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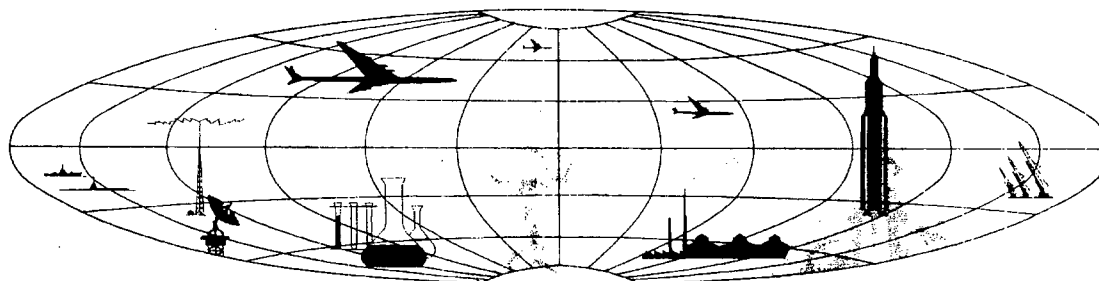
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PREFACE

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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, (I) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA
(53-31N 030-14E)
BYKHOV, MOGILEVSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

AL No: None



COMOR No: None

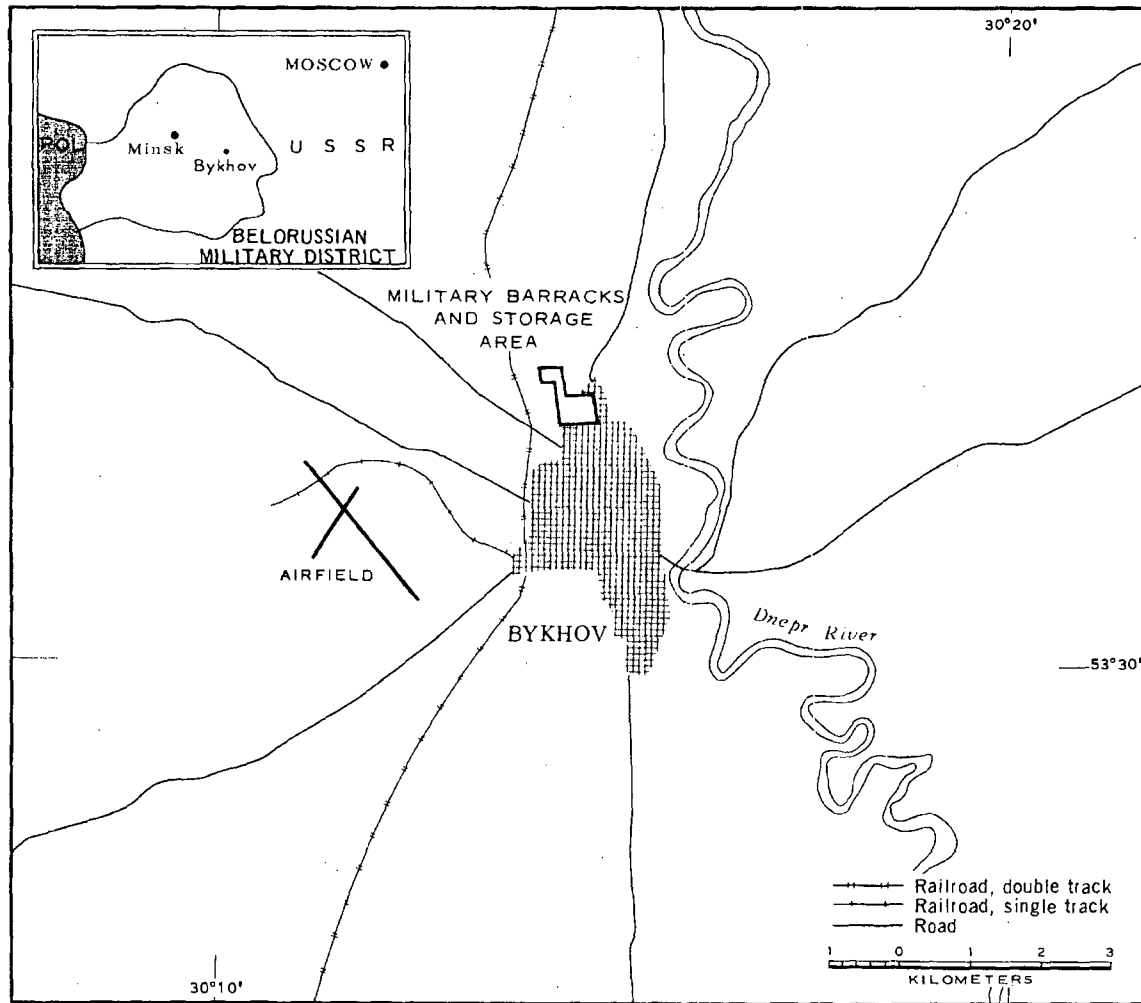


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, BYKHOV, USSR.

SUMMARY

A military barracks and storage area is located in the northern part of Bykhov (53-30N 030-15E), approximately 2 kilometers (km) northeast of the Bykhov Airfield (Figure 1). The installation is served by the streets of Bykhov. Although not rail served, a rail siding in Bykhov is readily accessible by road.

The installation is divided into three separately secured areas connected by a good all-weather road (Figures 2 and 3). It covers 76 acres and contains 89 buildings: five administration, 16 barracks, 40 storage, 26 support, and two maintenance/storage. A motor pool, an open storage area, one possible small arms firing range, and one athletic field are also located at this installation.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT pho-

tography and by eight KEYHOLE missions between June 1961 and February 1964.

The barracks area was reported in Army DPIR-24-58 (based on 1956 TALENT coverage) as an anti-aircraft artillery training area. A comparative study of the later missions indicate the AAA training facilities no longer exist in this area. It appears the barracks area is now used in conjunction with the storage area.

Significant changes between July 1956 and February 1964 in the barracks area include the addition of five barracks, three administration, and six support buildings. In the storage area, 12 additional storage buildings were constructed between July 1956 and April 1962. Between April 1962 and February 1964, 11 storage buildings and two support buildings were added.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A rail siding in Bykhov is readily accessible by road.

Road Service

The installation is served by the streets of Bykhov.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains five administration buildings, 16 barracks, eight support buildings, and one storage building. Five barracks, one administration, and three support buildings were first observed on April 1962 coverage. Two administration and three support buildings were first observed on February 1964 coverage.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains 10 storage and 10 support buildings. TALENT coverage revealed eight storage and seven support buildings in the area. By 1962, four of each type had been removed (probably those directly connected with the artillery training facilities). Between 1962 and 1964 an additional six storage and seven support buildings were constructed.

Area E2 contains one storage building and four support buildings. This is a secured open storage area covering approximately 3.4 acres. It was observed on both TALENT and KEYHOLE photography. One support building was added between 1956 and 1962. One storage and two support buildings were added between 1962 and 1964.

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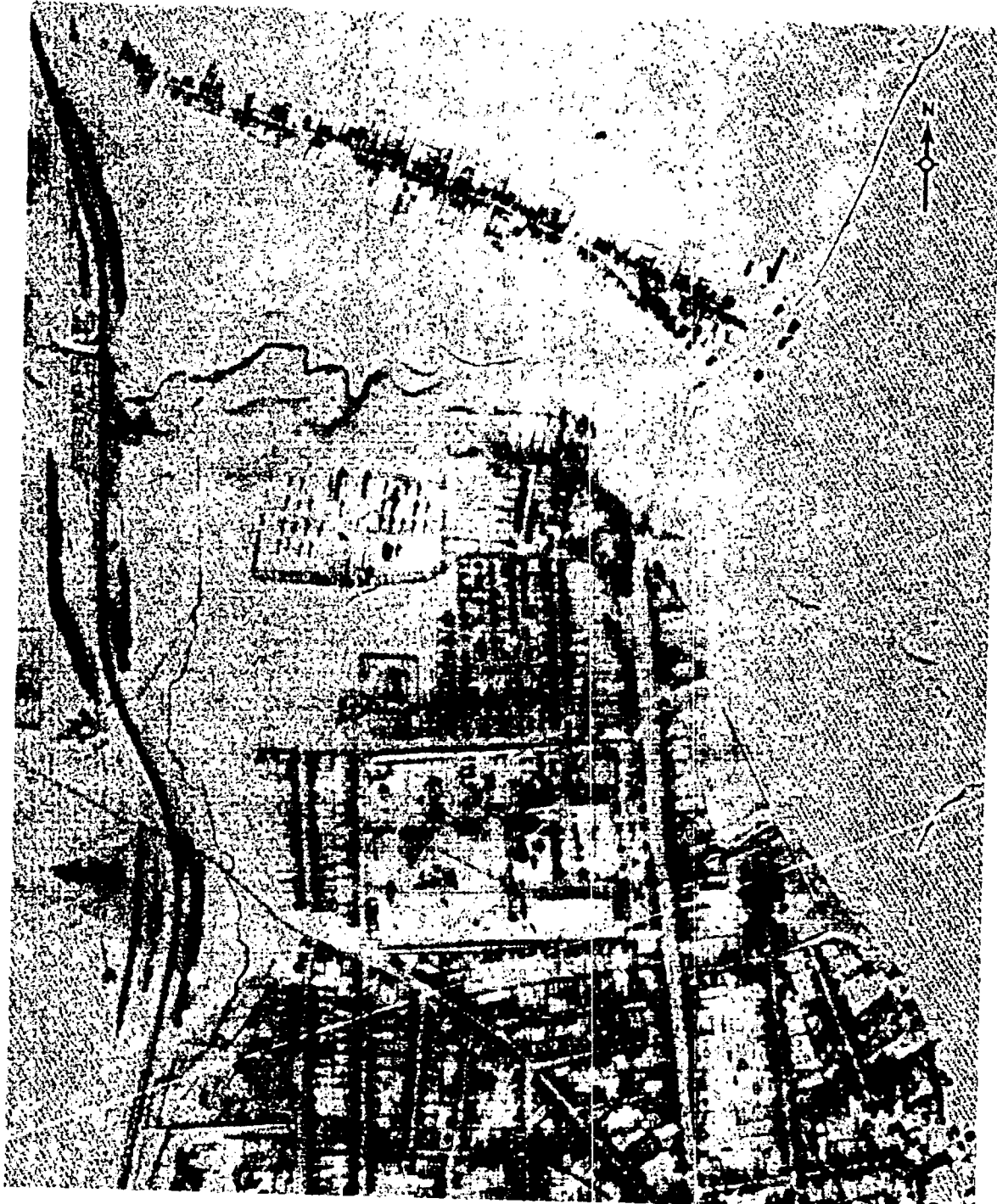


FIGURE 2. MILITARY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, BYKHOV, USSR, FEBRUARY 1964.

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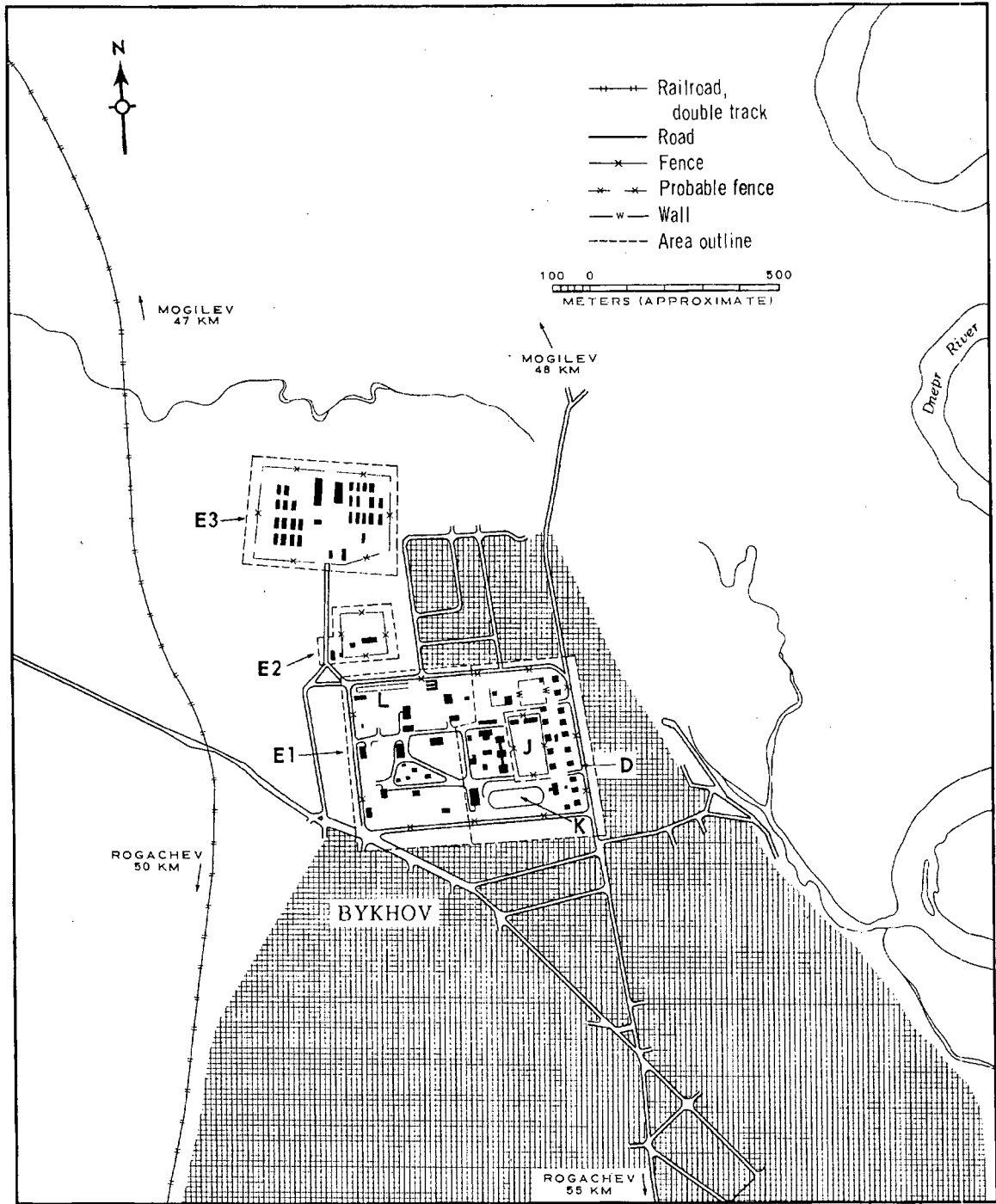


FIGURE 3. MILITARY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, BYKHOV, USSR. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964.

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Area E3, probably secured, contains 28 storage buildings and four support buildings. TALENT photography showed only three storage and four support buildings in this area. By 1962, the number had increased to 15 storage buildings, and between 1962 and 1964 an additional 13 storage buildings had been completed.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J is fenced, measures 545 by 240 feet, and contains two maintenance/storage buildings, one 115 by 35 feet and one 80 by 35 feet. The motor pool area covers approximately three acres. On 1956 coverage only one maintenance/

storage building was evident. One maintenance building was added between 1956 and 1962.

Athletic Field

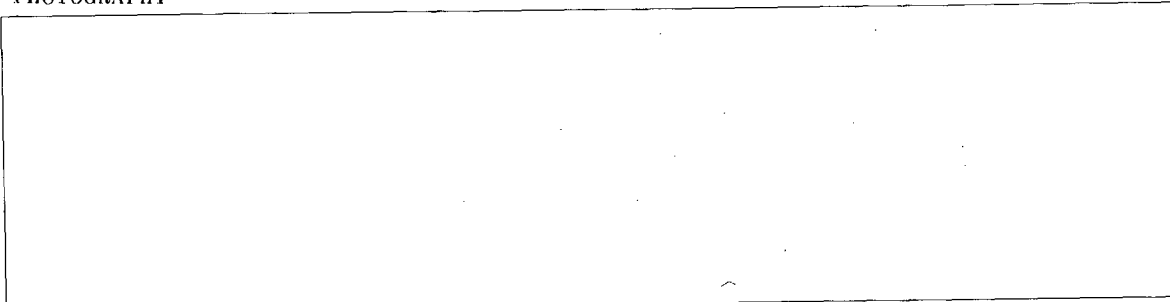
Area K, an athletic field, appeared to be in use on all missions studied.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Two small arms firing ranges were observed on 1956 TALENT coverage. On the later coverage, neither of the ranges could be definitely identified; however, one possible range (Area L) was noted along the north edge of Area E1.

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