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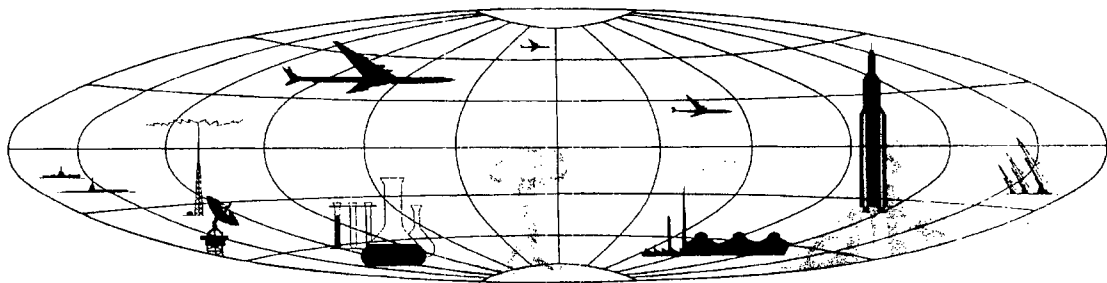
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PREFACE

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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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(53-56N 027-37E)
MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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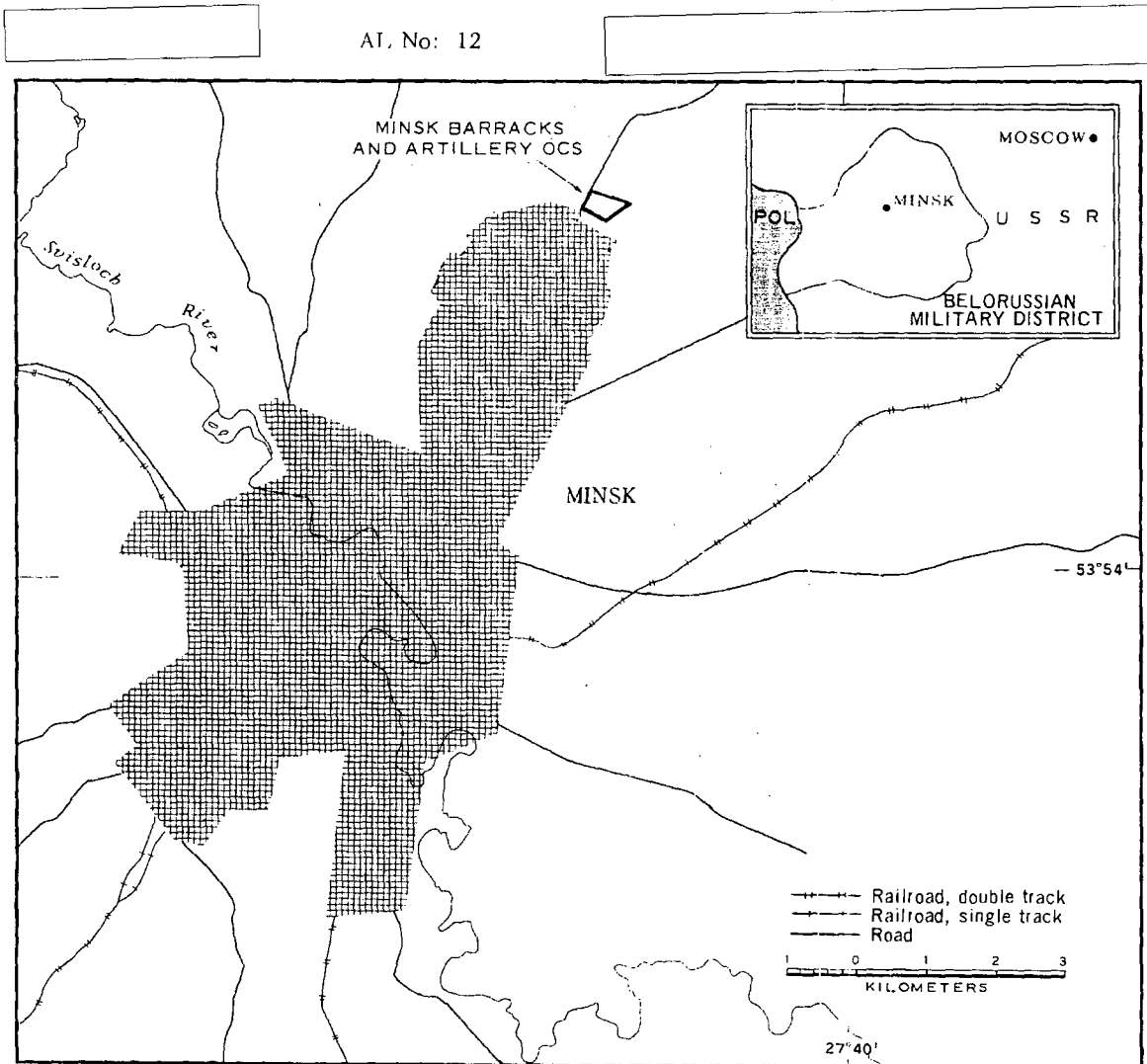


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS.

SUMMARY

Minsk Barracks and Artillery OCS is located on the northeast outskirts of Minsk approximately 6 kilometers (km) from the center of town (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served but is served by city streets. Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) is located 6 km east and Minsk Army Barracks Northwest (AL-6) is 10 km west.

The probably secured main area (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 70 acres and includes three administration buildings, one barracks/administration building, four barracks, four storage buildings, 22 support buildings, six equipment storage/maintenance buildings, a driver training area, and a small arms range. A large open area of approximately 200 acres, possibly associated with the main area, on the south and west sides, contains

six small unidentified secured areas, and 11 small support buildings. A possible dependents housing area with 17 buildings is located east of the installation.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and five KEYHOLE missions between August 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals the same general level of usage between August 1961 and February 1964 with reduced usage during the winter months. Significant changes since 1956 include the addition of four barracks, four equipment storage/maintenance buildings, two storage buildings, and a driver training area. Two vehicle storage/maintenance buildings were removed from the northeast section of the installation and that area was converted to civilian use.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

City streets provide access to downtown Minsk and the Minsk circumferential highway, which is under construction.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D (Figure 3) has three administration buildings, one barracks/administration building, four barracks, and five support buildings. Two of the barracks were first observed on August 1961 coverage and two more on July 1963 coverage. Track activity throughout the area indicates probable occupancy of all buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E has four storage buildings and a support building. Two of the storage buildings

were first observed on August 1962 coverage. Trackage indicates usage.

Other Buildings and Facilities

There are five support buildings dispersed within the installation. Seventeen possible dependent quarters are located on the southeastern edge of the barracks area.

Area H is a large open area of approximately 200 acres, possibly associated with the barracks area, located on the west side of the barracks area. It contains six unidentified small, square secured areas, approximately 300 by 300 feet. Four of the areas have one small building each, one has one medium size building, and one has three buildings. The area with three buildings was first observed on August 1962 coverage. Three small

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FIGURE 2. MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS, MINSK, USSR, JULY 1963.

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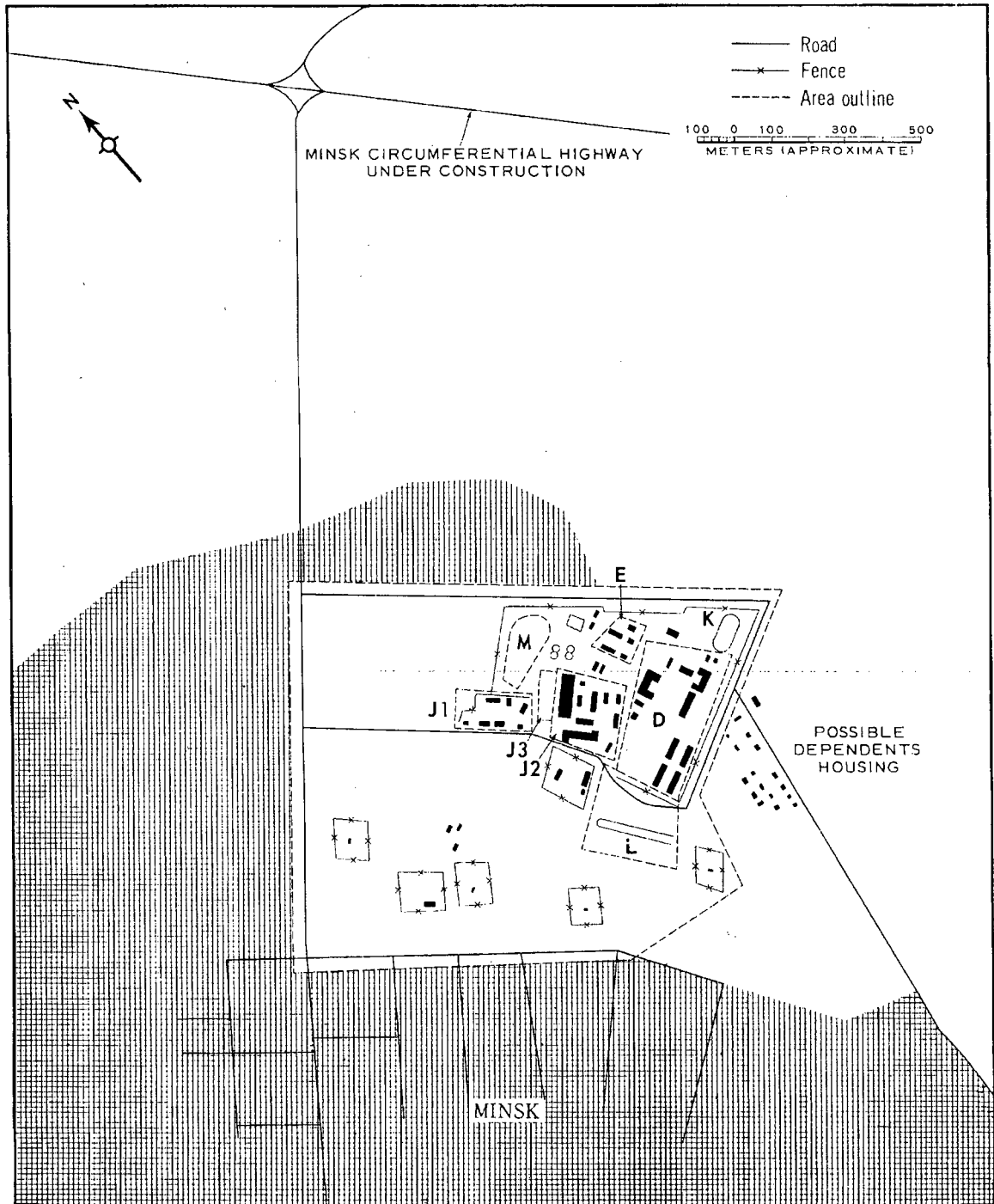


FIGURE 3. MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY POS. Sketch compiled from [] July 1963 [] February 1964.

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unidentified buildings are located outside of the secured areas.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 has two 120- by 40-foot storage/maintenance buildings, one 70- by 35-foot storage/maintenance building, and four support buildings. This area was first observed on August 1961 coverage.

Area J2 has one 180- by 40-foot storage/maintenance building, one 150- by 50-foot storage/maintenance building, one 350- by 100-foot maintenance building, and seven support buildings. The area may possibly be an OCS area serving as classrooms and equipment storage/maintenance. The large, monitor-roofed 350- by 100-foot building was first observed on August 1962 coverage.

Area J3, possibly secured, is a 400- by 150-foot possible vehicle park.

July 1963 coverage reveals that two vehicle storage/maintenance buildings in the

northeast section of the installation, observed on prior coverage, have been dismantled and the vacated space utilized as a part of an apartment/housing project.

Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field.

Small Arms Firing Range

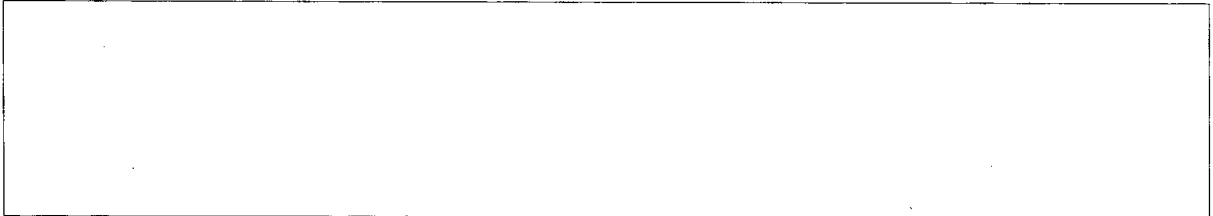
Area L is a 650- by 80-foot small arms firing range. The level of usage appears to be consistently light from 1956 through late 1963.

Driver Training Area

Area M is a wheeled-vehicle driver training area. It includes one rectangular closed-circuit driver course and two figure-8 courses which appeared to be in use in July 1963. These training facilities were not present in July 1956 and could not be confirmed until July 1963 due to poor quality photography.

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