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**COMBINED-ARMS TRAINING  
URUMQI COMBINED-ARMS TRAINING AREA, CHINA (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW COMBINED-ARMS TRAINING AREA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN URUMQI MILITARY REGION (MR). (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A TANK REGIMENT, ELEMENTS OF AN INFANTRY COMPANY, AND A FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION WERE OBSERVED AT THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED URUMQI COMBINED-ARMS TRAINING AREA ON IMAGERY [REDACTED]. THE TRAINING AREA (GRAPHIC 1), CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1982 AND AUGUST 1983, IS 14.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF URUMQI CITY AND 250 NM FROM THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER. THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND COMBINED-ARMS TRAINING AREA IDENTIFIED IN THIS MR. THE FACILITY EXTENDS OVER AN AREA 10 BY 3 NM AND APPEARS TO BE DESIGNED FOR TACTICAL TRAINING OF TANK, ARTILLERY, AND INFANTRY UNITS. THE TRAINING AREA INCLUDES 22 NUMBERED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTAINING EXTENSIVE PERSONNEL TRENCHING, VEHICLE REVETMENTS, AND SMALL-ARMS FIRING POSITIONS; FOUR TANK DRIVING COURSES; THREE OPEN VEHICLE PARKING AREAS AND A BIVOUAC AREA. (SWN)

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EQUIPMENT AT THE TRAINING AREA (GRAPHIC 2 AND 3) INCLUDED 51 PROBABLE TYPE 59 TANKS, 18 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC), 12 FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) PIECES, SIX AA GUNS, TWO ARMORED RECOVERY VEHICLES (ARV), APPROXIMATELY 150 TRUCKS, 21 PIECES OF PROBABLE ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT, APPROXIMATELY 230 MEDIUM TENTS, AND 32 LARGE TENTS. ADDITIONALLY, FIVE FARMER AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED IN FLIGHT 9.5 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF THE TRAINING AREA HEADED EAST-NORTHEAST, POSSIBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND FORCE EXERCISE. (SWN)

THE PATTERN OF VEHICLE TRACKS SUGGESTS THAT THE TANK UNITS PRACTICED EVOLVING FORMATION FROM BATTALION COLUMN, TO COMPANY COLUMN, TO COMPANY LINE FORMATION FOR THE FINAL ASSAULT ON THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ONE TANK COMPANY ADVANCED IN LINE FORMATION BEHIND MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN INFANTRY COMPANY DURING THE ASSAULT OF A DEFENSIVE POSITION. ABOUT 30 SMALL TENTS DISPERSED IN THE DEFENSIVE AREAS PROBABLY PROVIDED SHELTER FOR THE DEFENDING UNITS. (SWN)

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THE TANKS AND MOST OF THE OTHER EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN THE  
TRAINING AREA WERE PROBABLY FROM HEJING ARMY BARRACKS AL 2  
[REDACTED] 150 NM SOUTHWEST OF URUMQI CITY. MAJOR  
ELEMENTS OF THIS TANK REGIMENT HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM GARRISON  
SINCE AT LEAST [REDACTED] AND REMAINED ABSENT ON THE MOST RECENT  
IMAGERY [REDACTED]. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 43-36-20N 087-45-00E (S)

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