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**BORZYA MILITARY COMPLEX  
BORZYA, USSR  
TRANSBAIKAL MD**



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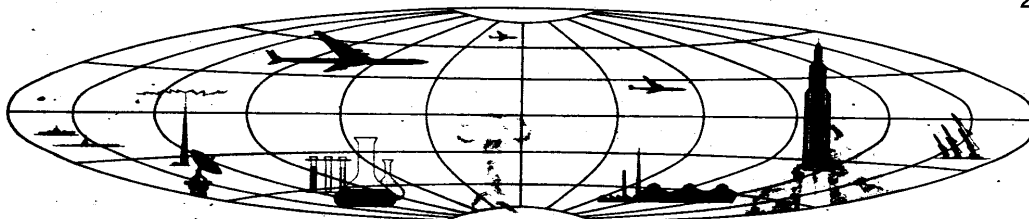


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## PREFACE

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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 areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BORZYA MILITARY COMPLEX  
(50-23N 116-31E)  
BORZYA, CHITA OBLAST, USSR  
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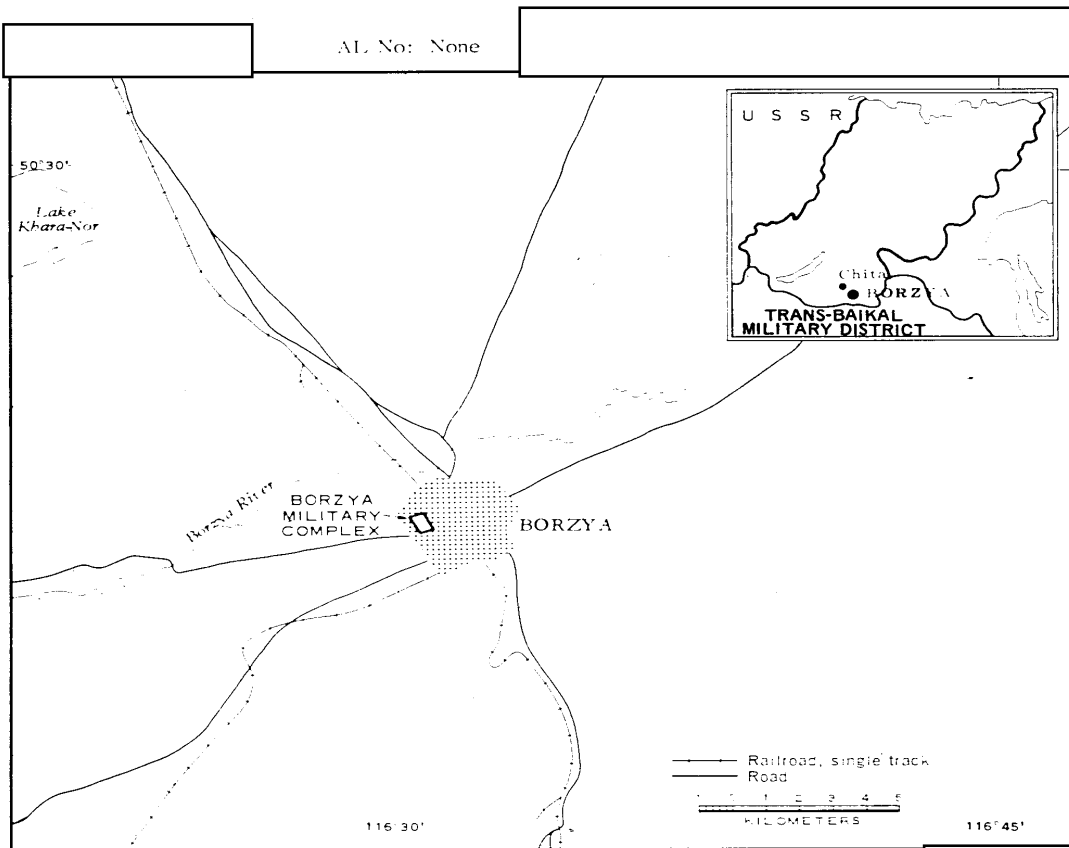


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BORZYA MILITARY COMPLEX.

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## SUMMARY

The Borzva Military Complex is located 275 kilometers (km) southeast of Chita and 105 km northwest of the Sino Soviet border rail crossing. Borzva is the largest urban complex between Chita and the border and serves as a rail center for the area. The complex is served by three spurs of the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad and by a probably hard surface, all-weather road to points north and south. The apparent intermingling of civilian and military activity in Borzva precludes determining the extent of ground force military billeting. Such a determination is further complicated by the presence of some Borzva NW airfield support facilities situated on the western edge of the city.

Most of the probable ground force related military activity is apparently concentrated be-

tween a large thermal powerplant (Area H1) and the center of the town. The complex apparently contains approximately 80 administrative and barracks buildings, 17 general storage buildings, 98 general support buildings, and 11 probable vehicle or equipment maintenance buildings. Although POL and other general storage areas are located in the town, a military function cannot be confirmed for these facilities. In addition, those facilities in apparent support of the airfield are not included in this report.

The complex has apparently undergone no change since initial coverage [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] indicates vehicle training activity immediately north of the complex in association with a maintenance and storage and billeting facility.

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## DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

**Rail Service**

A single through spur, a loop spur, a siding and an undetermined number of trackside and rail-end loading docks serve the complex. Rail service is provided for a powerplant and a probable motor vehicle maintenance and storage area.

**Road Service**

The entire complex is served by a network of probably hard surface, all-weather roads.

**Aircraft Landing Strip**

The complex contains the Borzva NW Airfield 50-24N 116-21E).

**Administrative and Troop Housing Areas**

Area D1 contains 22 barracks and 22 small support buildings (probably latrines).

Area D2 contains two administrative buildings, 14 administrative barracks buildings and six support buildings.

Area D3 contains four administrative/barracks buildings and two support buildings.

Area D4 contains 11 administrative/barracks and three support buildings.

Area D5 contains three administrative/barracks buildings and four support buildings.

Area D6 contains two administrative/barracks and two support buildings.

Area D7 contains nine barracks and seven small support buildings.

Area D8 contains 26 barracks and 13 support buildings.

Each billeting area apparently houses a separate element of probable support troops. There has been no apparent change in these facilities [REDACTED] The billets appear occupied [REDACTED]

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Areas D1 and D2 resemble modern Soviet urban housing. Their proximity to the military activity observed suggests a possible military administrative and billeting function.

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FIGURE 2. BORZHA MILITARY COMPLEX

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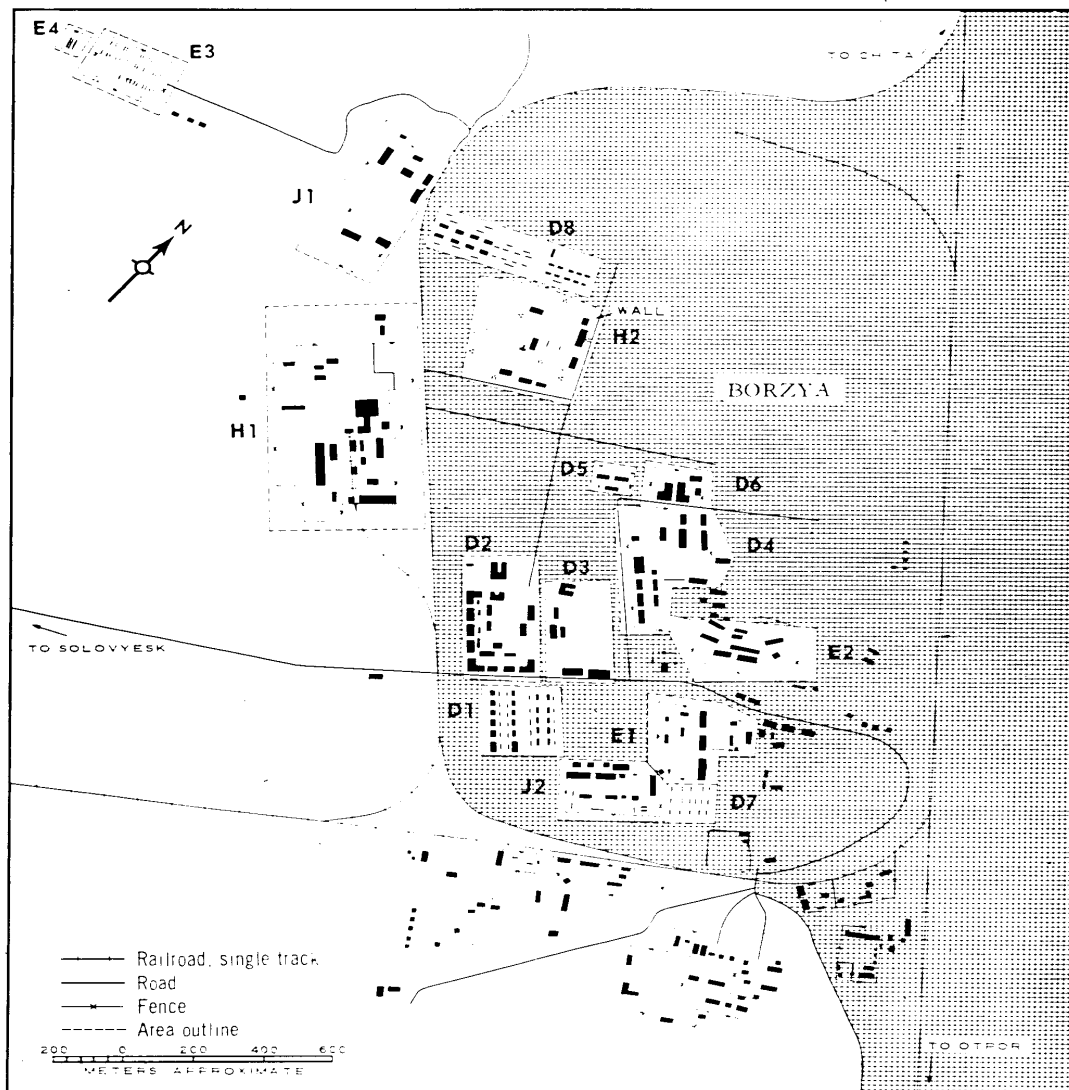


FIGURE 3. BORZHA MILITARY COMPLEX. Sketch compiled

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**General Storage Areas**

Area E1 contains nine general storage and four support buildings.

Area E2 contains nine general storage buildings arranged in a possible food storage configuration.

Area E3 is a probable open storage area with four support buildings and rows of material within the secured area.

Area E4 is a probable open storage area.

**POL Storage Areas**

Two POL storage areas are located in the civilian area of Borzya. Their relationship to the military activity cannot be determined.

**Other Buildings**

Area H1, rail served, contains 16 general complex support buildings (including power-plant).

Area H2 contains nine major support buildings and an undetermined number of buildings and sheds within a walled or fenced area. Its

proximity to civilian activity suggests a non-military function.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas**

Area J1 contains one 185- by 65-foot, one 160- by 50-foot, one 275- by 65-foot and four 100- by 55-foot buildings. Area is apparently associated with the probable tracked-vehicle activity observed [REDACTED]

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Area J2, a probable wheeled-vehicle area, contains two 200- by 90-foot and two 90- by 40-foot buildings and six support buildings. Mission [REDACTED] reveals rows of probable parked vehicles.

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**Athletic Field**

One possible oval track was observed in Area I4.

**Driver Training Area**

A simple closed-circuit oval, probably for tracked vehicles, was observed one km north of Area J1.

**REFERENCES****MAPS OR CHARTS**

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