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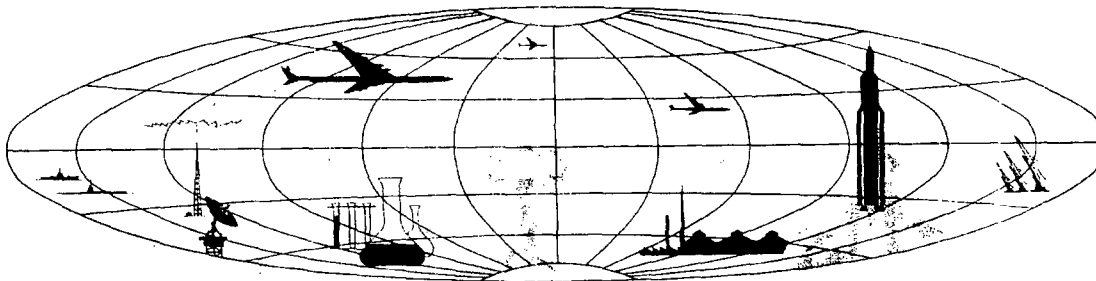
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PREFACE

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MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST

(53-55N 027-28E)

MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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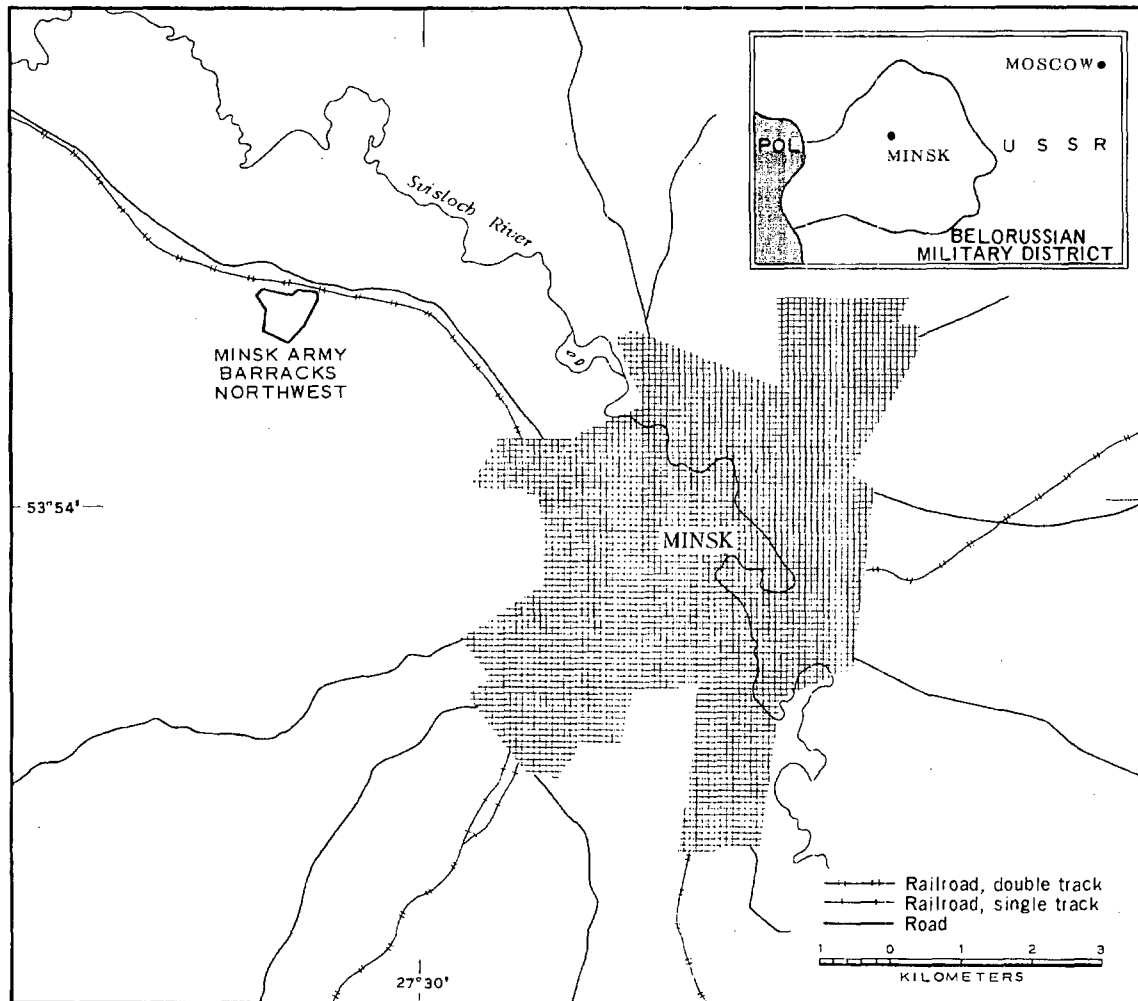


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST.

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SUMMARY

Minsk Army Barracks Northwest is located 8 kilometers (km) northwest of Minsk on the south side of the Minsk-Molodechno rail line (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. A secondary all-weather road provides access to the Minsk-Molodechno highway. Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) is located 15 km east, Minsk Army Barracks South-Southeast (AL-5) 10 km southeast, and Minsk Army Barracks (AL-2) 9 km east. Numerous other military areas are located in and around Minsk.

The installation covers approximately 300 acres and contains five administrative buildings, 22 barracks, six storage buildings, 42 support buildings, and seven vehicle storage/maintenance buildings. Eight possible storage buildings are located in a heavily scarred new construction area on the west side of the installation. Also included within the installation are an

athletic field and a small arms firing range (Figures 2 and 3).

The installation is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and seven KEYHOLE missions between August 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals continued construction in the installation but little change in the general level of usage between August 1961 and February 1964. Minor driver training activity was observed in July 1956 and August 1961 in the area just south of the installation but was not observed on later missions. Significant changes since 1956 include the appearance between August 1961 and June 1962 of an area of new construction which covers approximately 18 acres. Other changes since 1956 include the addition of 12 barracks, two storage buildings, three vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, and several support buildings.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The installation is located on the south side of the Minsk-Molodechno double-track rail line. No spurs or loading docks are observed.

Road Service

An all-weather secondary road provides access to the Minsk-Molodechno Highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) has two administrative buildings, 16 barracks, and 11 support buildings. Eight new barracks were observed on August 1961 coverage and one on July 1963 coverage.

Area D2 has one administrative building, five barracks, and seven support buildings. Three new barracks were observed on August 1961 coverage.

Area D3 has two administrative buildings,

one barracks, and one support building.

Track activity and new construction indicate probable occupancy of all buildings.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 has six storage buildings and two support buildings. Two small storage buildings were added between 1956 and July 1963.

Area E2 has eight possible storage buildings. This area of new construction, covering approximately 18 acres, was first observed on June 1962 photography. Six buildings were present in July 1963. Additionally, one large building and one U-shaped building were observed on February 1964 photography. Ground scarring indicates continued activity.

Other Buildings

There are 15 support buildings scattered through the area.

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FIGURE 2. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST, JULY 1963.

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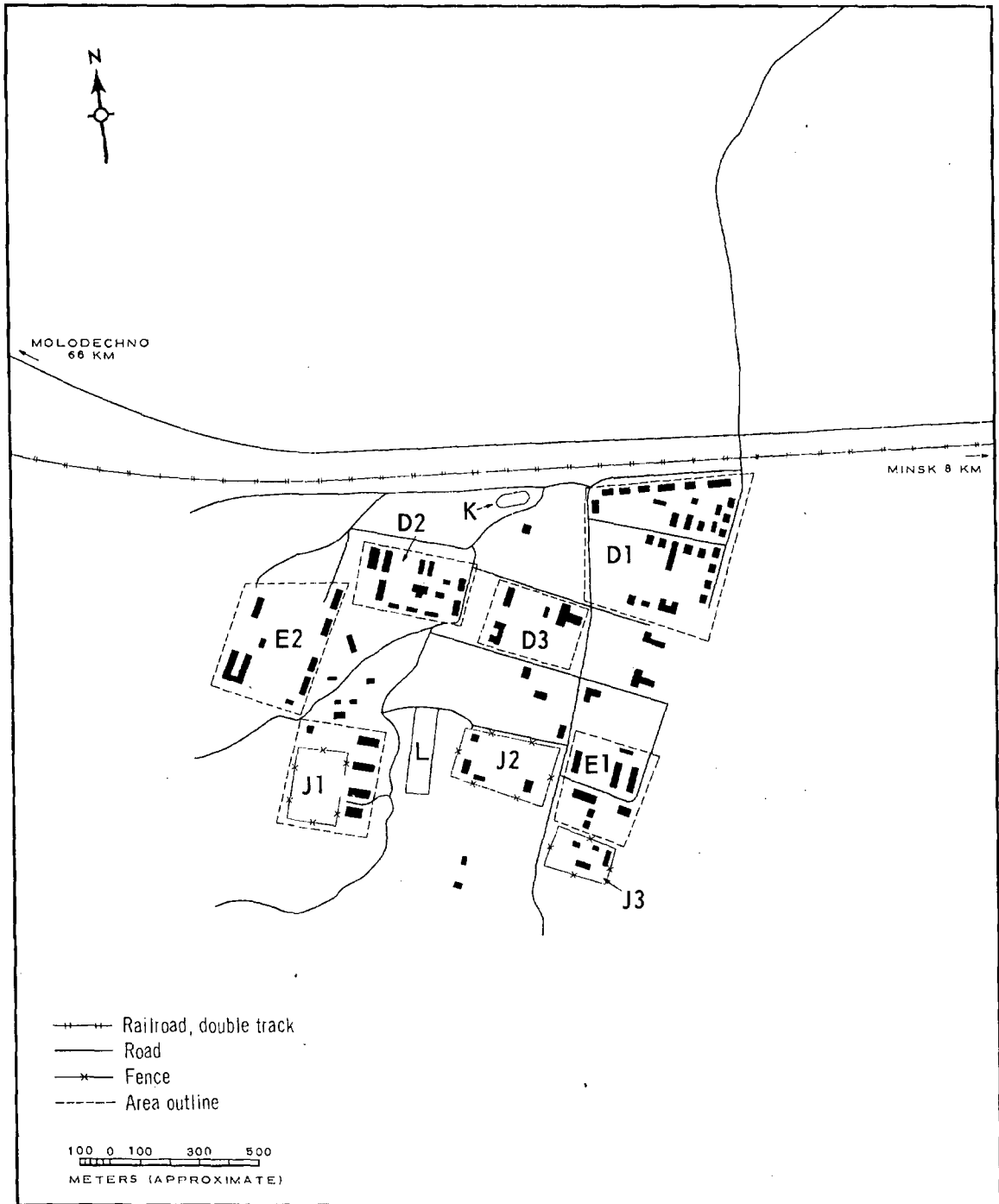


FIGURE 3. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST. Sketch compiled from [] July 1963, [] February 1964.

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Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 has three 170- by 30-foot storage/maintenance buildings and two support buildings. The storage/maintenance buildings are located just east of a 600- by 400-foot probably secured vehicle park. The vehicle park appears to be occupied by several rows of probable vehicles on February 1964 snow-covered photography.

Area J2 has two 120- by 40-foot storage/maintenance buildings and two support buildings in a secured area. The buildings are located on the west and south ends of a 400- by 300-foot vehicle park. On July 1963 coverage the area appeared to be occupied by at least nine rows of probable vehicles, but on February 1964 coverage only three rows were apparent. The two storage/maintenance buildings were first observed on July 1963 coverage.

Area J3 has two 120- by 30-foot storage/maintenance buildings and two support buildings. This is a small, secured probable motor pool

area. One storage/maintenance building and both support buildings were first observed on June 1963 coverage.

Track activity and new construction indicate probable occupancy of all buildings.

Athletic Field

An athletic field, K, northwest of Area D1 reveals evidence of light usage.

Small Arms Firing Range

Area L is a 700- by 150-foot small arms firing range. Lack of scarring on July 1963 coverage indicates limited use of this range.

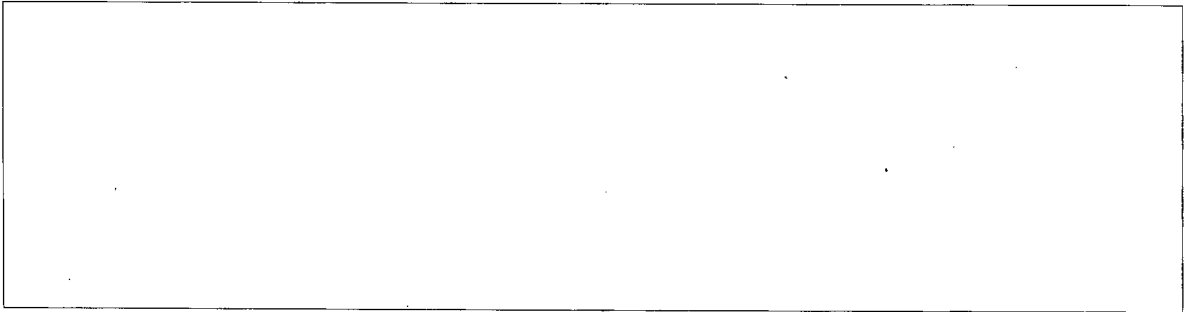
Driver Training Areas

One small driver training area observed on 1956 coverage and two Figure-8 driver training courses observed on August 1961 coverage, immediately south of the installation, are not discernible on July 1963 coverage.

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