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# GRODNO AMMUNITION DEPOT KELBASIN SW GRODNO, USSR BELORUSSIAN MD

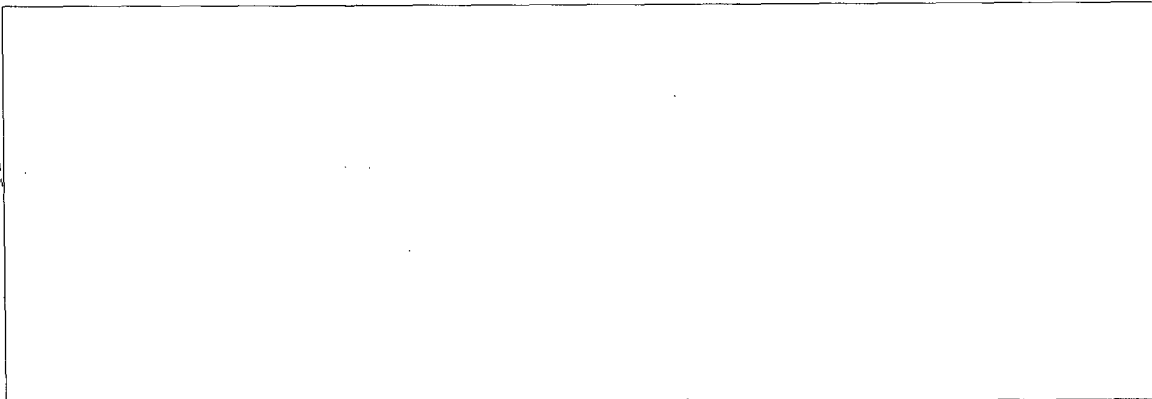
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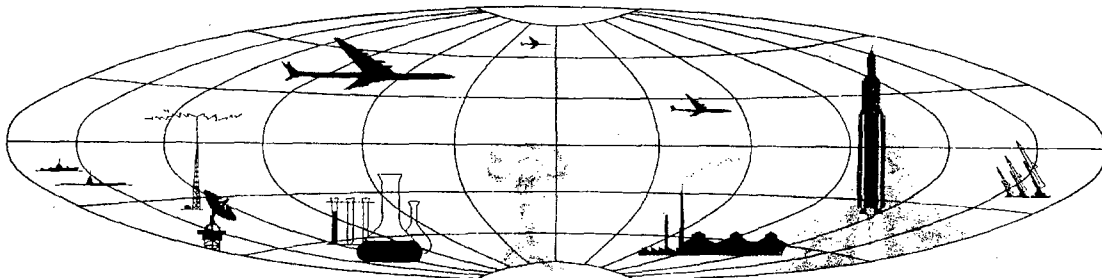
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PREFACE

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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 AMMUNITION DEPOT KELBASIN SW  
(53-38N 023-45E)  
GRODNO, GRODNEISKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
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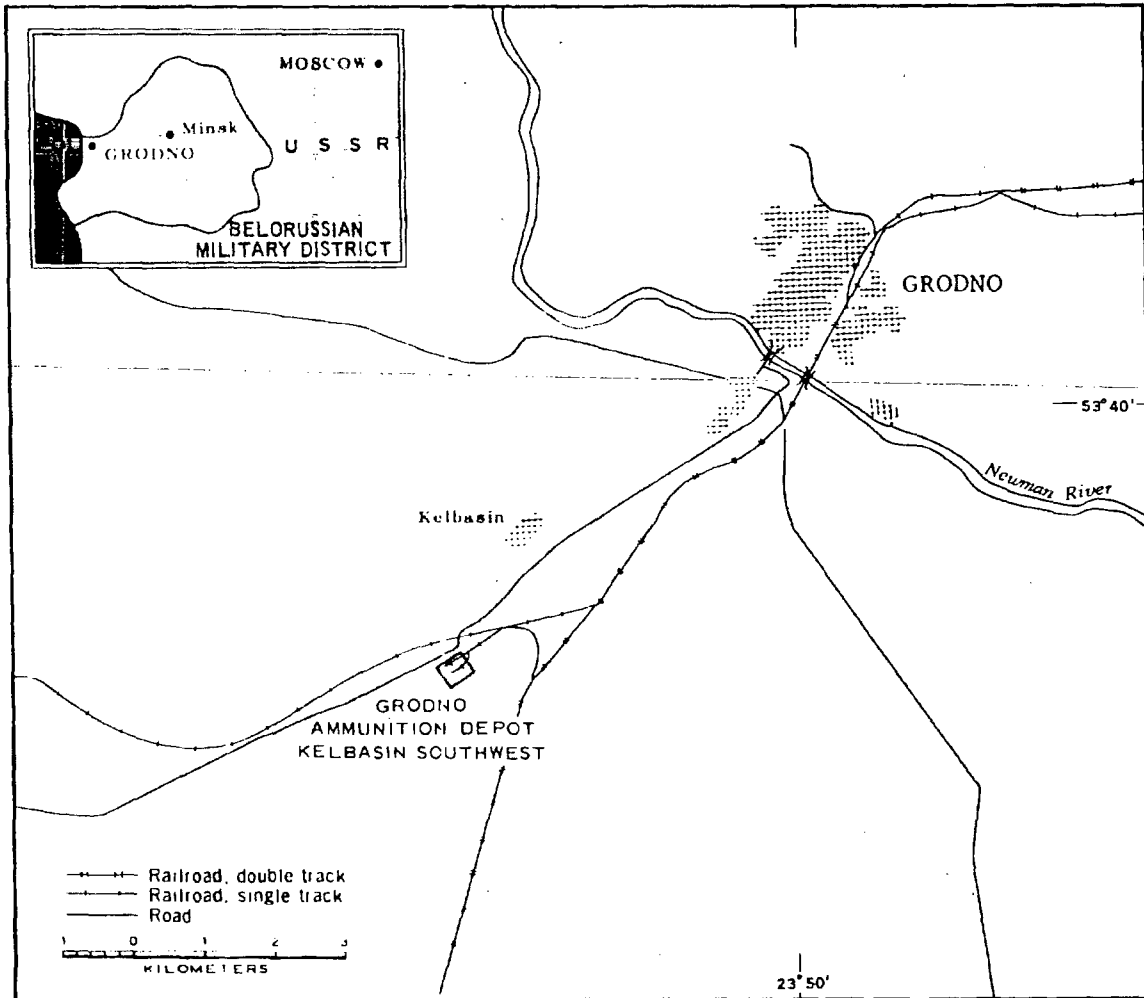


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF GRODNO AMMUNITION DEPOT KELBASIN SW.

**SUMMARY**

Grodno Ammunition Depot Kelbasin SW is located 6 kilometers (km) southwest of Grodno (53-41N 023-50E) on the south side of the Grodno-Augustow (Poland) rail line (Figure 1). A spur from the main rail line serves the installation, and a probable all-weather secondary road connects with the Grodno-Augustow highway. Kelbasin Army Barracks (AL-6) is located 1.5 km northeast. A small training area is one km west. Other military installations are located in Grodno.

This installation covers approximately 30 acres (Figures 2 and 3). The ammunition storage

area is double secured on three sides with undetermined security on the north side, where two rail sidings serve the area. The installation contains seven storage buildings, eight revetted ammunition storage buildings, and three support buildings.

The area was covered by 10 KEYHOLE missions between March 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage over this period. The only change observed was the addition of one storage building between June 1963 and September 1963.

**DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**

**Railroad Service**

A spur from the Grodno-Augustow rail line connects with two rail sidings serving the area.

**Road Service**

A probable all-weather secondary road connects with the Grodno-Augustow highway.

**General Storage Area**

Area E1 contains seven storage buildings, one added between June 1963 and September 1963. Track activity indicates a moderate level of usage during the summer, reduced during the winter.

**Ammunition Storage Area**

Area F1 contains eight revetted buildings (90 by 70 feet, 90 by 45 feet, 85 by 45 feet, 75 by 60 feet, 75 by 55 feet, 75 by 40 feet, 60 by 45 feet and 60 by 35 feet) and one support building. The buildings are located in woods. Track activity indicates a moderate level of usage during the summer, reduced during the winter.

**Other Buildings**

Two support buildings outside the secured area are located where the rail spur enters.

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FIGURE 2. GRODNO AMMUNITION DEPOT KELBASIN SW, SEPTEMBER 1963.

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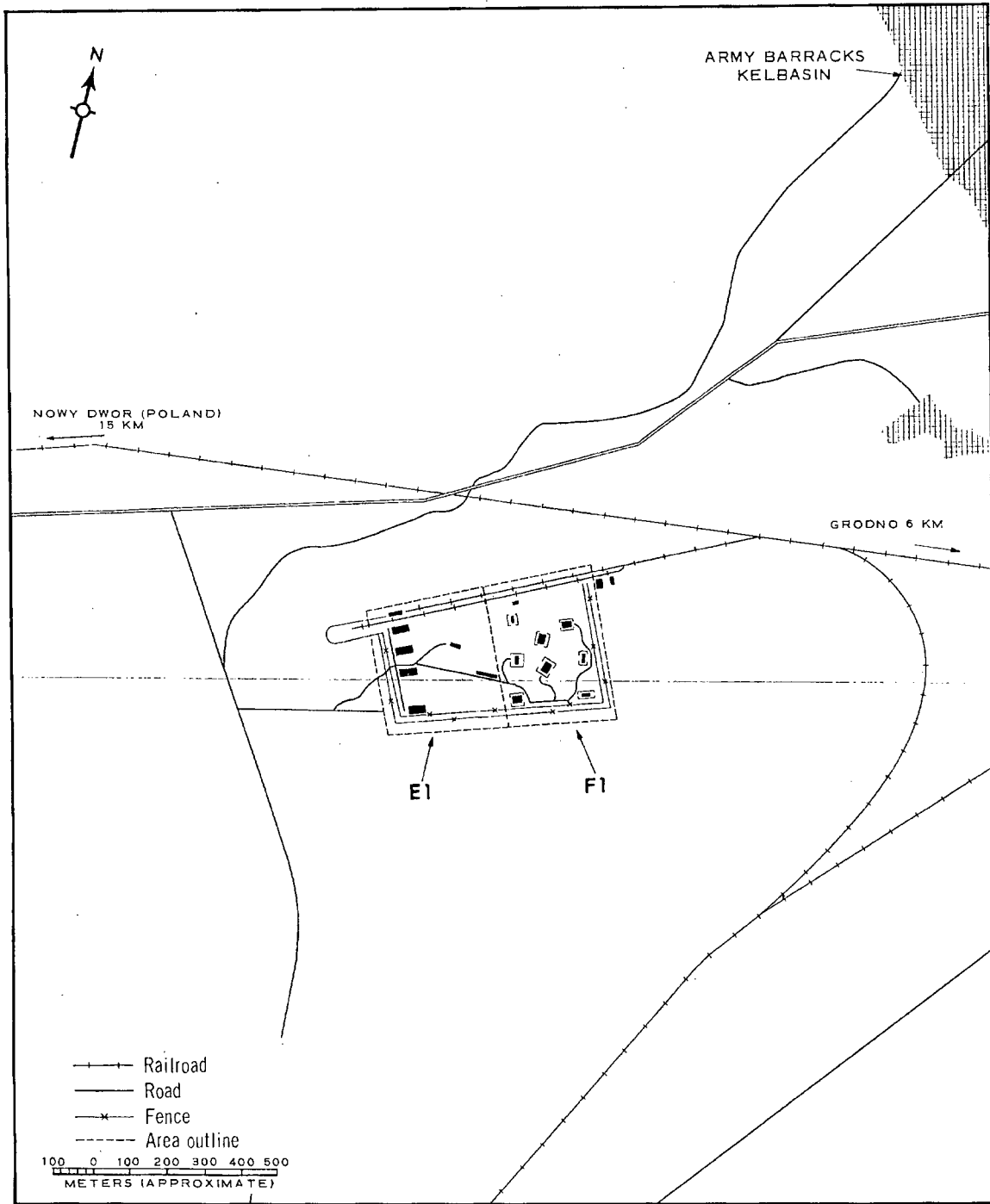
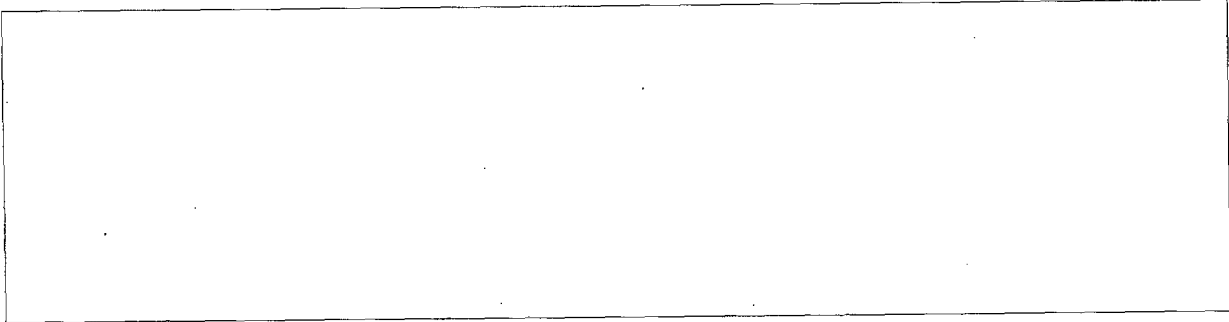


FIGURE 3. GRODNO AMMUNITION DEPOT KELBASIN SW. Sketch compiled from [redacted], September 1963.

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REQUIREMENTS

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