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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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CHKALOV ARTILLERY SCHOOL

(51-46N 055-05E)

ORENBURG, ORENBURGSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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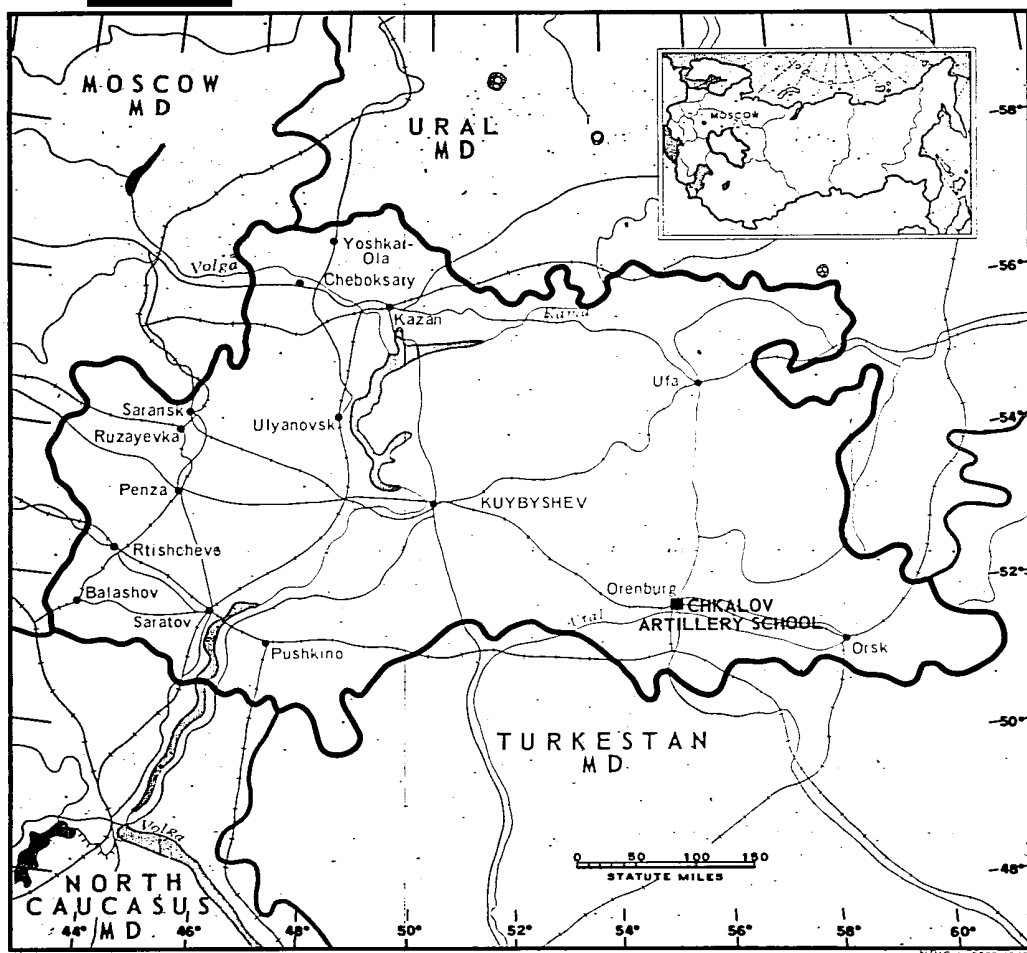
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- FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF CHKALOV ARTILLERY SCHOOL.

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SUMMARY

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Chkalov Artillery School is located near the center of Orenburg, approximately 2 kilometers (km) north of the Orenburg Highway Bridge over the Ural River (Figure 1).

The secured installation occupies 20 acres and contains 4 probable barracks, 1 probable messhall, 2 storage buildings, 1 administration/school building, and 2 miscellaneous support buildings (Figures 2 and 3).

KEYHOLE missions covered the area [REDACTED] A row of unidentified equipment was observed in the installation on both missions.

This installation is reported in the Bombing Encyclopedia as the Chkalov Artillery School. However, whether it serves a military function cannot be determined from this photography.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A major railroad yard is located approximately 1 km northwest.

Road Service

The installation has direct access to city streets.

Aircraft Landing Strips

Five airfields are located in the vicinity of Orenburg.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains 1 E-shaped multistory ad-

ministration/school building, 4 probable barracks, 1 probable messhall, 2 single-story storage buildings, and 2 miscellaneous support buildings.

POL Storage Area

There are approximately 19 POL tanks of various sizes in a secured area 1.2 km northwest.

Athletic Field

Area K is an open area, probably used as a parade field, an exercise area, and for parking equipment.

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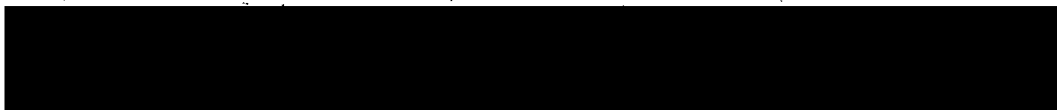
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