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# DZERZHINSK ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST DZERZHINSK, USSR BELORUSSIAN MD

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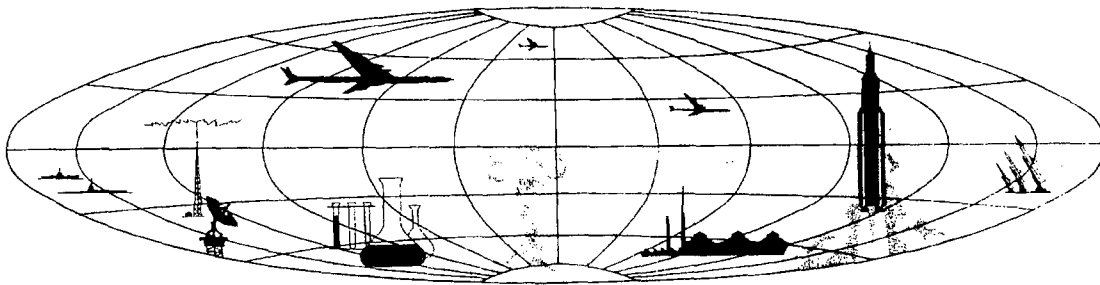
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PREFACE

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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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DZERZHINSK ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST  
(53-39N 027 -13E)  
DZERZHINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

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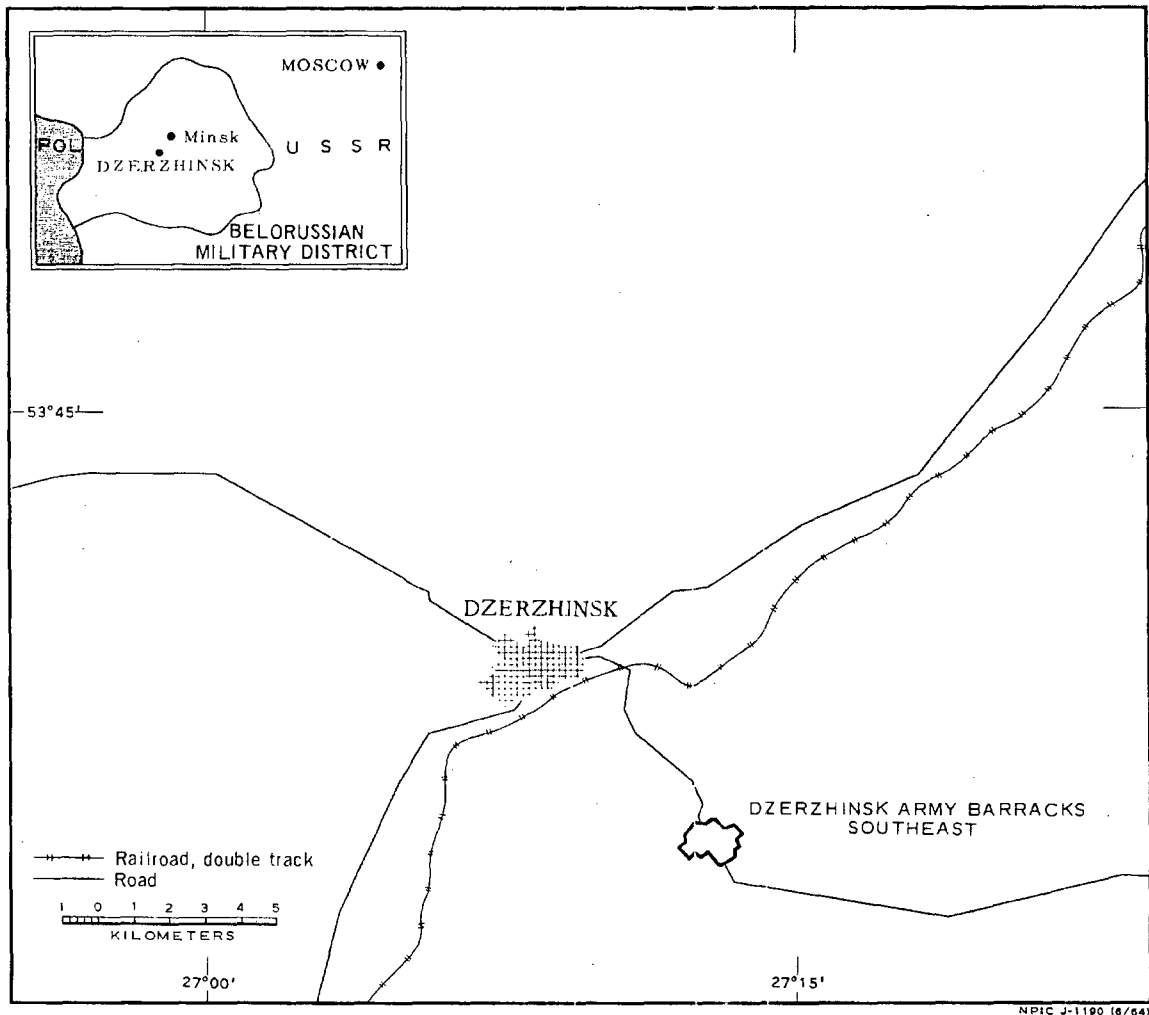


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF DZERZHINSK ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST.

**SUMMARY**

Dzerzhinsk Army Barracks Southeast is located 6.6 kilometers (km) southeast of Dzerzhinsk (53-41N 027-08E). A secondary probable all-weather road provides access to Dzerzhinsk. Dzerzhinsk Army Barracks Northeast (AL-1) is located 6.6 km northwest.

The installation covers approximately 180 acres and contains two administration buildings, 10 barracks, 23 storage buildings, seven vehicle maintenance buildings, three vehicle sheds, and 52 support buildings. Other facilities include an athletic field, seven small arms firing ranges, and numerous old artillery posi-

tions probably used for training.

The area was covered by 1956 TALENT photography and four KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals the same general level of usage between December 1961 and February 1964 with reduced usage during the winter months. Significant changes since 1956 include the addition of two barracks, a new firing range, one vehicle maintenance building, and three support buildings, and the removal of two storage and three support buildings.

**DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**

**Railroad Service**

A rail spur to the installation appears to be abandoned on July 1956 photography.

**Road Service**

A secondary road provides access to Dzerzhinsk.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Areas**

Area D1 contains six multistory barracks and 11 support buildings. Two of the barracks were first observed on December 1961 coverage.

Area D2 contains two multistory barracks.

Area D3 contains two administration buildings and two multistory barracks.

Area D4 is a bivouac area. Thirteen tents and 80 ground markings where tents had been set up were visible in this area on 1956 photography. No tents or markings were discernible on later KEYHOLE photography.

**General Storage Areas**

Area E1 is fenced and contains four storage buildings.

Area E2 consists of two fenced enclosures, one with four storage buildings and one with three storage buildings. Two storage buildings observed on 1956 coverage have been subsequently removed.

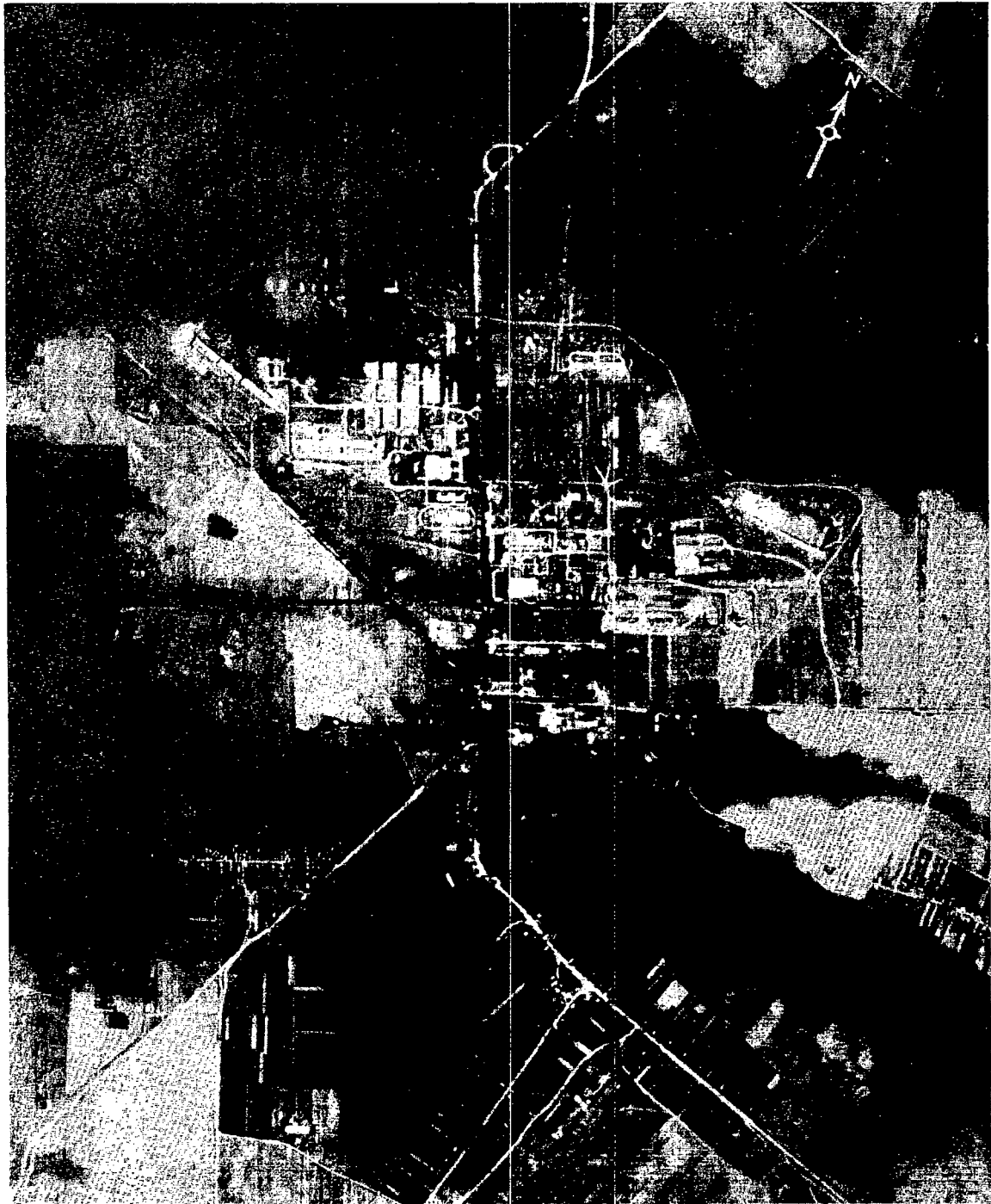
Area E3 is fenced and contains four storage buildings and one support building.

Area E4 contains eight storage and two support buildings.

**Other Buildings**

Thirty-eight miscellaneous support buildings, three of which are in a separately fenced area, are located at this installation. Three support buildings were first observed on December 1961 coverage. Three observed on 1956 coverage have been removed.

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FIGURE 2. DZERZHINSK ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST, DZERZHINSK, USSR, JULY 1963.

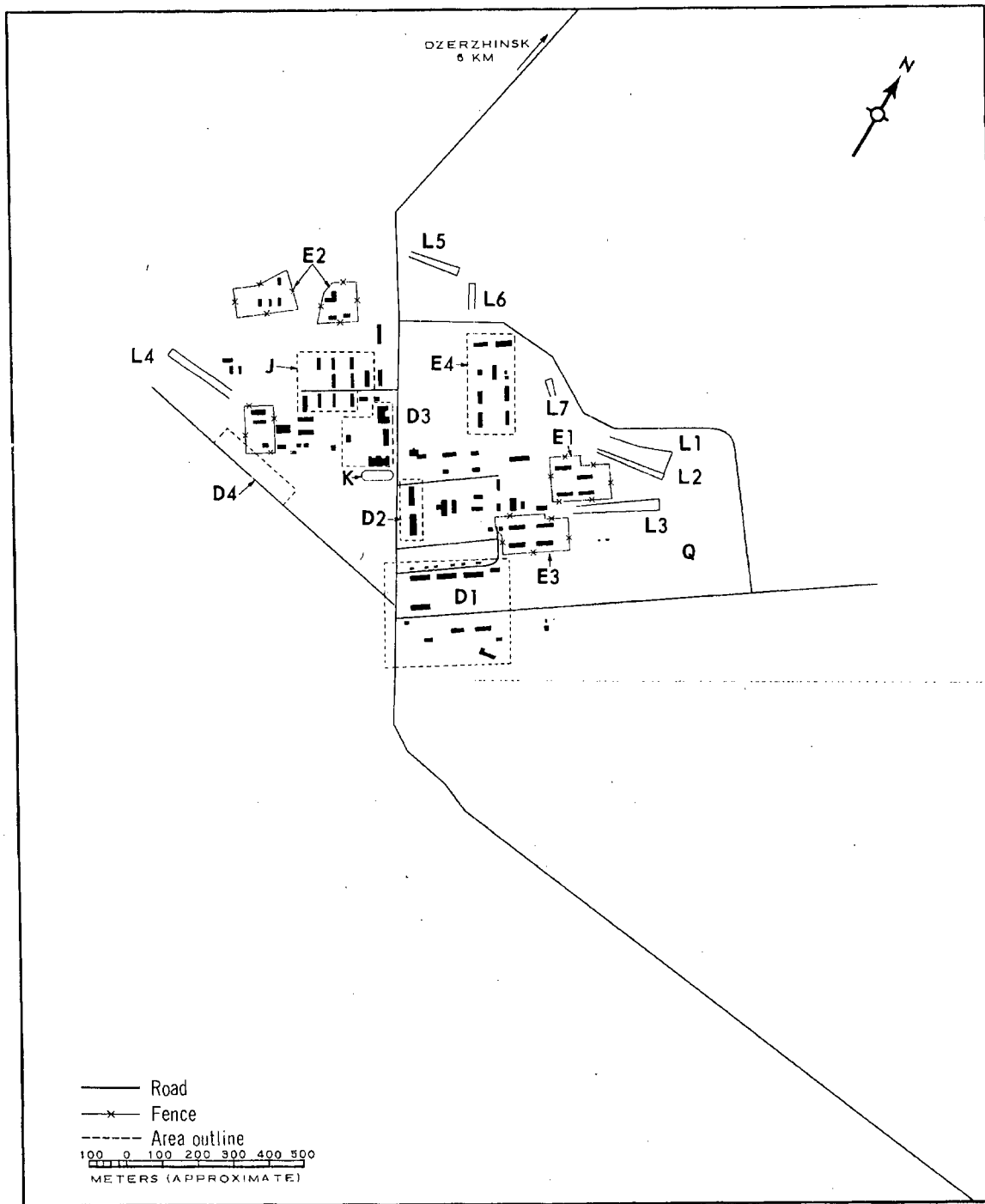


FIGURE 3. DZERZHINSK ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST. Sketch compiled from [ ] July 1956, and [ ] July 1963.

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**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area**

Area J contains six 130- by 60-foot maintenance buildings, two 130- by 35-foot vehicle sheds, one 145- by 35-foot vehicle shed, and one 165- by 35-foot maintenance building. Heavy scarring indicates active use of all the buildings. One of the maintenance buildings was first observed on December 1961 coverage.

**Athletic Field**

Area K is an athletic field.

**Small Arms Firing Ranges**

Areas L1 through L7 are small arms firing ranges with the following dimensions respectively: 510 by 110 feet, 570 by 40 feet, 880 by 55 feet, 520 by 65 feet, 555 by 65 feet, 295 by 50 feet, and 195 by 50 feet. Area L5 does not appear active. One of the firing ranges was first observed on December 1961 coverage.

**Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)**

Area Q contains three FA emplacements with six firing positions, two with four firing

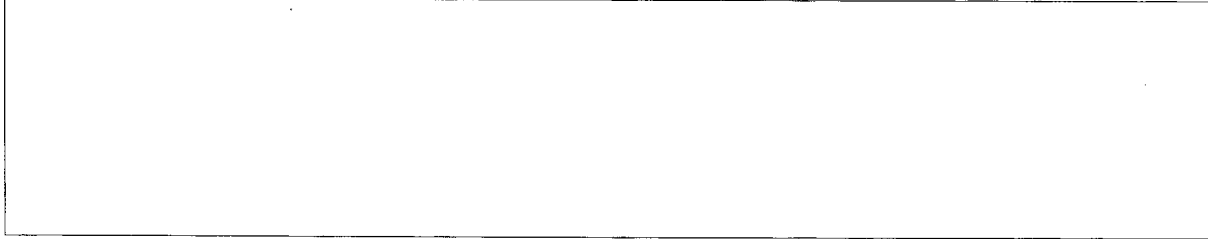
positions, and four with five firing positions. These positions as well as other weapons emplacements are clustered at the east end of the area and were visible on 1956 photography. Some are also visible on KEYHOLE photography. These positions are probably old training emplacements.

**Special Training Facilities**

A training area (not shown on Figures 2 and 3) visible on 1956 TALENT photography 5.5 km southwest of the barracks contained at least four field artillery firing positions, 10 observation towers, and minor scarring. The 1956 photography revealed several areas nearby used for training; however, none of these are discernible on later KEYHOLE coverage. KEYHOLE photography reveals scarring in the training area; but small scale precludes detailed interpretation.

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