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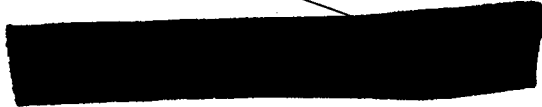
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SLONIM ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS, 8TH TANK DIVISION

SLONIM, USSR BELORUSSIAN, MD

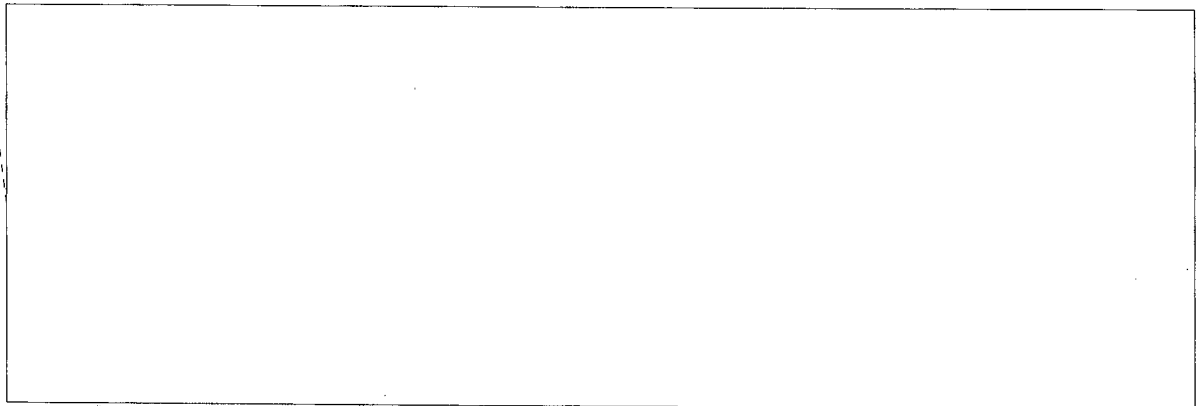
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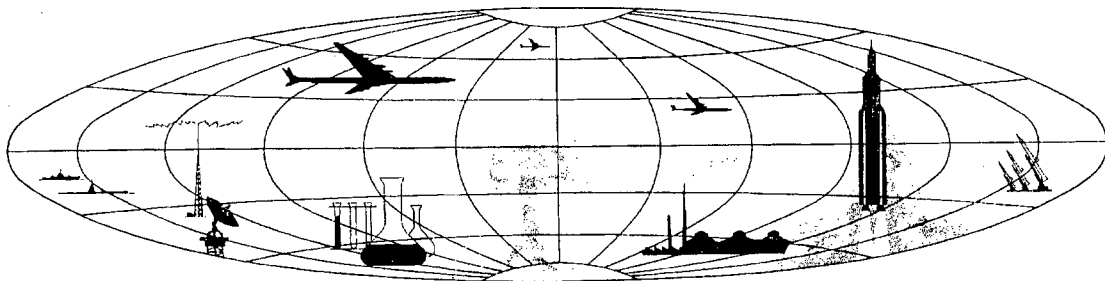
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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center IP1c (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group.

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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SLOINIM ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS, 8TH TANK DIVISION
(53-05N 25-18E)
SLOINIM, GRODNENSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN, MD

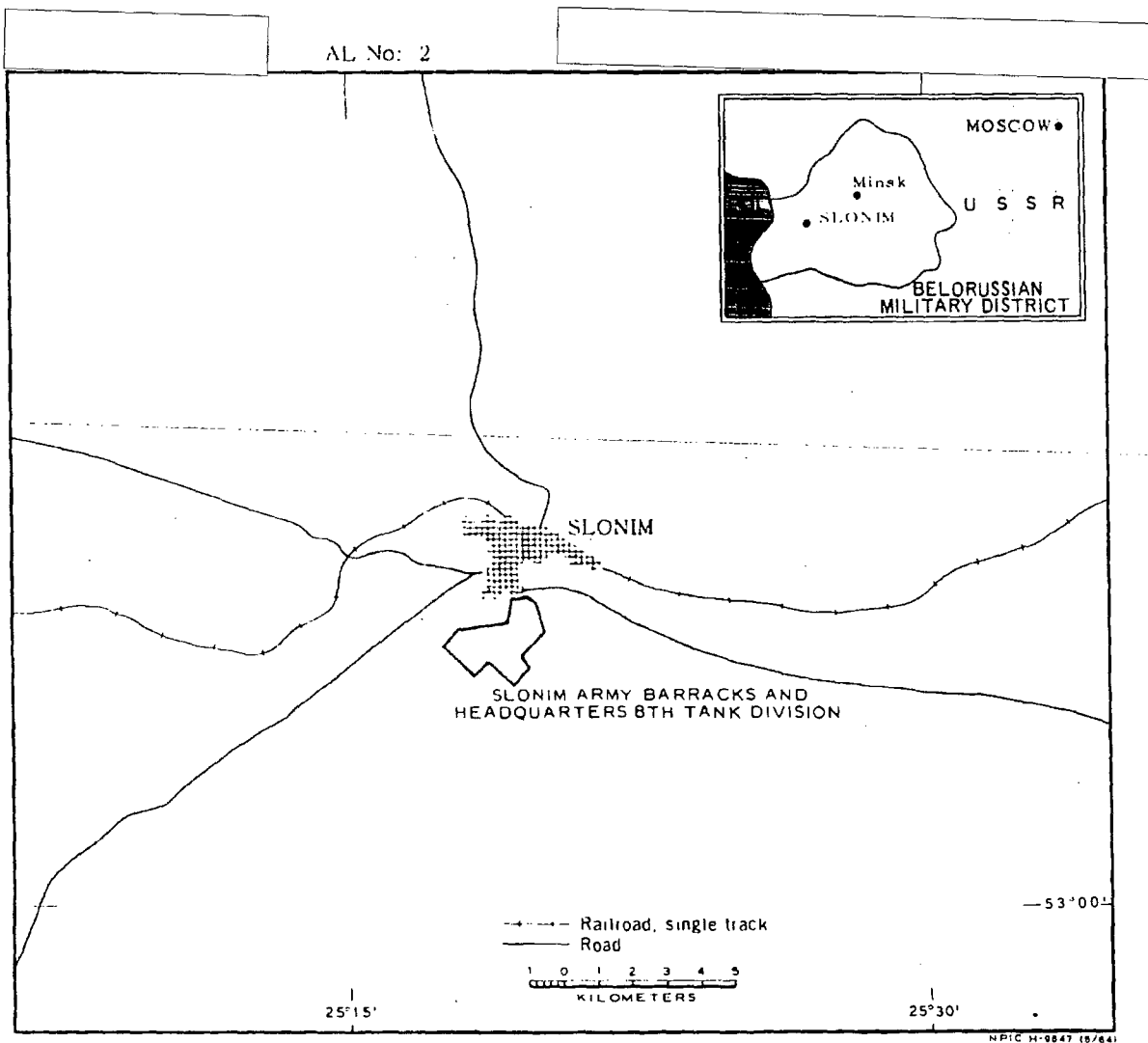


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SLOINIM ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS 8TH TANK DIVISION.

SUMMARY

Slonim Army Barracks and Headquarters 8th Tank Division (Figure 1) is located on the southeast edge of Slonim (53-05N 025-18E). The installation is not rail served, but it is served by all-weather access roads from the Slonim-Ruzhany and Slonim-Baranovichi highways. The Slonim Training Area (TA-1) is located 3 kilometers (km) east. There is a direct road connection to the Slonim Training Area. Slonim Army Barracks Albertin (AL-1) has been abandoned and the area returned to civilian use.

The installation covers approximately 1,450 acres and includes eight administration buildings, 23 barracks, three storage buildings, 9 support buildings and four equipment storage and maintenance areas containing 26 vehicle sheds, 21 maintenance buildings and 6 support buildings.

The installation also includes an ammunition storage area with six unrevetted buildings and an athletic field. Training facilities include three small arms ranges and a probable tracked-vehicle driver training course.

The area was covered by TALENT photography in 1956 and 10 KEYHOLE missions dating from June 1962 to February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage between June 1962 and February 1964 with reduced usage during the winter months. Significant changes since 1956 include the addition of 7 vehicle sheds, 7 maintenance buildings and three barracks. Six vehicle buildings and one administration building were dismantled between 1956 and February 1964. All new buildings were constructed between 1956 and June 1962.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

There is no direct rail connection serving the installation; however, a station and rail yard are located 3 km north on the NE edge of Slonim. A single track rail line connects Slonim with Baranovichi and Borodichi.

Road Service

There is direct access to all-weather primary roads extending from Slonim to Baranovichi and from Slonim to Ruzhany.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains two administration and one support building.

Area D2 (Figure 3) contains three administration, five barracks and one support building. One new support building has been constructed since 1956.

Area D3 (Figure 3) contains three administration, 18 barracks and seven support build-

ings. June 1962 coverage reveals three new barracks, three new support buildings and an administration building which had been dismantled. Trackage observed on all coverage indicated all areas are probably occupied.

General Storage Area

There are three general storage buildings located in area E (Figure 3), which is adjacent to barracks/administration area D3.

Ammunition Storage Area

Six buildings are located in area F (Figure 3) and have the following dimensions: 110 by 50 feet, 115 by 30 feet, 115 by 50 feet, 85 by 50 feet and two 100 by 50 feet. The 115- by 50-foot and 85- by 50-foot buildings were identified from TALENT coverage as possible munitions checkout and transfer buildings.

All buildings are unrevetted but are situated in the folds of small hills.

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FIGURE 2. SLONIM ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS 8TH TANK DIVISION, SLONIM, USSR, SEPTEMBER 1963.

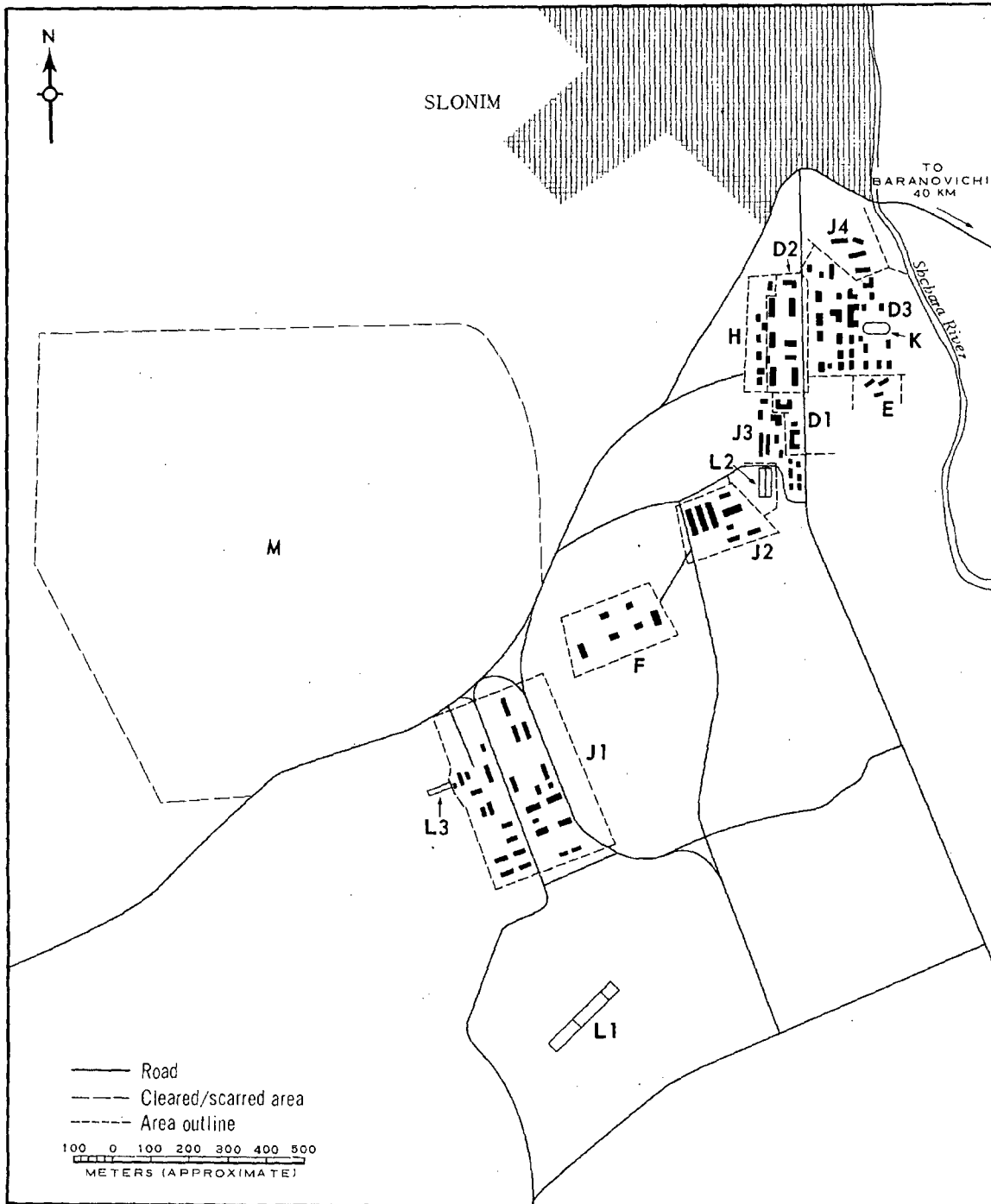


FIGURE 3. SLONIM ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS 8TH TANK DIVISION. Sketch compiled from July 1963.

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Other Buildings

Seven support buildings are located in area H (Figure 3).

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Number and dimensions of buildings in these areas are tabulated below.

Area	Number	Type	Dimensions (ft)
J1	2	Vehicle sheds	110 x 35
	5	Vehicle sheds	170 x 40
	2	Vehicle sheds	180 x 65
	2	Vehicle sheds	170 x 50
	2	Vehicle sheds	165 x 40
	1	Vehicle shed	210 x 40
	3	Maintenance	70 x 40
	2	Maintenance	75 x 35
	3	Maintenance	80 x 50
	3	Support buildings	
J2	3	Vehicle sheds	330 x 35
	3	Maintenance	100 x 35
	1	Maintenance	180 x 40
	1	Maintenance	30 x 20
J3	1	Vehicle shed	110 x 40
	1	Vehicle shed	175 x 40
	1	Vehicle shed	150 x 30
	1	Maintenance	70 x 35
	2	Maintenance	55 x 40
	1	Maintenance	70 x 40
	2	Maintenance	70 x 30
J4	3	Support buildings	
	3	Vehicle sheds	220 x 40
	1	Maintenance	130 x 25

Eight buildings (two vehicle sheds, 170 by 40 feet, three maintenance buildings, 80 by 50 feet, one vehicle shed 165 by 40 feet and two support buildings) in area J1 were first observed on June 1962 KEYHOLE photography. Six buildings (one 80 by 50 feet, one 170 by 40 feet and four 40 by 20 feet) in area J1 were observed dismantled on June 1962 photography. Heavy ground scarring is observed on both TALENT and KEYHOLE photography. The area was identified as a vehicle maintenance park from TALENT photography.

Four maintenance buildings (three 100 by 35 feet and one 30 by 20 feet) in area J2 were

first observed on June 1962 KEYHOLE photography. Heavy ground scarring is observed in this area on both TALENT and KEYHOLE photography. Area J2 is identified as a vehicle maintenance park from TALENT photography.

Area J3 was identified as a vehicle maintenance park from TALENT photography. Two new 220- by 40-foot vehicle sheds were observed on June 1962 KEYHOLE photography.

Vehicle tracks lead directly from these areas to the adjacent driver training area. Tracked vehicle trackage at the adjacent driver training area indicates the probable presence of armor. Heavy trackage in this area suggests active utilization of the buildings.

Athletic Field

The athletic field (K, Figure 3) is unchanged since 1956.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Three small arms firing ranges are located at the installation.

One (L1, Figure 3) is 990 feet long and 165 feet wide, with firing positions at 330 feet, 660 feet and 990 feet.

The second (L2, Figure 3) is 400 feet long and 75 feet wide. The back wall is bunkered.

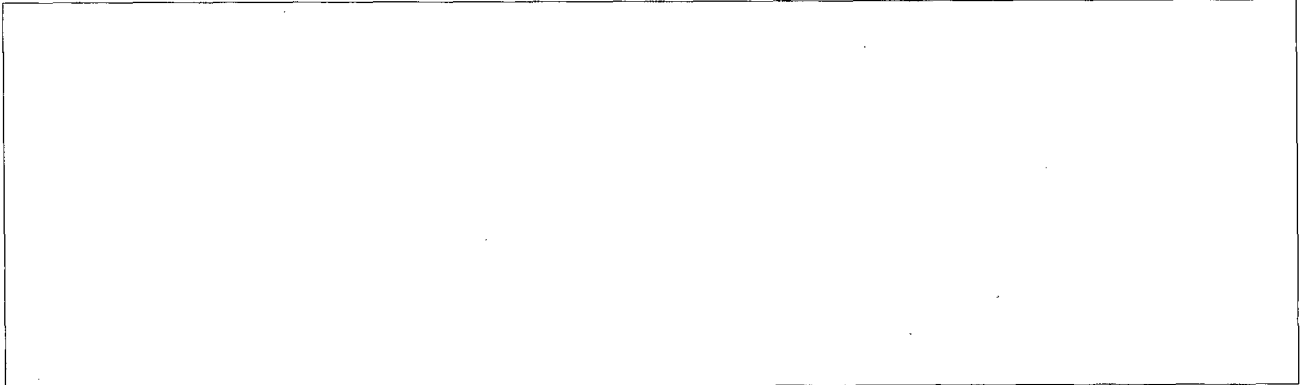
The third (L3, Figure 3) is 400 feet long and 75 feet wide.

Driver Training Area

Irregular ground scarring indicates a 6,000- by 4,500-foot probable driver training area (M, Figure 3). Trackage pattern indicates use of this area by tracked/wheeled vehicles. Heavy ground scarring is evident on 1956 TALENT and 1962 and 1963 KEYHOLE photography. The size of the area and the pattern of ground scarring has undergone no change from 1956 to 1963.

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