Shuttlecraft:</b>		
<b>Light Shuttle:</b>	10	10
<b>Standard Shuttle:</b>	20	20
<b>Heavy Shuttle:</b>	20	20
<b>Cargo Shuttle:</b>	20	20
<b>Medical Shuttle:</b>	20	20
<b>Combat Shuttle:</b>	100	100
<b>Ships Complement:</b>	1919	1778
<b>Officers:</b>	184	156
<b>Enlisted:</b>	735	622
<b>Troops:</b>	1000	1000
<b>Passengers:</b>	1000	1000
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>		
<b>Total Power Available:</b>	160	240
<b>Movement Point Ratio:</b>		
<b>Warp Engine Type:</b>		
<b>Number:</b>		
<b>Power Units:</b>		
<b>Stress Chart:</b>		
<b>Optimum Speed:</b>		
<b>Max Safe Cruising:</b>		
<b>Emergency Speed:</b>		
<b>Maximum Speed:</b>		
<b>Impulse Engine Type:</b>	FIPG-1ax10	FIPG-2ax10
<b>Power Units:</b>	160	240
<b>WEAPONS/DEFENSE</b>		
<b>Beam Weapon:</b>	FL-6	FH-3
<b>Firing Arcs:</b>	8 ea arc	8 ea arc
<b>Firing Chart:</b>	H	H
<b>Maximum Power:</b>	3	5
<b>Damage Modifiers</b>		
<b>+3</b>		1-10
<b>+2</b>		11-17
<b>+1</b>	1-4	18-20
<b>Beam Weapon:</b>	FLC-4	
<b>Firing Arcs:</b>	4 ea arc	
<b>Firing Chart:</b>	G	
<b>Maximum Power:</b>	4	
<b>Damage Modifiers</b>		
<b>+3</b>		1-10
<b>+2</b>		
<b>+1</b>		
<b>Torpedo Type:</b>	FAC-4	FP-1
<b>Firing Arcs:</b>	8 ea arc	8 ea arc
<b>Firing Chart:</b>	K	L
<b>Power To Arm:</b>	4	1
<b>Damage:</b>	12	10
<b>Stock:</b>	2160	2160

<b>Shields-</b>		
<b>Shield Type:</b>	OFSA	OFSA
<b>Shield Point Ratio:</b>	1/2	1/2
<b>Maximum Shield:</b>	16	16
<b>Combat Efficiency</b>	496.8	645.8
<b>D-</b>	287.5	307.5
<b>WDF-</b>	172.8	210.0



Commenced in 2242 and Commissioned in 2251, Command and Supply Post KB0.3/W8.0S was intended as the command centre for a chain of new heavily armed border posts along the Klingon Frontier. The astronomical cost of this station caused the others to be suspended and the Klingon Border continued to rely on smaller outpost stations. The additional 9 stations would not have been any help in the four years war in any case as they would not have been completed until 2260 at the earliest.

Located near the Klingon Border at 0.3W, 8.0S (hence the uninspiring name) the station was caught in the Klingon Advance of October 2252. Due to the incomplete nature of the defensive perimeter the Station did not fall to the Klingon advance, rather it was outflanked. The Klingons occupied the space around it from October 2252 through to January 2256. Although frequently harassed by Klingons, the destruction of an entire task group sent to destroy the Station in November 2252 convinced the Klingon High Command that assaulting the station was a wasteful proposition, although later commanders did try again to their cost and disgrace. The Klingons laid siege to the Station, from November 2252 until the end of the war. Despite this siege, and repeated futile attempts to capture or destroy the Station, against all the odds the station remained operational. The commander, Commodore Sessoe likened the Station's situation to that of the besieged island of 'Malta' during Earth's second world war, the name stuck and it became known as 'Malta Station' to the Federation public.

As well as the vast stock of supplies held due to the Station's secondary role as a fleet support base, the Station managed to get some essential supplies through, Starfleet Intelligence used 'borrowed' Orion Blockade runners to run supplies, and the station's four embarked scout ships (appropriately dubbed 'Faith', 'Hope', 'Charity' and 'Desperation' by the crew) were used to salvage material from the many destroyed vessels in the area. In all during the four year siege the station fired 19756 accelerator cannon rounds, and destroyed at least 65 Klingon vessels. In Honour of the achievements of the crew the station was commissioned as a ship, the USS Malta on 24 May 2254. The station was upgraded in 2257 and redesignated Starbase 27. Replaced by a new Alamo class Outpost in 2287, 'Malta Station' was due to be scrapped, but massive popular pressure caused a change of plan, and she was towed into orbit of Memory Alpha as a tribute to her crew.

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