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POLOTSK, USSR  
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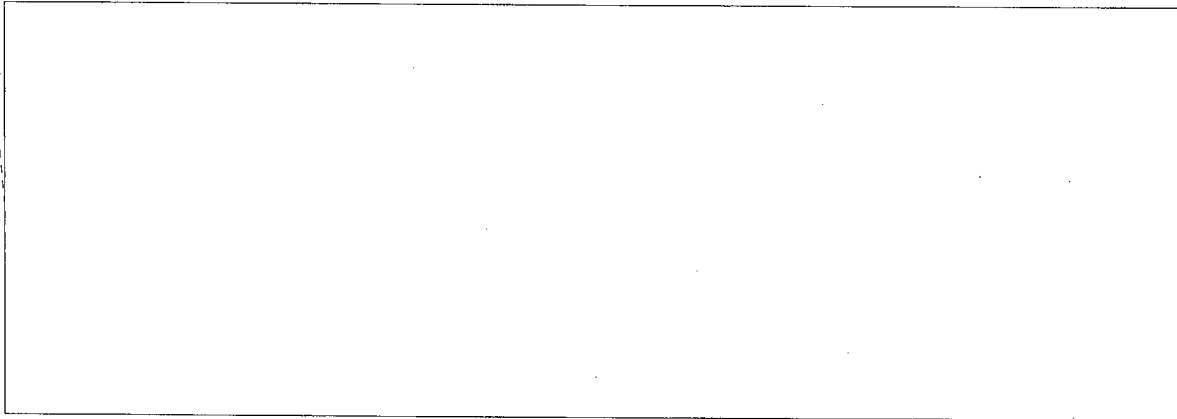
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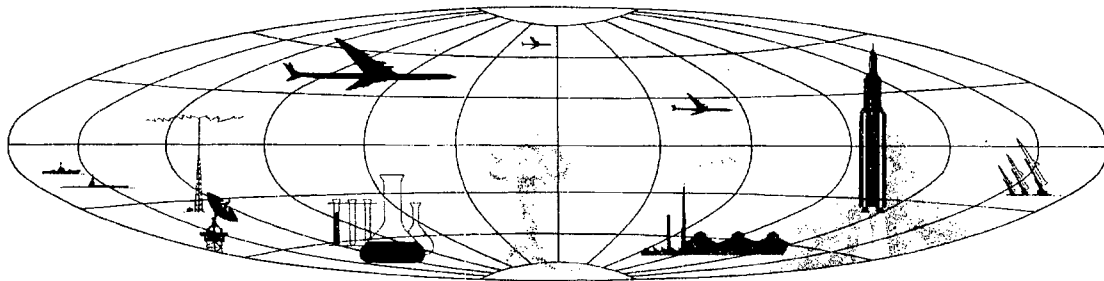
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**PREFACE**

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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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MILITARY STORAGE AREA  
(55-28N 028-47E)  
POLOTSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

AL No: None

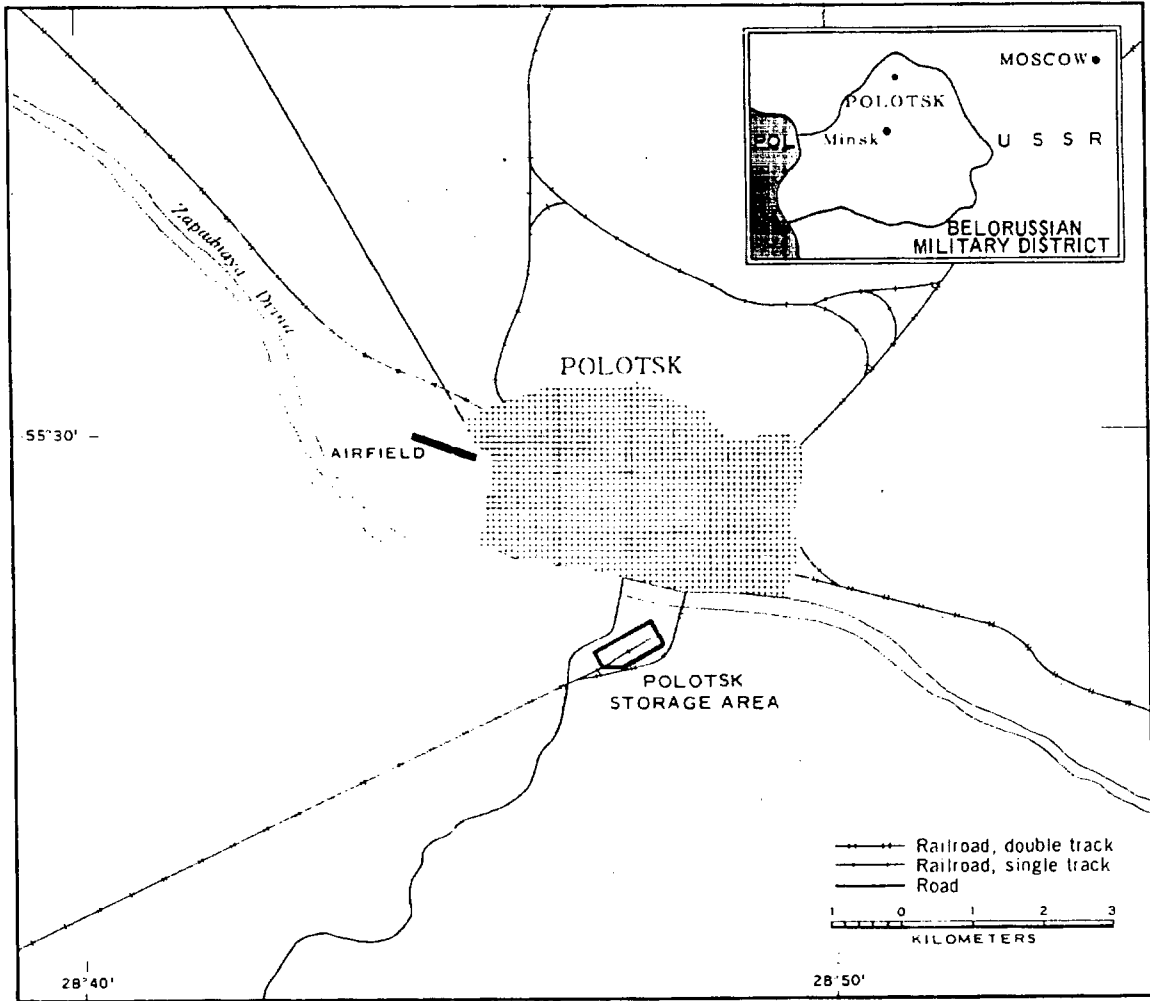


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK.

SUMMARY

A secured storage area, formerly a facility of Polotsk Army Barracks South [redacted] is located 0.7 kilometers (km) south of Polotsk (55-29N 028-48E) on the south bank of the Dvina River, and on the north side of the Polotsk-Vileyka rail line (Figure 1). The installation is served by a spur from the Polotsk-Vileyka rail line and has all-weather primary road connections to Polotsk. Six km to the north on the north side of Polotsk is the Polotsk Army Barracks and Maneuver Area [redacted] and 18 km to the northwest is Polotsk Army Barracks Borovukha [redacted]. The storage area has access to both barracks areas via urban streets.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 70 acres and includes one administration, one barracks, 14 storage and 11 sup-

port buildings.

The area was covered by TALENT photography in 1956 and eight KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals a marked decrease in military activity. In 1956 this was an active Army Barracks and Storage Facility known as Polotsk Army Barracks South [redacted]

[redacted] Latest KEYHOLE photography reveals that since 1956 two motor pools have been removed and a related Military Training Area one km east has been returned to cultivation. The installation has decreased in overall size by 20 acres. No rail or road activity was observed during the winter months, and the level of summer activity appears to have greatly decreased.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

**Railroad Service**

The storage area itself is served by a single track spur from the double-tracked Polotsk-Vileyka rail line that passes adjacent to the south side of the installation.

**Road Service**

All-weather primary roads serve the area from Polotsk.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains one multistory T-shaped administration building, one multi-

story barracks, and one support building. Since 1956 the military upkeep of this area has deteriorated and no longer reveals well-defined track activity.

**General Storage Areas**

Area E1 contains four storage and eight small support buildings located along the rail spur as it enters the area. Area E2 contains 10 storage and two support buildings and the terminus of the rail spur. Both areas appear inactive during the winter.

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FIGURE 2. MILITARY STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK, AUGUST 1963.

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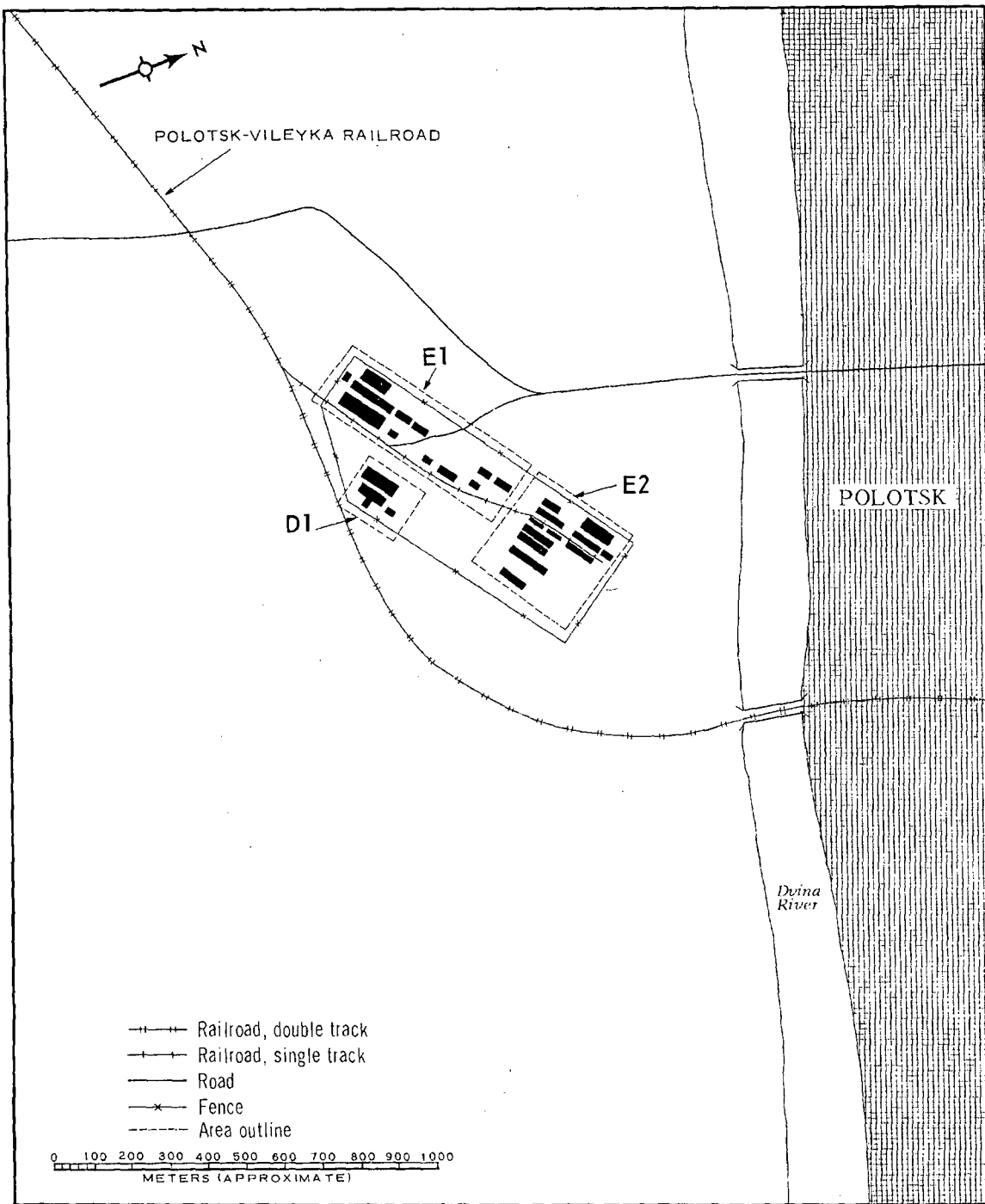
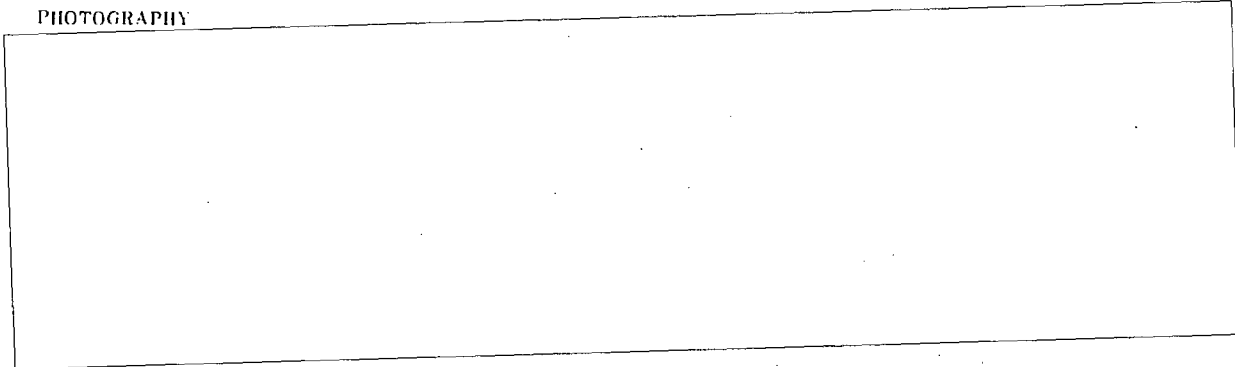


FIGURE 3. MILITARY STORAGE AREA, POLOTSK. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

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