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GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN  
GRODNO, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

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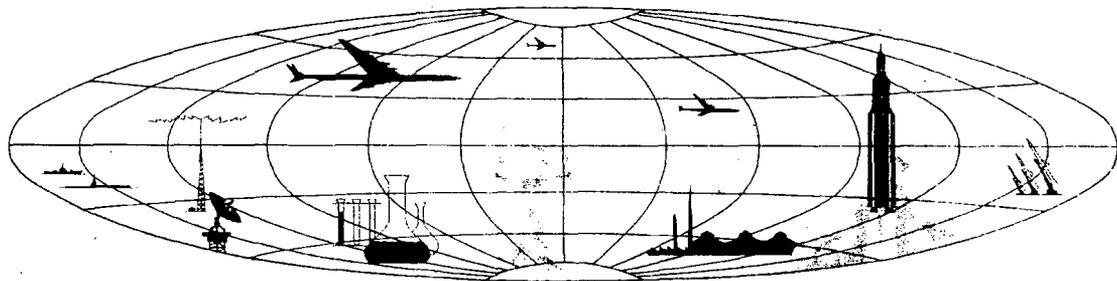
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN  
(53-39N 023-46E)  
GRODNO, GRODNEŃSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

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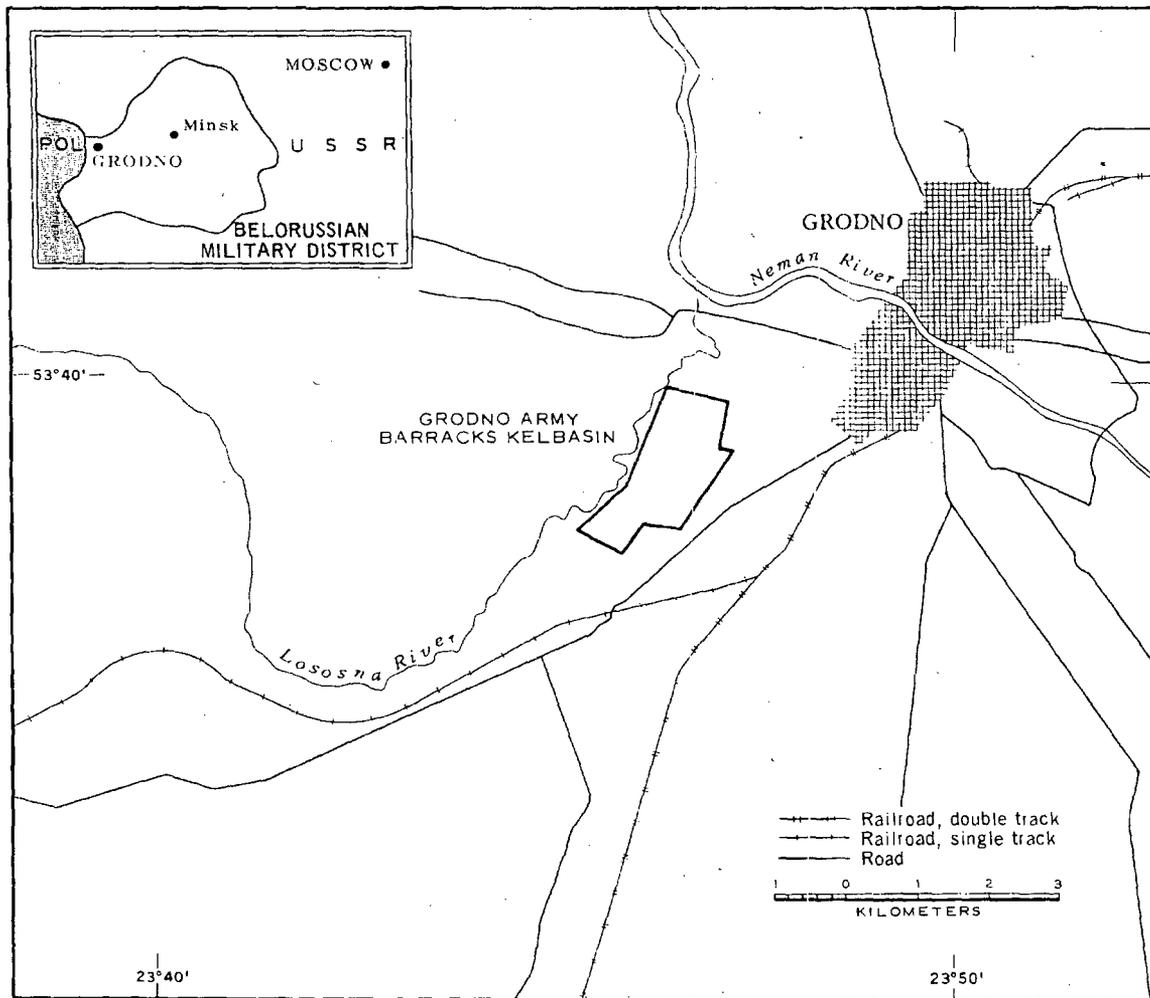


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN.

### SUMMARY

Grodno Army Barracks Kelbasin (Figure 1) is located 6.5 kilometers (km) southwest of Grodno (53-40N 023-50E). The installation is not rail served but has a network of secondary roads which gives it good access to Grodno and all roads radiating from Grodno. The Grodno Ammunition Depot Kelbasin Southwest (AL-7) is located 2 km southwest. Other military installations in the Grodno area include Army Barracks East (AL-1), Army Barracks North, Army Barracks and Depot Neman River South (AL-4), Ammunition Storage Area Southeast (AL-5), and Army Barracks Southeast (AL-2).

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 600 acres and includes five administration buildings, 14 barracks, 58 storage buildings, 22 support buildings, and five vehicle parks containing 11 vehicle sheds, three maintenance buildings, and four equipment storage buildings. The installation also includes two revetted ammunition storage buildings, one athletic field, five small arms firing ranges, a wheeled-vehicle driver training course, and

a probable communications station containing three buildings. A small probable ammunition storage area containing five buildings is located 1.5 km south. The direct road connection between this area and the barracks indicates an association. A small training area covering approximately 500 acres is located 3 km southwest of Grodno Army Barracks Kelbasin. It contains three wheeled-vehicle driver training courses, a possible tank firing range with two target runs, one firing lane and seven abandoned target runs. The training area is connected to the barracks area by a secondary road. The direct road connection to the Army Barracks Kelbasin indicates the training area is utilized primarily by units in the barracks.

The area was covered by 11 KEYHOLE missions between March 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of activity over this period, with a reduction in activity during the winter months. No significant changes in the installation were observed.

### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

#### Railroad Service

The installation is not rail served. The Vilnius-Bialystok and the Grodno-Lida rail lines serve Grodno.

#### Road Service

A series of secondary roads provide access to the all-weather Grodno-Augustow, Grodno-Suwalki, and Grodno-Nowy Dwor highways.

#### Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 has eight multistory barracks and two support buildings.

Area D2 has two multistory administration buildings, four multistory barracks and three support buildings.

Area D3 has two administration buildings which appear to have hip roofs.

Area D4 has one multistory administration building, two multistory barracks and three support buildings.

#### General Storage Areas

Area E1 has 41 storage buildings previously identified as probable accommodation huts. However, the presence of larger, newer

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FIGURE 2. GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN, SEPTEMBER 1963.

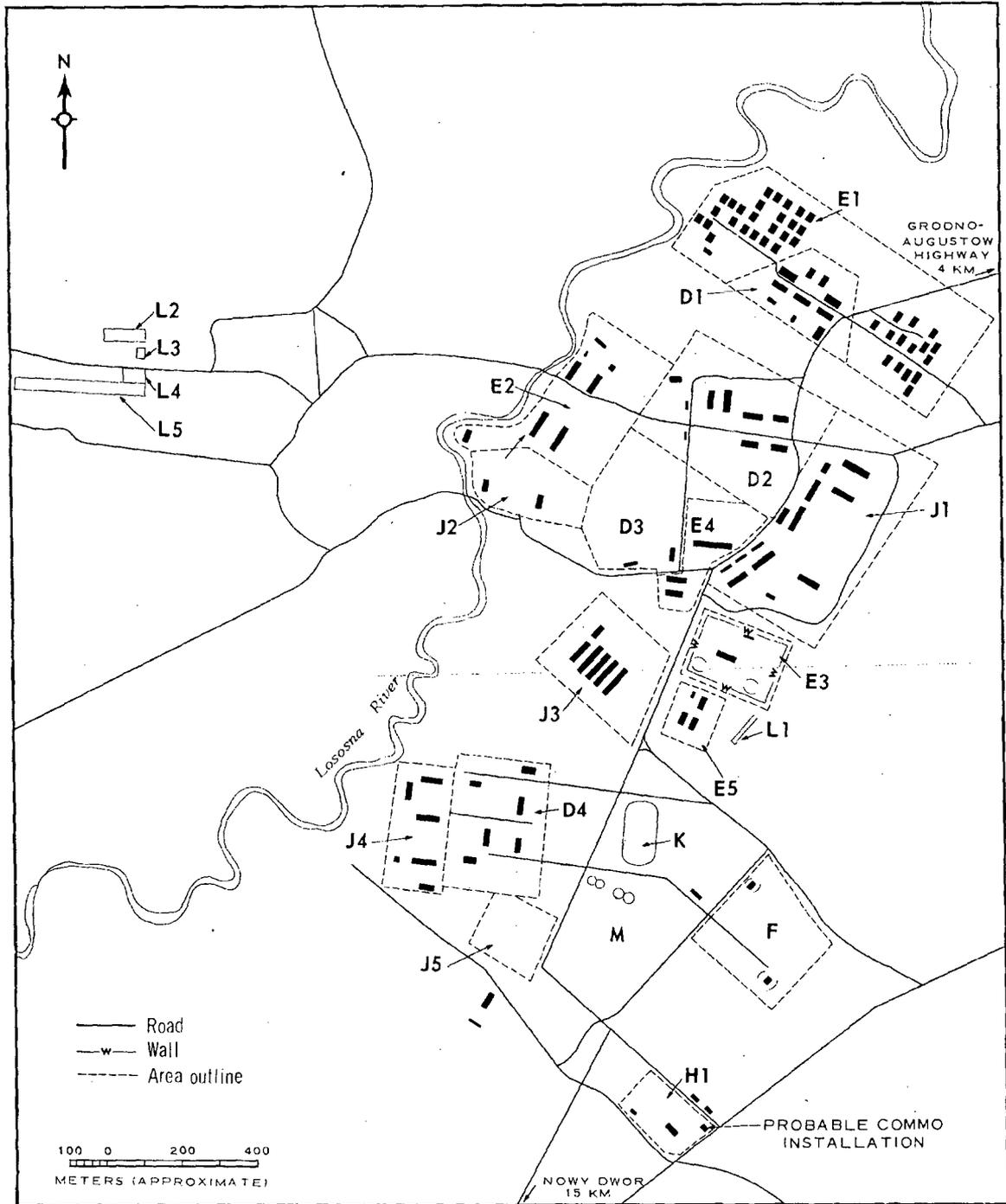


FIGURE 3. GRODNO ARMY BARRACKS KELBASIN. Sketch compiled from [redacted] June 1963.

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barracks indicates that these buildings may now be used partially as storage. Lack of

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eight storage buildings. Area E3 has two storage buildings. This area is secured by a probable wall. There are two circular revetments (function undetermined) in the south corners. Area E4 has three storage buildings. Area E5 has four storage buildings.

**Ammunition Storage Areas**

Area F has two 20- by 40-foot probable revetted ammunition storage buildings. Only the southernmost revetment has a trail leading to it, indicating only one is presently being used.

A second area (not shown on sketch) is located 1.5 km south and has three 45- by 75-foot probable ammunition storage buildings and two support buildings. Track activity indicates the areas are occupied.

**Other Buildings**

There are five support buildings scattered throughout the area.

Area H1 is a probable communications site and contains three miscellaneous buildings.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas**

Area J1 has one 280- by 60-foot vehicle shed, one 240- by 60-foot vehicle shed, three 210- by 40-foot vehicle sheds, one 200- by 50-foot vehicle shed, one 160- by 60-foot vehicle shed and six support buildings. Probable rows of vehicles can be observed on all photography

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Area J2 has two 110- by 50-foot maintenance buildings, probably small repair shops.

Area J3 has four 240- by 40-foot vehicle sheds, one 160- by 40-foot maintenance building and one support building. There are two rows of probable vehicles visible on Febru-

ary 1964 coverage immediately north of the buildings.

Area J4 has four 175- by 40-foot equipment storage buildings and two support buildings. Earth scarring indicates the area is being used.

In Area J5 no buildings can be observed; however, six rows of probable vehicles are visible on February 1964 coverage.

**Athletic Field**

Area K is an athletic field. Minor ground

**Small Arms Firing Ranges**

Range L1 is 600- by 50-feet, L2 is 600- by 100-feet, L3 is 100- by 90-feet, L4 is 360- by 100-feet and range L5 is 1,000- by 100-feet.

**Driver Training Areas**

Area M is a 300- by 600-foot wheeled-vehicle driver training course. It contains two

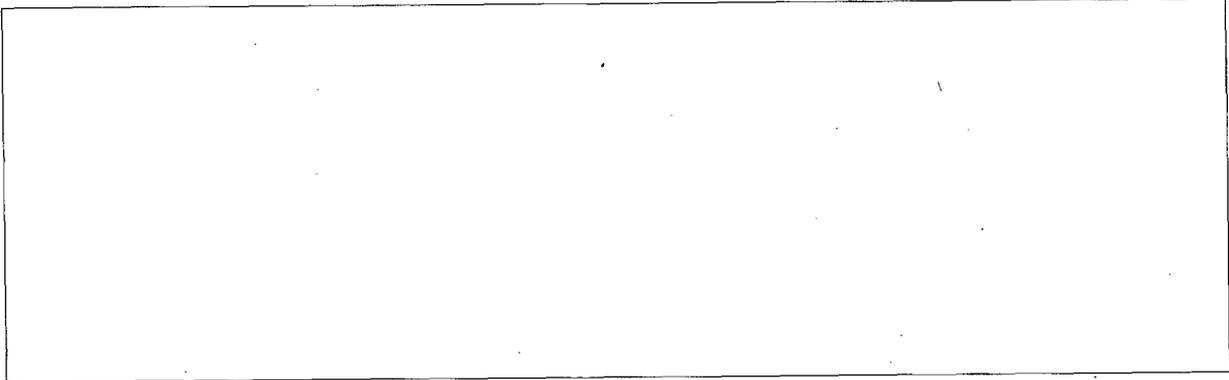
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Located 3 km southwest of the barracks area is a small training area which is not shown on the sketch. It contains two elongated figure-8 courses and an irregular-shaped, closed-circuit, wheeled-vehicle driver training course. Photography reveals track activity during summer months, but not during winter months. One of the figure-8 patterns is located in a possible abandoned tank firing range.

**Tank/Assault Gun Firing Range**

A 1,300- by 1,400-foot progressive loop firing lane (not shown on sketch) which can be observed on summer coverage, is located 2.5 km south of Area M. Two moving target runs appear to be in use. Seven other target runs are probably abandoned.

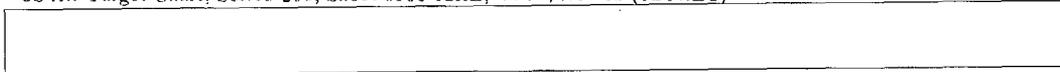
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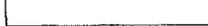
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