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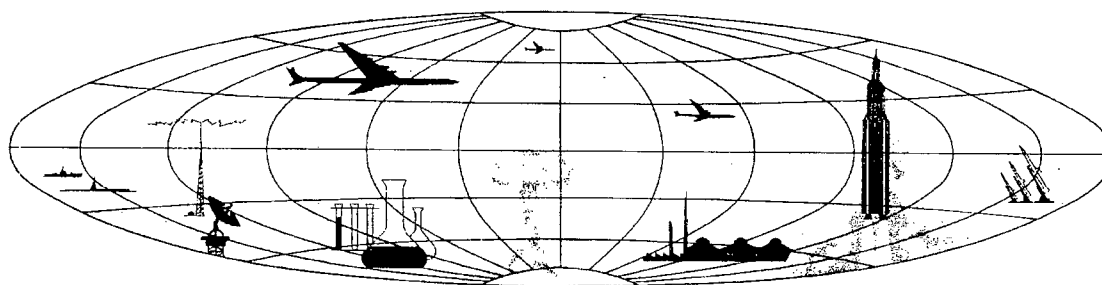
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PREFACE

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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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VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS WEST
(55-11N 030-09E)
VITEBSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

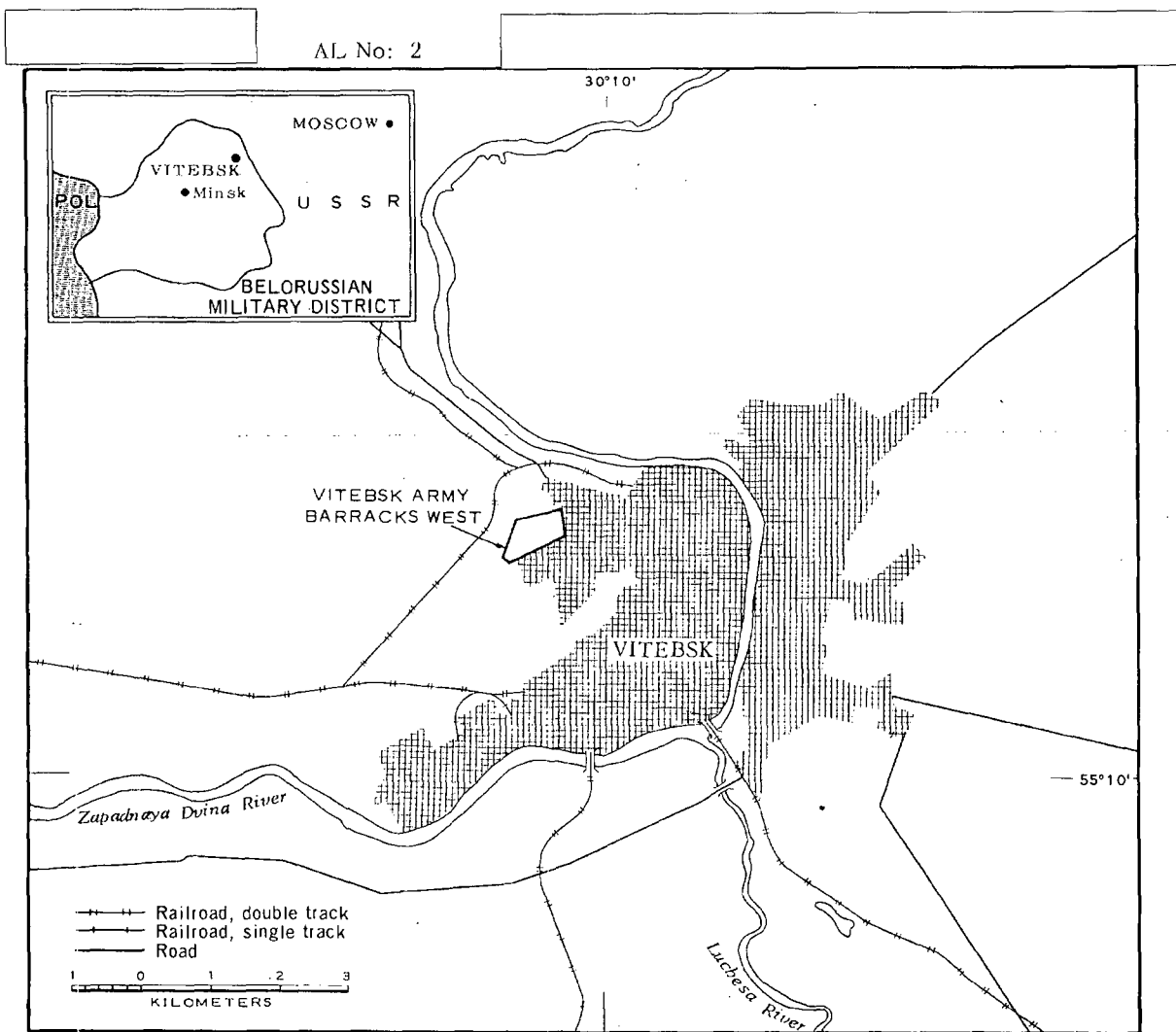


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS WEST.

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SUMMARY

Vitebsk Army Barracks West is located on the west edge of Vitebsk (55-12N 030-11E), on the east side of the Polotsk-Vitebsk rail line (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. An all-weather primary road provides access to Vitebsk. Other military installations in the Vitebsk area are Vitebsk Army Barracks East (AL-5) 5 kilometers (km) east and Vitebsk Army Barracks Southwest (AL-3) 4 km south.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 115 acres and contains one administration building, seven barracks, five vehicle

sheds, 19 storage buildings and 9 support buildings.

The area was covered by TALENT photography in 1956 and 12 KEYHOLE missions between July 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of light activity between July 1961 and February 1964 with reduced activity during the winter months. Significant changes since 1956 include the addition of nine small storage buildings and one vehicle shed and the removal of one vehicle shed.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Polotsk-Vitebsk rail line passes the area 300 meters to the west.

Road Service

An all-weather primary road provides access to Vitebsk.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Three multistory barracks are located in area D1. Four multistory barracks, one T-shaped administration building and four small support buildings are located in area D2. One barracks is enclosed by a fence.

General Storage Areas

Ten storage buildings are located in area E1.

Nine storage buildings, first observed on 1962 photography, are located in area E2.

Other Buildings and Facilities

The installation also contains three support buildings. An open area, R, was used for local unit training in 1956; however, absence of scarring on later KEYHOLE photography indicates it is no longer used for training. One tower of unknown use is located in the open area.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Five vehicle sheds with the following dimensions are located in area J: 120 by 50 feet, 170 by 50 feet, 175 by 50 feet, 185 by 50 feet and 290 by 50 feet. Track activity indicates sustained light activity. Two small support buildings are also located in the area.

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FIGURE 2. VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS WEST, AUGUST 1963.

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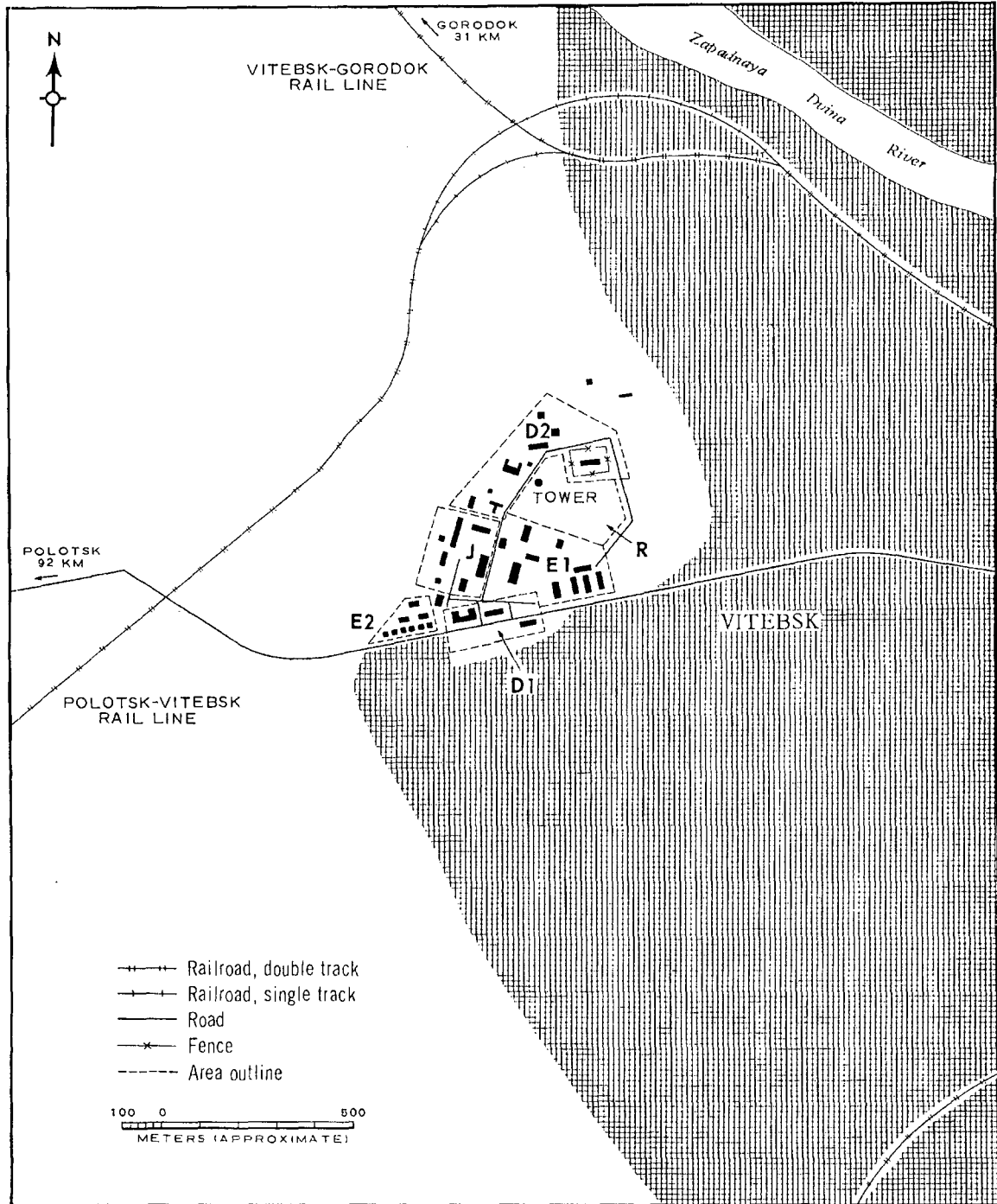
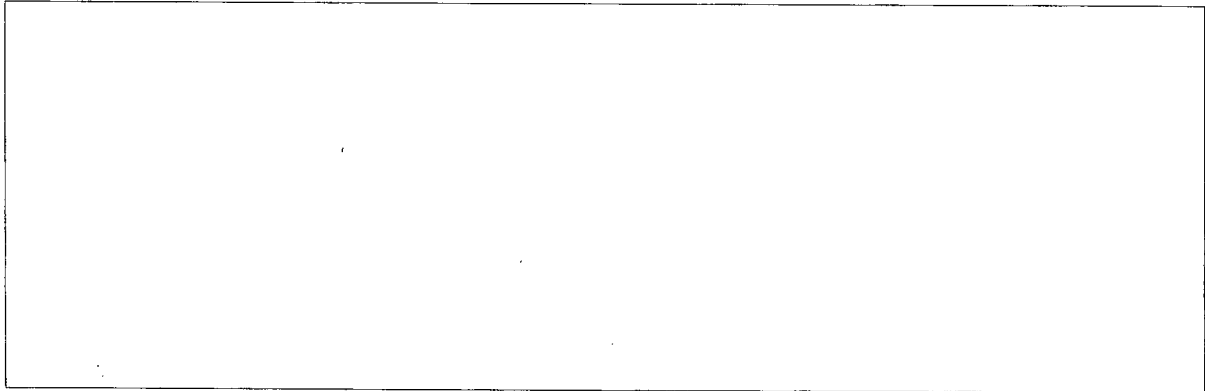


FIGURE 3. VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS WEST. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964. NPIC J-1826 (6/64)

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