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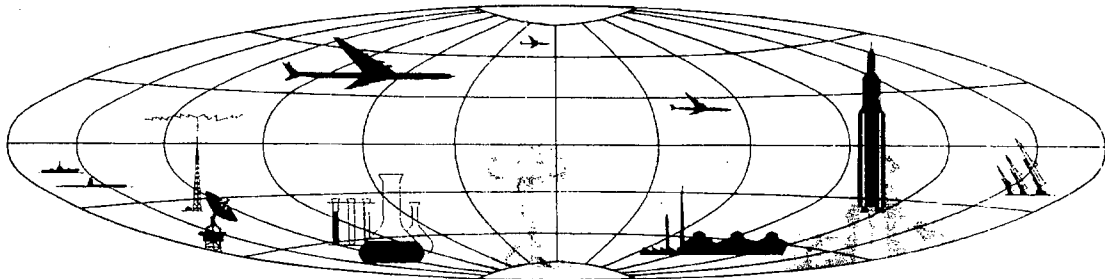
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PREFACE

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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.

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MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT SOUTHEAST

(53-47N 027-41E)

MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

BELORUSSIAN MD

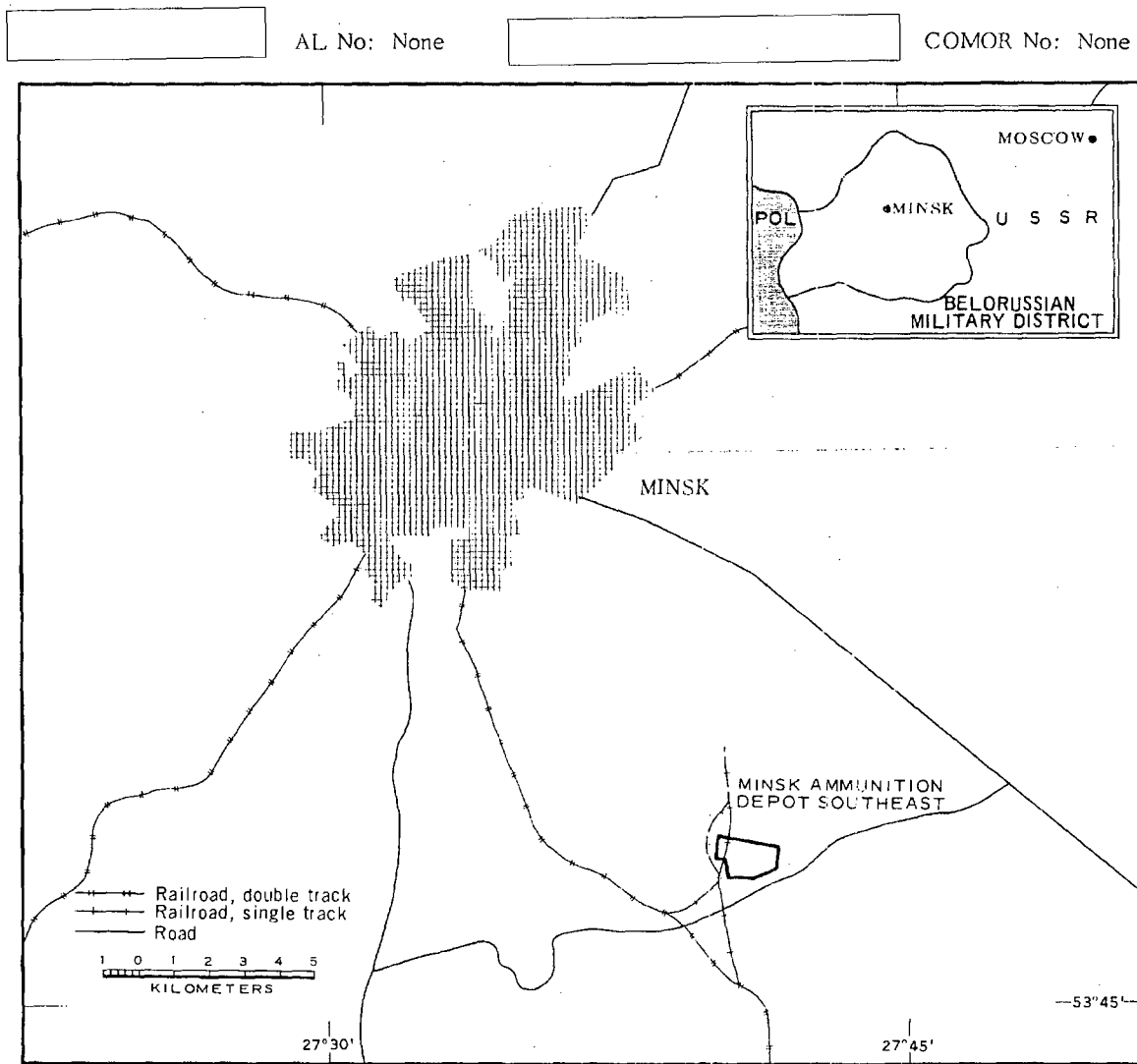


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT SOUTHEAST.

## SUMMARY

Minsk Ammunition Depot Southeast (Figure 1) is located 15 kilometers (km) southeast of Minsk (53-54N 027-34E). The installation is rail-served by a branch line from the Minsk-Osipovichi rail line. A secondary road provides access to the primary all-weather Minsk-Smilovichi highway. The Minsk Army Barracks, Uruchye (AL-1) is located 18 km north-north east. Numerous other military installations are located in the Minsk area.

The ammunition storage area and adjacent support area cover 380 acres. The ammunition storage area is enclosed by a fence and a wide firebreak and contains 28 unrevetted ammunition storage buildings, two probable rail-to-road transloading buildings and nine support buildings. The support area located outside the secured area contains one administration building, two administrative-type buildings, seven multistory barracks, 11 storage buildings and 12 support buildings.

This installation is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and two KEYHOLE missions dated July 1963 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals an increase in the level of activity. Significant changes observed are as follows: July 1956 coverage revealed a spur from the Minsk-Osipovichi rail line branching off 1 km north of Berezina serving this installation; July 1963 coverage revealed this spur extending past the installation and joining a new rail line, under construction from the Minsk-Osipovichi rail line. Changes in the ammunition storage area between July 1956 and February 1964 include the addition of four unrevetted ammunition storage buildings and four support buildings. Changes in the support area include the addition of one administration and one administrative-type building, four barracks, four storage buildings, and five support buildings.

## DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

**Railroad Service**

The installation is served by a new branch line from the Minsk-Osipovichi rail line completed to a point immediately north of the storage area and under construction toward Minsk.

**Road Service**

A secondary road provides access to the all-weather primary Minsk-Smilovichi road.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D (Figures 2 and 3) includes one multistory administration building, two administrative-type buildings, seven multistory barracks, 11 storage buildings and 12 support buildings.

July 1963 coverage reveals one new administration building, one new barracks, three new storage buildings and one new support building. February 1964 coverage reveals one additional administrative-type building, four additional

barracks, one new storage building and four new support buildings.

**Ammunition Storage Area**

Area F contains 28 unrevetted 60- by 210-foot ammunition storage buildings and nine support buildings. July 1963 coverage revealed one new ammunition storage building and one support building. February 1964 coverage revealed three new ammunition storage buildings and four new support buildings. All of the ammunition storage buildings are well dispersed and directly accessible to a network of internal roads.

**Other Buildings**

Area H contains two 200-foot-long rectangular probable rail-to-road transloading buildings.

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FIGURE 2. MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT SOUTHEAST, FEBRUARY 1964.

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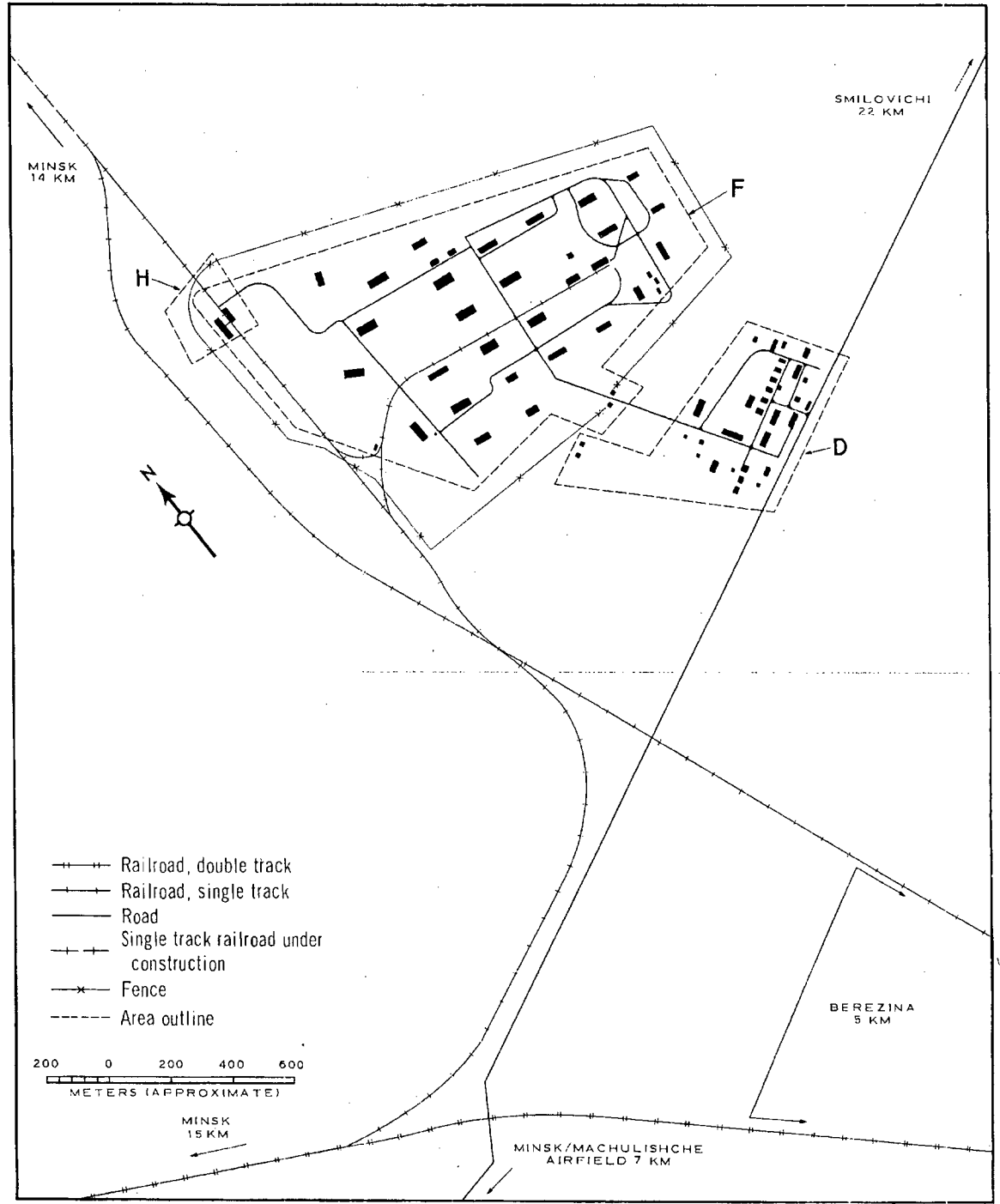
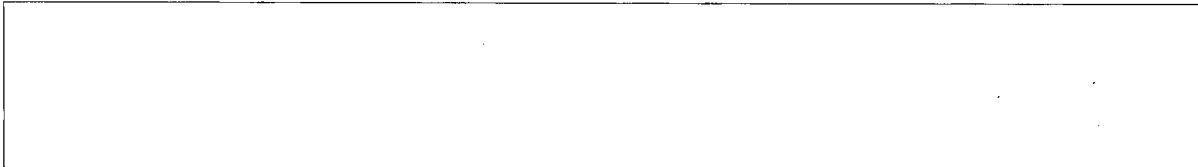


FIGURE 3. MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT SOUTHEAST. Sketch Compiled From [redacted] February 1964.

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