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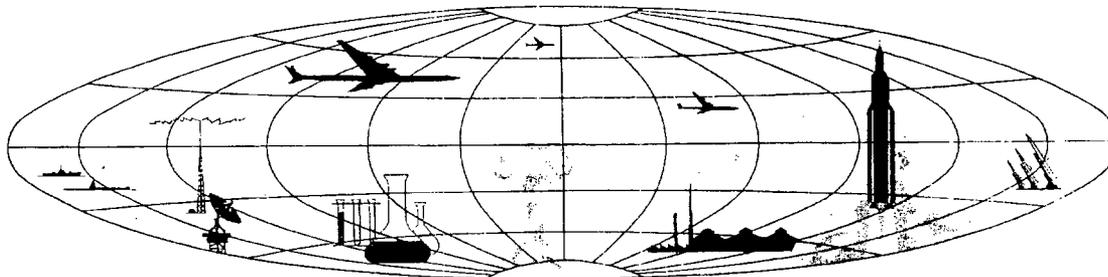
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PREFACE

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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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(53-57N 027-43E)
MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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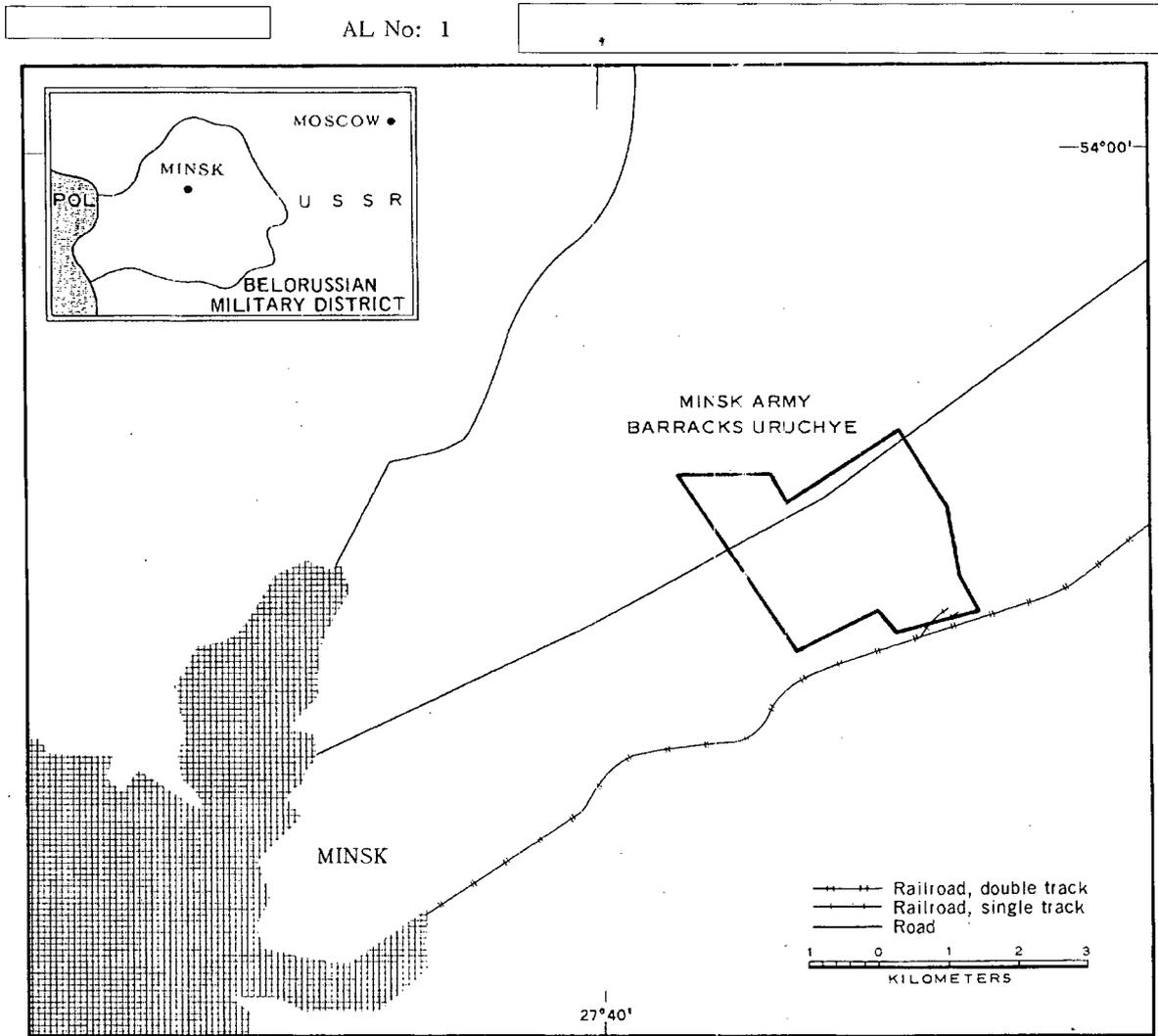


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK ARMY BARRACKS URUCHYE.

SUMMARY

Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye is located 11 kilometers (km) northeast of Minsk (53-54N 027-35E), north of the Minsk-Borisov rail line and on both sides of the Minsk-Moscow highway (Figure 1). The installation is served by a spur from the Minsk-Borisov rail line. Road service includes the Minsk-Moscow highway and several good all-weather roads. Other military installations in the area include the Minsk Army Barracks Kalinina [redacted] located immediately east-northeast of the installation and the adjacent Minsk Military Training Area (ГЛ-1), which is associated with both of these installations.

This installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 2,200 acres and includes 15 administration buildings, 52 barracks, 92 storage buildings, 64 support buildings, 65 probable dependent quarters, a secured transformer substation with a control building, and five equipment storage/maintenance areas containing 21 vehicle storage/maintenance buildings and eight vehicle parks. Training facilities within this installation include a wheeled-vehicle driver training area, nine small arms firing ranges,

and three athletic fields.

The installation is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and seven KEYHOLE missions between June 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed a constant level of usage between June 1962 and August 1963, with a reduced level of usage on the snow-covered photography of February 1964. The four KEYHOLE missions between June 1962 and June 1963 did not provide coverage of the entire installation. The first KEYHOLE mission on which the entire installation is visible is July 1963. Significant changes between the 1956 TALENT coverage and the July 1963 KEYHOLE coverage include the addition of 11 barracks, 33 storage buildings, 31 support buildings, 6 vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, 52 dependent quarters, one athletic field, four small arms firing ranges, and a driver-training area. Some of these changes were first noted on the June, July and August 1962 coverage and some on the July 1963 coverage. Four tent camps present on July 1956 coverage are visible on the KEYHOLE coverage, but the presence of tents cannot be confirmed.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

This installation is served by a spur from the Minsk-Borisov rail line. The spur forms two tracks leading into a secured storage area containing two buildings. Two possible rail-end loading or unloading docks are present at the end of the tracks.

Road Service

The Minsk-Moscow highway through this area and several all-weather roads serve this installation.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains one administration building, 16 barracks, five storage buildings, and three support buildings. One barracks and three support buildings were added between July 1956 and July 1963.

Area D2 contains seven administration buildings, 16 barracks, five storage buildings, six support buildings, and one water tower. Five barracks, 3 support buildings and one storage building were added between July 1956 and June 1962.

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Area D3 contains one administration building, two barracks, seven storage buildings, and nine support buildings. One storage and four support buildings were added between July 1956 and August 1962.

Area D4 contains one administration building and two barracks.

Area D5 contains one administration building, eight barracks, six storage buildings, and four support buildings. One barracks, two support and two storage buildings were added between July 1956 and August 1962.

Area D6 contains three administration buildings, eight barracks, eight storage buildings, 12 support buildings, and six quarters (probably for dependents). One barracks, under construction in July 1956, was observed completed on August 1962 coverage. Three other barracks were added between July 1956 and July 1962. Four storage buildings, 5 support buildings and 5 quarters were added between July 1956 and August 1962.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains nine storage and four support buildings. One support building was added between July 1956 and August 1962.

Area E2 contains 11 storage buildings, three added between July 1956 and July 1963.

Area E3 contains 14 storage and three support buildings. Six storage and two support buildings were constructed between July 1956 and July 1962.

Area E4 contains seven storage buildings and three support buildings. Four storage buildings were constructed between July 1956 and July 1962.

Area E5 contains five storage buildings, two in a secured, rail served area and all constructed between July 1956 and July 1962.

Area E6 contains five storage and one support building. The support building has been added since 1956.

Other Buildings

Area H contains 59 probable dependent quarters and three storage buildings. Forty-seven quarters and the storage buildings were added between July 1956 and June 1962.

In addition there are one administration building, five storage buildings, 11 support buildings, and one secured transformer substation containing a control building scattered throughout the installation. Three storage and three support buildings were constructed between July 1956 and August 1962.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1, a secured equipment storage/maintenance area constructed between July 1956 and July 1963, contains one 340- by 90-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 235- by 140-foot vehicle maintenance building, one 145- by 80-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 145- by 70-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, four support buildings, and two vehicle parks, 470 by 470 feet and 350 by 170 feet.

Area J2 contains one 350- by 100-foot vehicle maintenance building, three 235- by 70-foot vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, two 235- by 50-foot vehicle storage buildings, one 175- by 50-foot vehicle storage building, one 240- by 200-foot vehicle park, two storage buildings, and three support buildings. One vehicle storage/maintenance building and three support buildings were added between July 1956 and July 1963.

Area J3, a probable secured equipment storage/maintenance area, contains one 215- by 45-foot vehicle storage building, two 180- by 70-foot vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, one 140- by 95-foot vehicle maintenance building, two vehicle parks, each 230 by 120 feet, and one support building. One vehicle storage/maintenance building has been added since July 1956.



FIGURE 2. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS URUCHYE, USSR, JULY 1963.

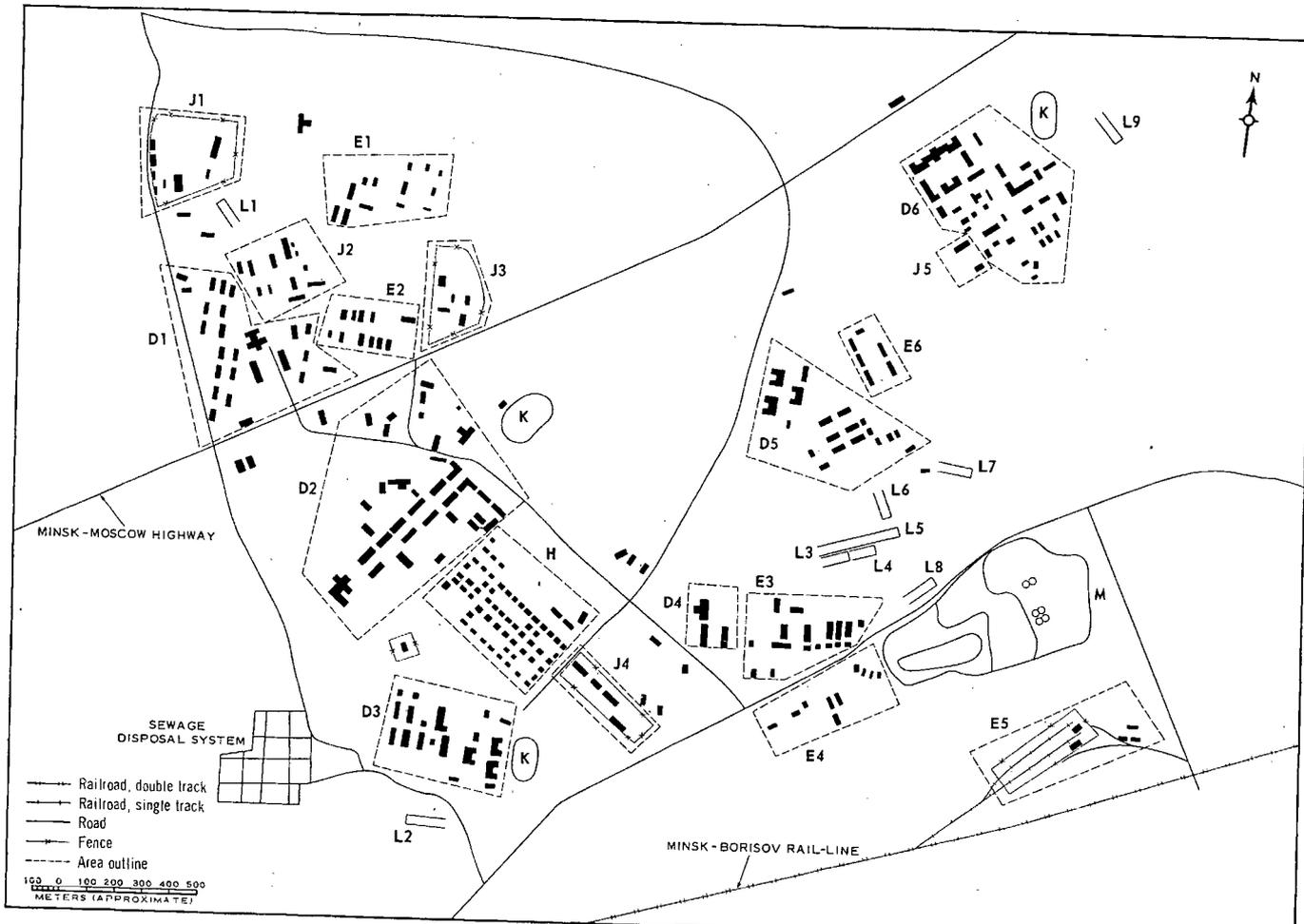


FIGURE 3. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS URUCHYE. Sketch compiled from [redacted] July 1963 and [redacted] February 1964.

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Area J4, a secured equipment storage/maintenance area, contains two 240- by 70-foot vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, one 220- by 45-foot vehicle shed, one 120- by 45-foot vehicle shed, and one 1,150 by 300-foot motor pool. Several rows of vehicles are parked throughout the area.

Area J5 contains one 225- by 85-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 120- by 60-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, and two vehicle parks, each 240 by 120 feet.

Athletic Fields

Three athletic fields (K) are located at this installation. The field in the southwest section of the installation was first observed on July 1962 coverage. All three fields are active.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Nine small arms firing ranges with the following dimensions are located at this installation: (L1) 350 by 70 feet, (L2) 475 by 70 feet, (L3) 320 by 70 feet, (L4) 310 by 90 feet, (L5) 1,000 by 115 feet, (L6) 350 by 50 feet, (L7) 440 by 100 feet, (L8) 440 by 80 feet, (L9) 400 by 60 feet. Ranges L7 and L8 were first observed on July 1962 coverage and L1 and L2 were observed on August 1962 coverage. All ranges appear active.

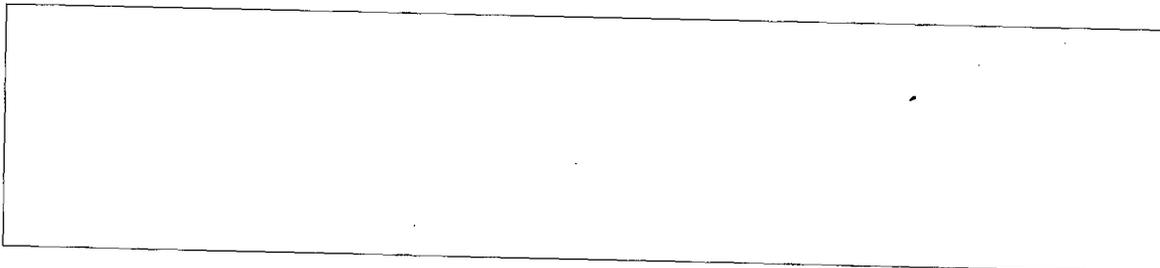
Driver Training Areas

Area M contains a wheeled-vehicle driver training area. Three figure 8 courses are located within this very active area. The area was first observed on July 1962 coverage.

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