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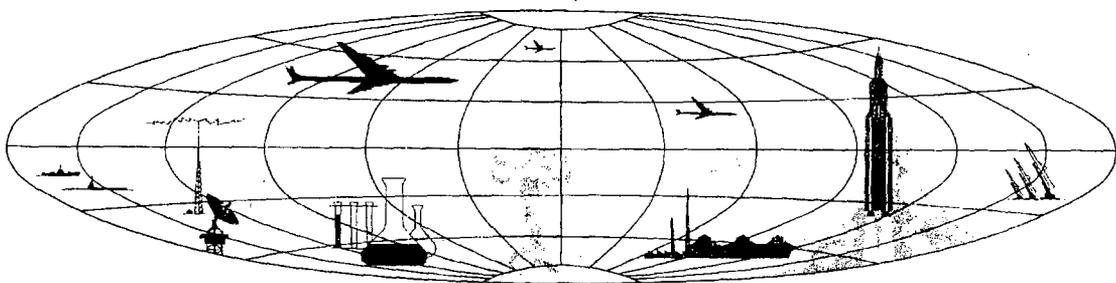
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PREFACE

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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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(55-33N 028-47E)

POLOTSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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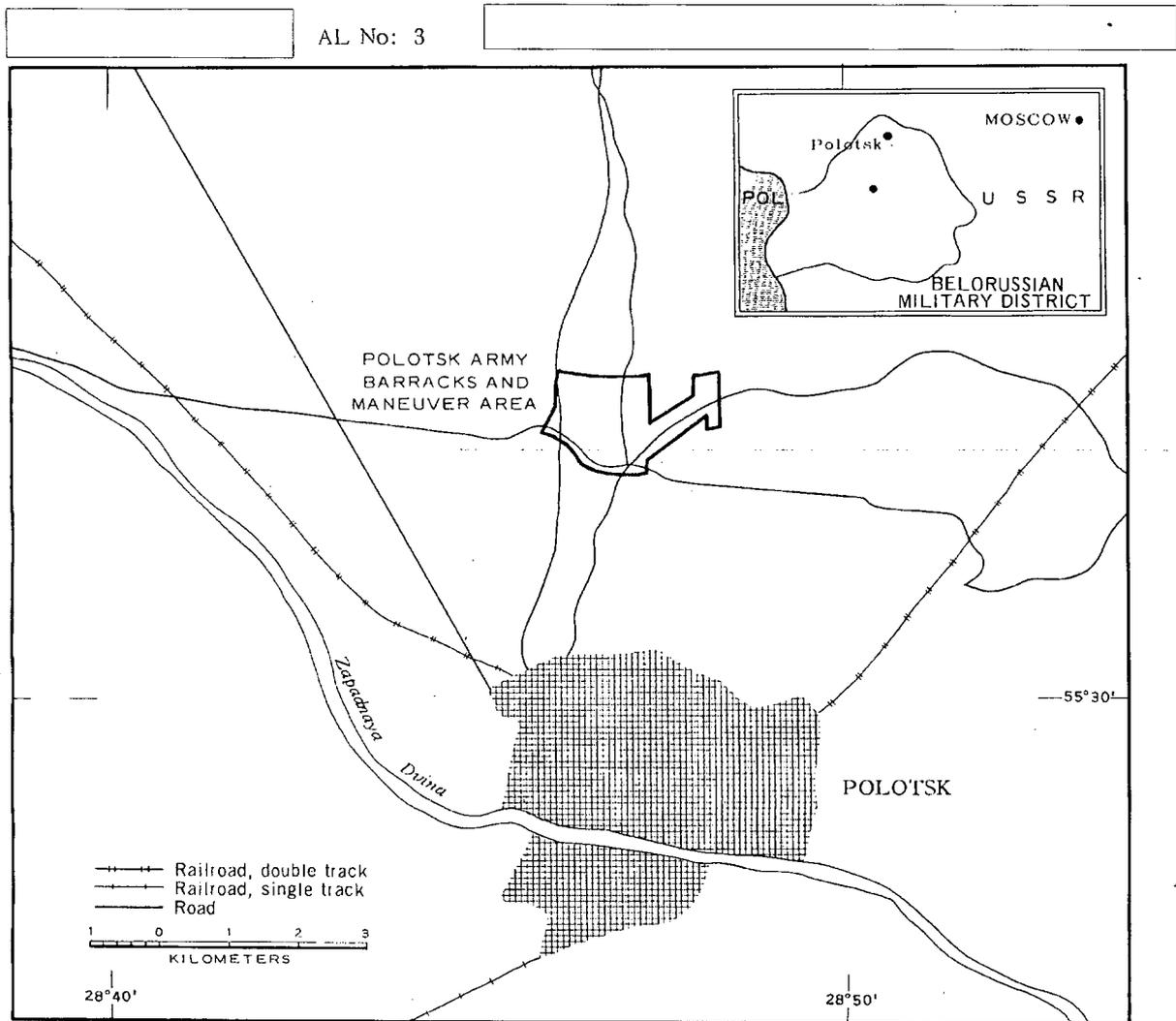


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS AND MANEUVER AREA.

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SUMMARY

Polotsk Army Barracks and Maneuver Area (Figure 1) is located 6 kilometers (km) north of Polotsk (55-29N 028-48E). The installation was formerly served by rail; however, tracks adjacent to the area have been dismantled and the rail bed is now being used as a road. All-weather secondary roads provide access to Polotsk. Secondary roads provide direct access to Dretun Army Training Area [redacted]

[redacted] 26 km northeast and Polotsk Army Barracks Borovukha (AL-1) 12 km northwest.

This installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 3,000 acres and includes 2 administration buildings, 19 barracks, 8 small probable officer's quarters, 18 storage buildings, 26 support buildings, four vehicle/equipment areas containing 19 vehicle/equipment

sheds, a secured explosive storage facility with two buildings, a possible tracked-vehicle driver training course, a small arms firing range and one athletic field.

The area was partially covered by 1956 TALENT photography and by eight KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals the same general level of usage between December 1961 and February 1964. Significant changes observed since 1956 are the complete abandonment of a small moving target range located 2.5 km west, and the removal of 20 support buildings, eight large storage buildings and six vehicle sheds and the construction of one large vehicle/equipment shed.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The tracks from Polotsk have been dismantled and the rail bed is now used as a road. Rail facilities are located in Polotsk.

Road Service

All-weather secondary roads provide access to Polotsk.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains 13 multistory barracks and five support buildings.

Area D2 contains one multistory administration building and eight small probable officer's quarters.

Area D3 contains one multistory administration building, one multistory barracks and three support buildings.

Area D4 contains three multistory barracks and one support building.

Area D5 contains two multistory barracks and four support buildings.

Track activity indicates that all areas are occupied.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains four storage buildings and one support building, Areas E2 and E3 each contain four storage buildings and area E4 contains three storage buildings. Eight large storage buildings observed in 1956 were removed by April 1962.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F, a doubly secured area first observed in April 1962, contains two buildings each 50 by 50 feet.

Other Buildings

Seven support buildings are scattered throughout the installation. Twenty support

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buildings throughout the area were removed between 1956 and April 1962.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains one vehicle/equipment shed 220 by 50 feet, two vehicle/equipment sheds each 180 by 50 feet, six vehicle/equipment sheds each 150 by 50 feet, one vehicle/equipment shed 120 by 50 feet, one vehicle/equipment shed 100 by 50 feet and three support buildings. Six vehicle/equipment sheds were removed and the large 220-by 50-foot shed added between 1956 and April 1962.

Area J2 contains two vehicle/equipment sheds each 220 by 60 feet and three storage buildings.

Area J3 contains two vehicle/equipment sheds each 225 by 60 feet, two vehicle/equipment sheds 150 by 50 feet, one vehicle/equipment shed 140 by 50 feet and one support building. Unidentified objects, possibly vehicles, were observed in rows between the buildings.

Area J4 contains one vehicle/equipment

shed 250 by 60 feet, one support building and a vehicle park approximately 600 by 300 feet.

Athletic Field

Only light activity observed in area K. A grandstand is built into the side of a hill.

Small Arms Firing Range

Area L is a 350-by 100-foot range attached to barracks area, D5, located directly north. No activity is observed.

Driver Training Area

Area M is a 6,600-by 1,500-foot possible tracked-vehicle driver training course. Ground scarring indicates the course is active in summer months. No activity observed during winter months.

Moving Target Range

A small moving target range located 2.5 km west of the installation has been abandoned and is not shown on Figure 3.

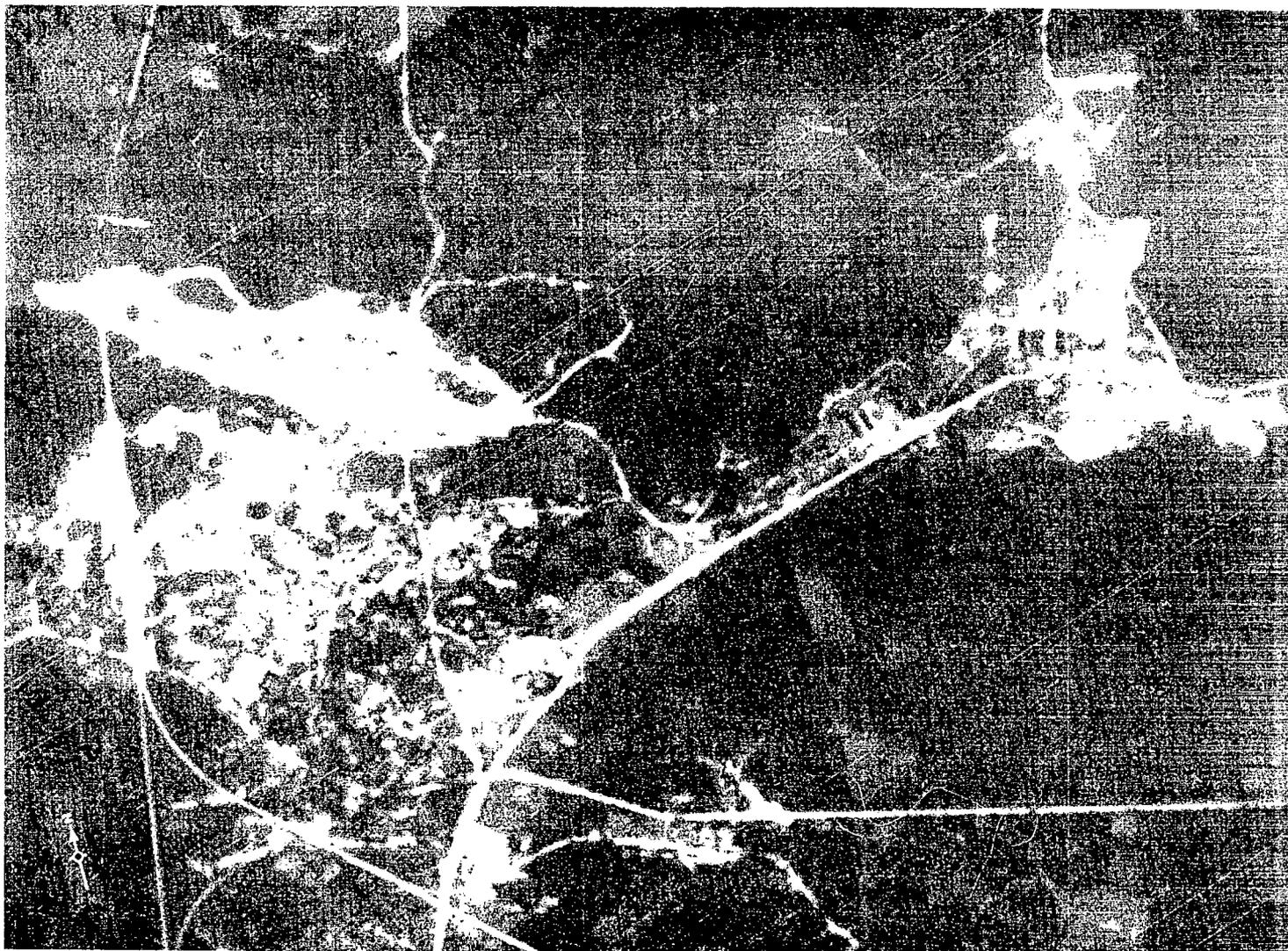


FIGURE 2. POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS AND MANEUVER AREA, POLOTSK, USSR, AUGUST 1963.

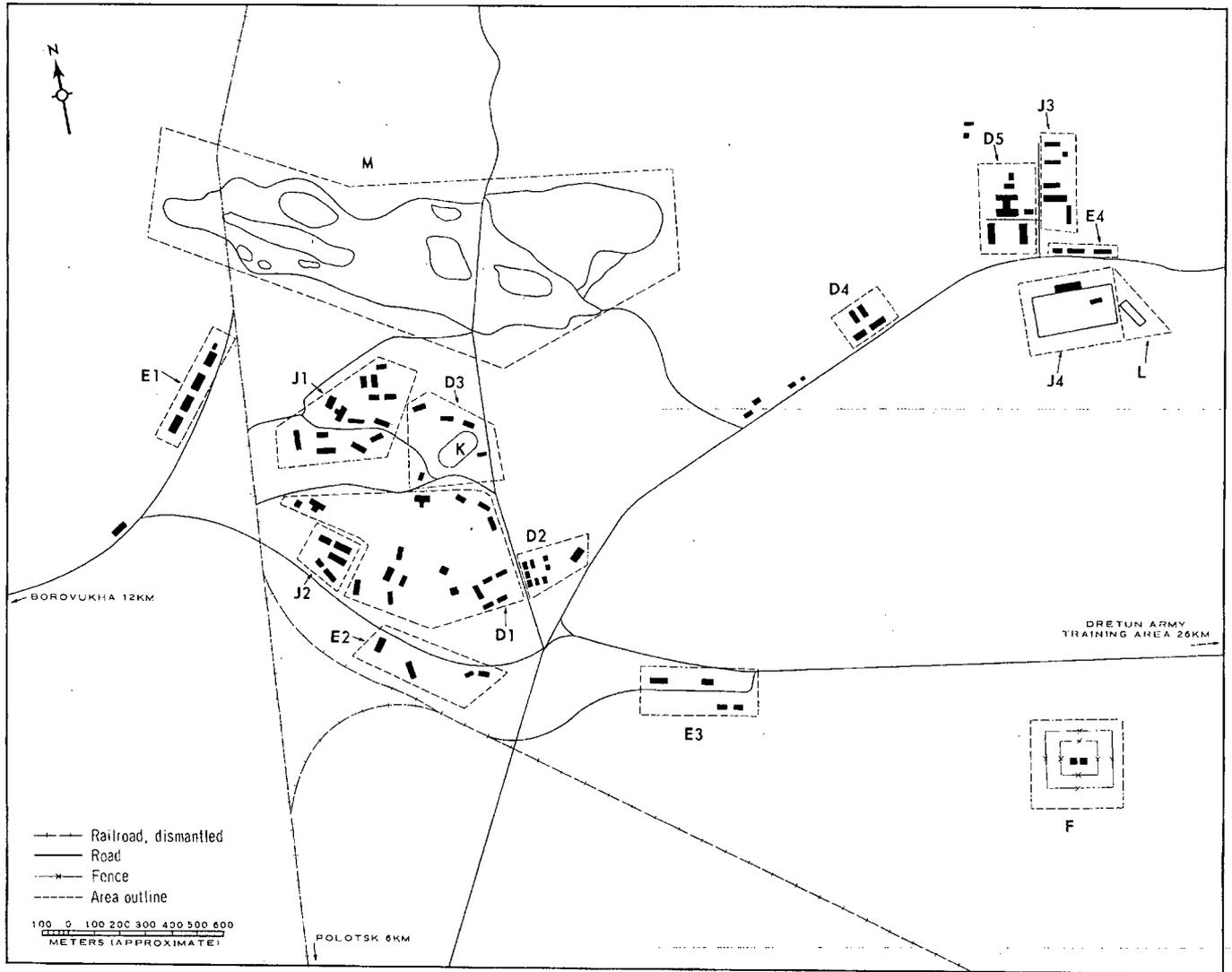
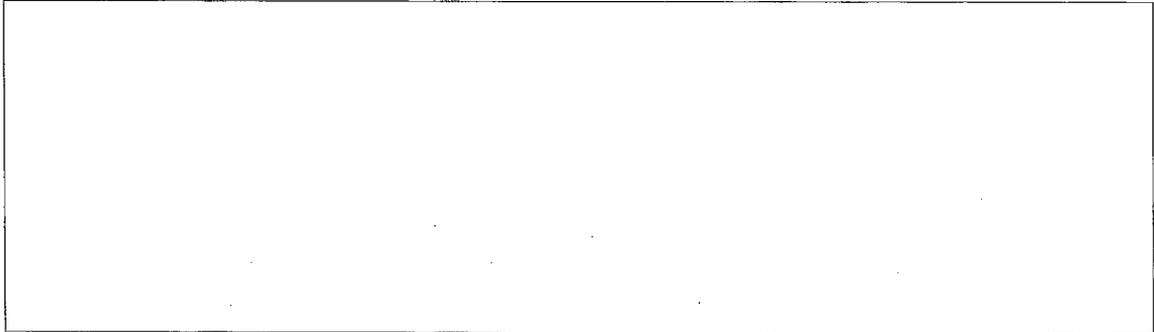


FIGURE 3. POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS AND MANEUVER AREA. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

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