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GOMEL ARMY BARRACKS

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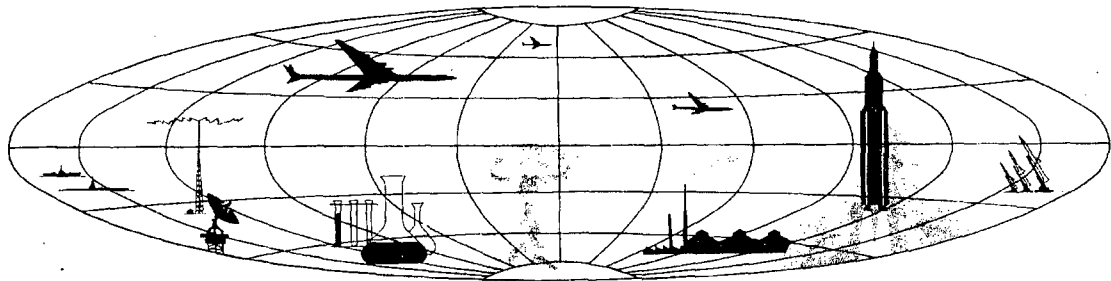
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PREFACE

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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.

GOMEL ARMY BARRACKS
(52-25N 030-56E)
GOMEL, GOMELSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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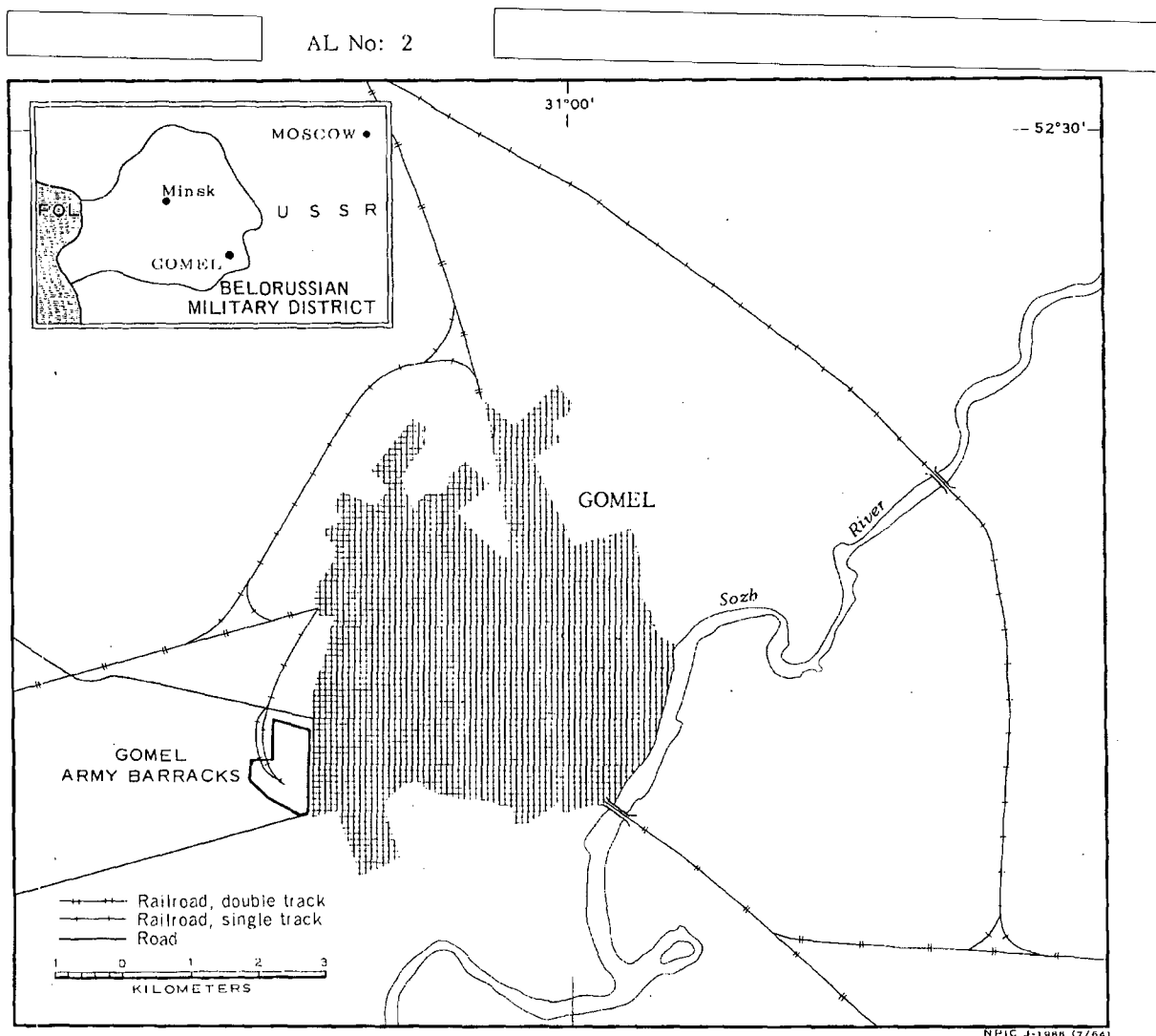


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF GOMEL ARMY BARRACKS.

SUMMARY

The Gomel Army Barracks is located in the southwest outskirts of Gomel (Figure 1), approximately 3 kilometers (km) south-southwest of Gomel Railroad Classification Yards and Shops, West [redacted] A spur from the Gomel-Rechitsa rail line enters the installation, but it could not be determined whether the spur is operational. Primary roads provide access to Gomel. The Gomel SAM Support Facility (52-25N 030-55E) adjoins the installation on the northwest side. A direct road connection from the SAM Support Facility to the barracks area and its proximity indicates a possible

association. Other military installations are located on the east and southeast edge of Gomel.

The installation covers approximately 290 acres (Figures 2 and 3) and includes two administration buildings, 13 barracks, 33 support buildings, 18 storage buildings, and two small arms firing ranges.

The installation was covered by seven KEY-HOLE missions between December 1961 and August 1963. Comparative analysis revealed little change in the level of usage during this period. No significant changes were observed in the installation.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A spur from the double-track Gomel-Rechitsa rail line forms into two sub-spurs. Small scale and quality of the photography precluded confirmation of operational status.

Road Service

Two primary all-weather roads provide access to Gomel.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains two administration buildings, 10 multistory barracks, and five support buildings. Track activity indicates the area is occupied.

Area D2 contains three barracks and two support buildings. This area, located in the northern section of the installation, is obscured by heavy foliage which precludes determination of additional buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 11 storage and three support buildings.

Other Buildings

Area H1 contains three storage and six support buildings.

Area H2 contains three storage and eight support buildings.

Area H3 contains one storage and nine support buildings.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a 1,080- by 90-foot small arms firing range.

Area L2 is a 675- by 75-foot small arms firing range. Scarring indicates both ranges are in use.

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FIGURE 2. GOMEL ARMY BARRACKS, USSR, AUGUST 1963.

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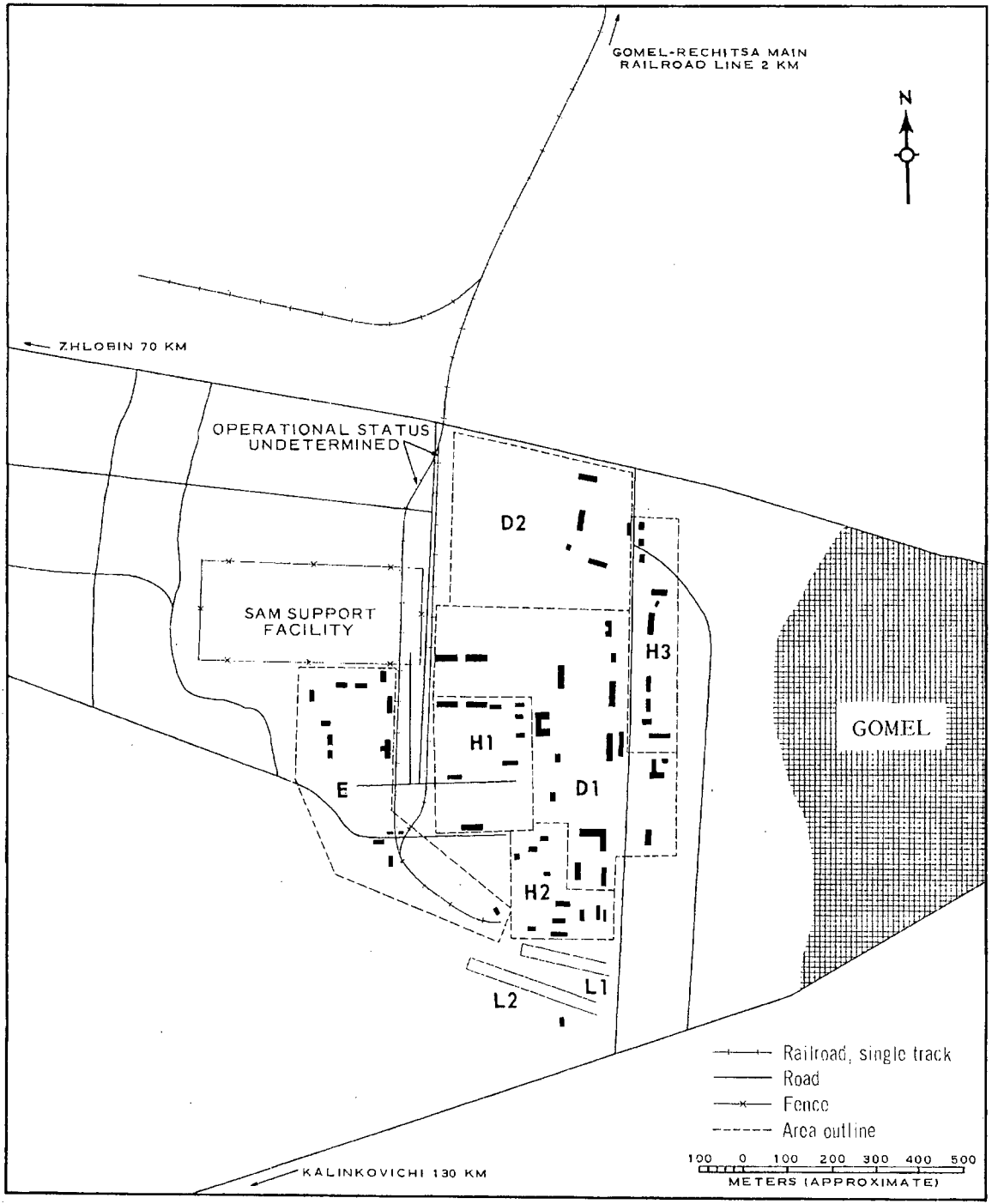
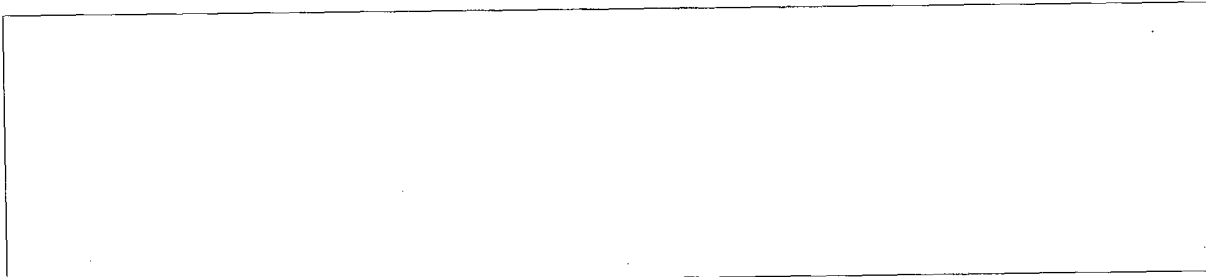


FIGURE 3. GOMEL ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

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