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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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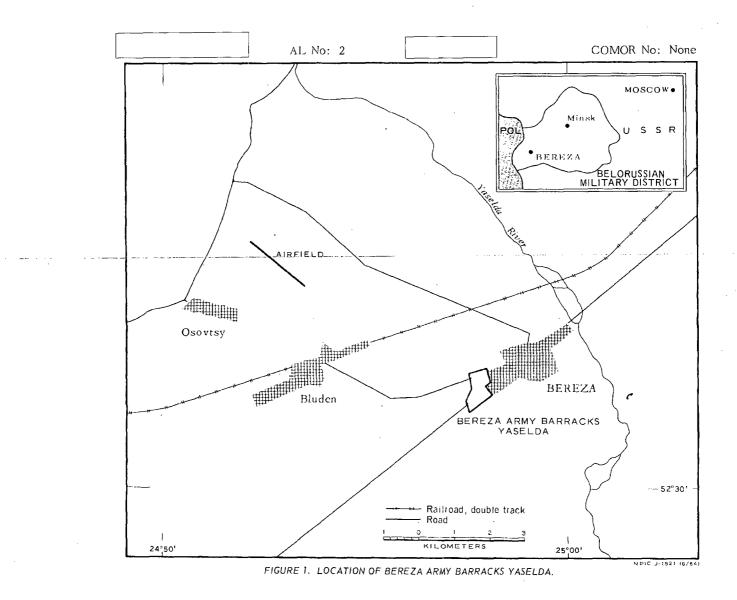


BEREZA ARMY BARRACKS YASELDA

(52-31N 024-57E)

BEREZA, BRESTSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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SUMMARY

Bereza Army Barracks Yaselda is located in the southwest outskirts of Bereza (52-32N 024-59E) on the north side of the Bereza-Kobrin highway. This installation is not rail served; however, the Brest-Ivantsevichi rail line passes 3 kilometers (km) north of the area. The Bereza Airfield is located 6.5 km northwest, another barracks 5 km north-northwest, and a SAM support facility 1.8 km south-southeast.

This installation, comprised of three separate areas, covers approximately 145 acres and includes one administration building, three barracks, nine support buildings, five storage buildings in the main secured barracks area, an equipment storage/maintenance area with two vehicle sheds, four vehicle maintenance buildings with four support buildings in a second equipment storage/maintenance area 500 meters north of the main area, and five possible ammunition storage buildings (two of which appear revetted) in an area approximately 1.5 km northwest of the main area. Training facilities include a parade ground, a small arms firing range and an open area possibly for infantrytype training.

This area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and three KEYHOLE missions between June 1962 and September 1963. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage over this period. The only change observed is the construction of a possible ammunition storage area on a former general storage installation site.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The main line of the Brest-Ivantsevichi railroad passes 3 km north of the barracks area.

Road Service

This installation is served by the allweather Bereza-Kobrin highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains one administration building, three barracks, nine support buildings and five storage buildings. Track activity throughout the installation indicates the probable occupancy of all the buildings. The level of track activity has remained about the same.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains five possible ammunition

storage buildings (60 by 15 feet), one guard house and one support building. Two storage buildings appear revetted. Security is undetermined. A storage installation on this site observed on 1956 photography had been removed and the present facility constructed subsequent to 1956.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains two vehicle sheds, 130 by 30 feet and 260 by 30 feet. No change in level of track activity was observed on KEYHOLE photography.

Area J2 contains four vehicle maintenance buildings, 180 by 30 feet, 130 by 30 feet, 130 by 30 feet and 65 by 30 feet (T-shaped), and 100 by 30 feet and 65 by 30 feet (L-shaped). It also contains four miscellaneous support buildings.



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Small Arms Firing Range

Area L is a 1,000- to 1,065- by 60-foot small arms firing range with three probable firing points at 100 meter intervals.

Infantry Field Training Area

Area R is a series of personnel trenches immediately adjacent to the small arms firing range, indicating a probable infantry training area.

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FIGURE 2. BEREZA ARMY BARRACKS YASELDA, BEREZA, USSR, JUNE 1963.

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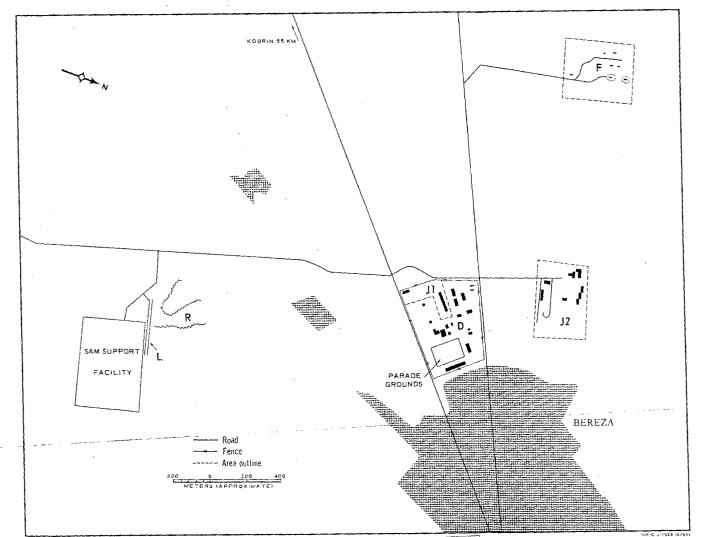


FIGURE 3. BEREZA ARMY BARRACKS YASELDA. Sketch compiled from June 1963.

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