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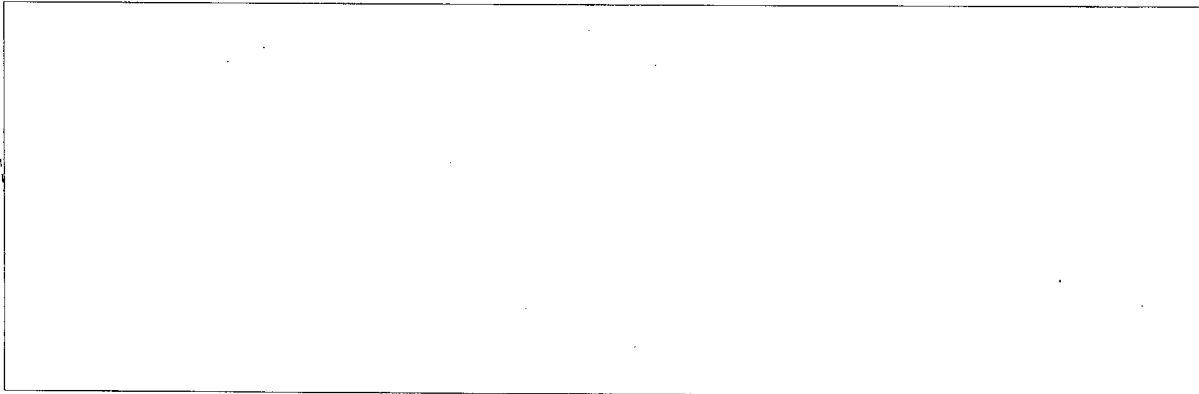
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POLOTSK, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD



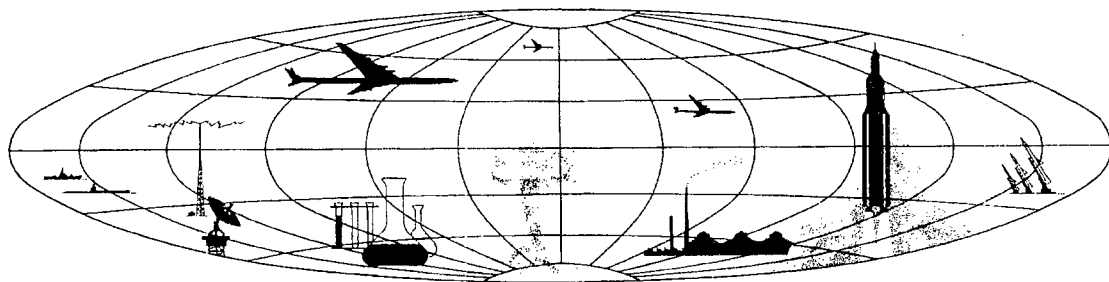
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PREFACE

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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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STORAGE AREA
(55-30N 28-49E)
POLOTSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

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COMOR No: None

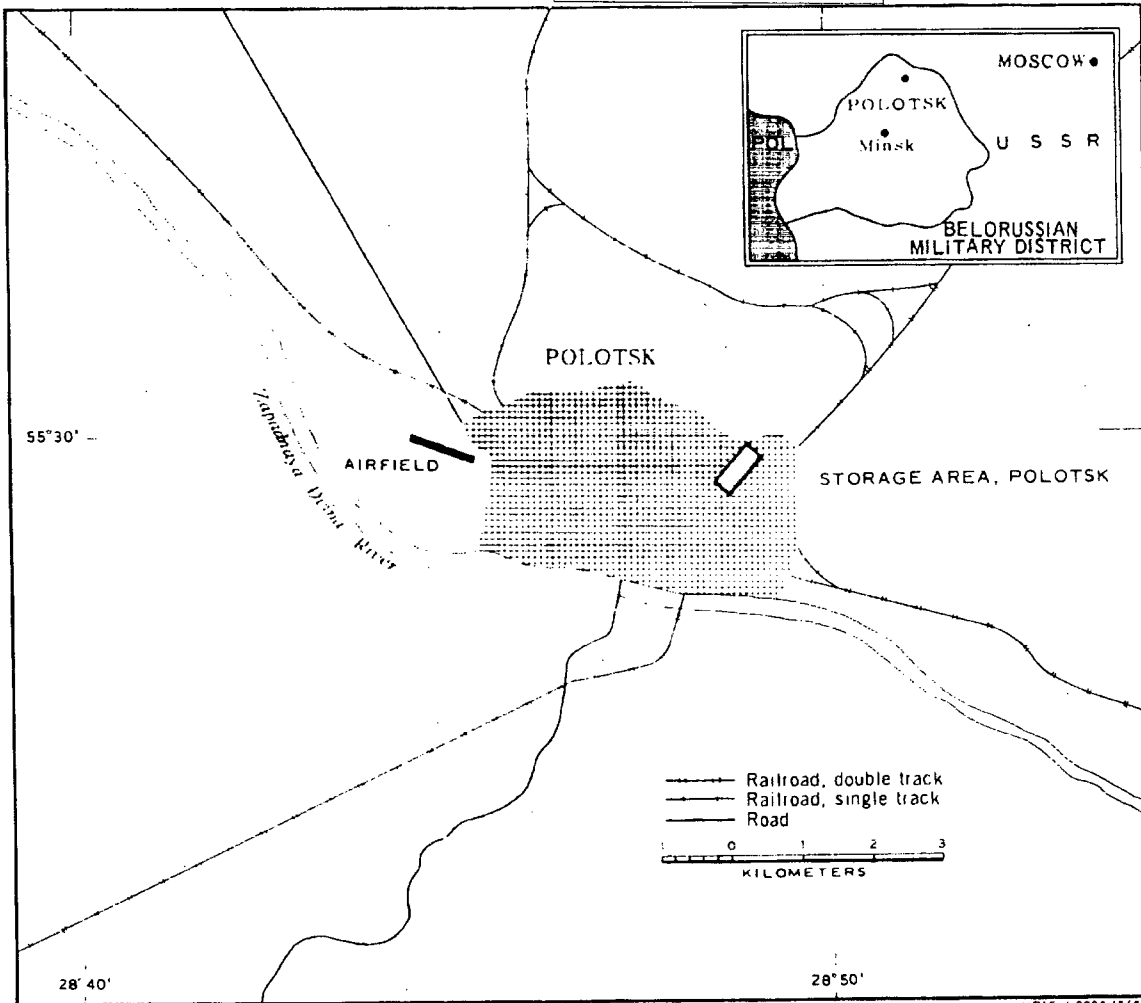


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK.

SUMMARY

A storage area is located in the northeast section of Polotsk (55-29N 28-49E). This area is served by a rail spur from the Polotsk-Vileyka rail line. Urban streets provide access to other installations. Polotsk Army Barracks and Maneuver Area [redacted] is located 5 kilometers (km) to the north and Polotsk Army Barracks, Borovukha [redacted] [redacted] is located 18 km northwest of this storage facility.

This secured installation covers approximately 22 acres and contains nine storage buildings and one administration building.

The area is covered on 1956 TALENT photography and nine KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage between December 1961 and February 1964 with reduced activity during the winter months. Slight changes since 1956 include new roofing for all of the storage buildings, the removal of one administration building, and the dismantling of a rail spur which entered the area from the east.

The military significance of this installation cannot be determined.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

Photography of 1956 revealed a two-pronged rail spur. February 1964 KEYHOLE photography revealed only one spur. The rail spur formerly entering the area from the east has been dismantled.

Road Service

Urban streets provide access to all primary highways in the area.

Administrative Buildings

One administration building is located in the northeast section of area D1.

General Storage Area

Nine storage buildings, all newly roofed, are located in area E1. One administration building has been removed from this area since July 1956.

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FIGURE 2. STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK, AUGUST 1963.

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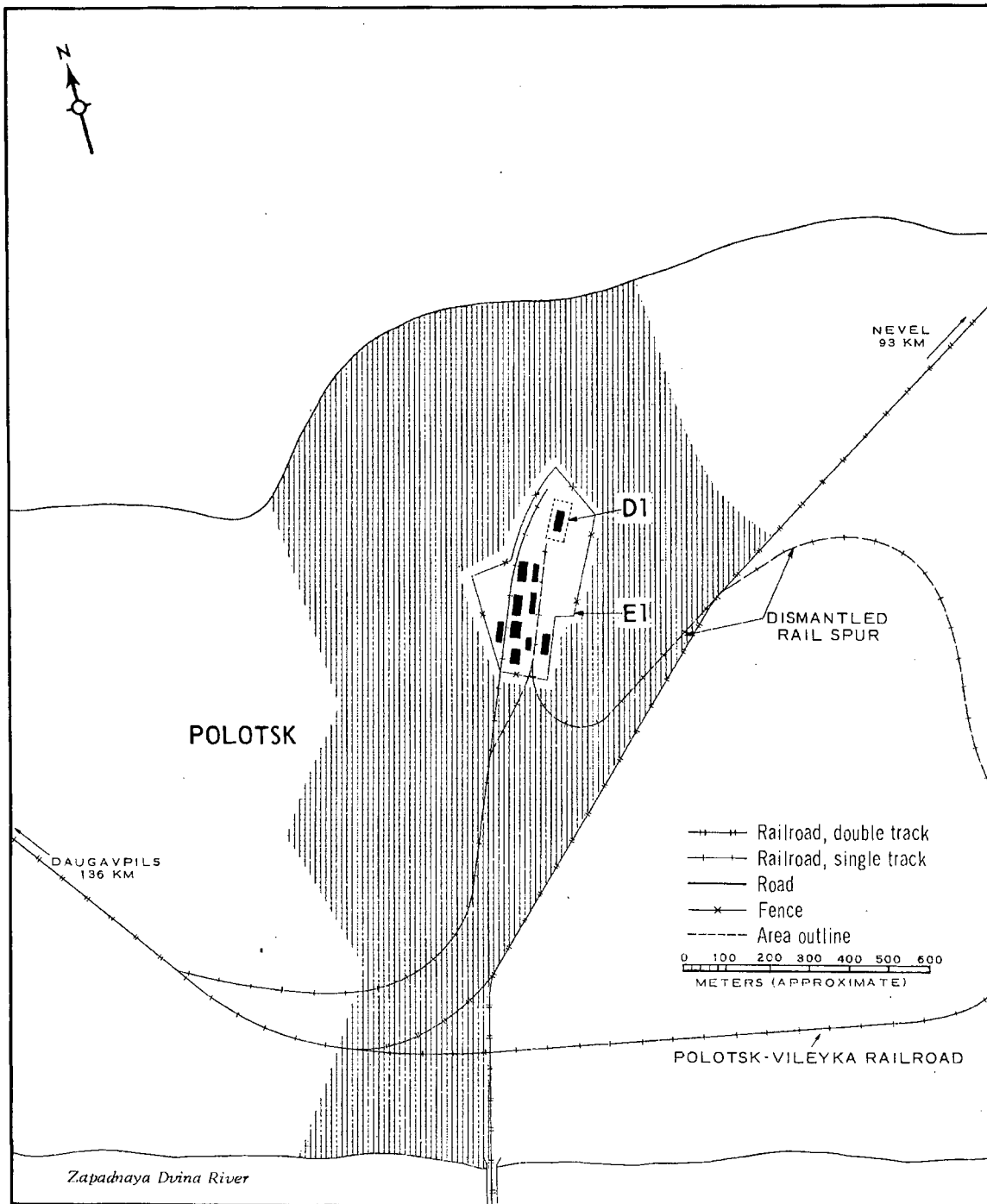


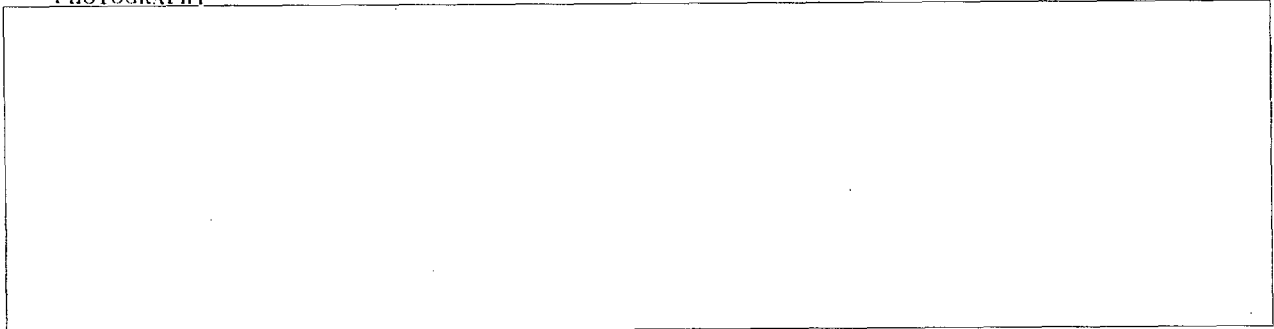
FIGURE 3. STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

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