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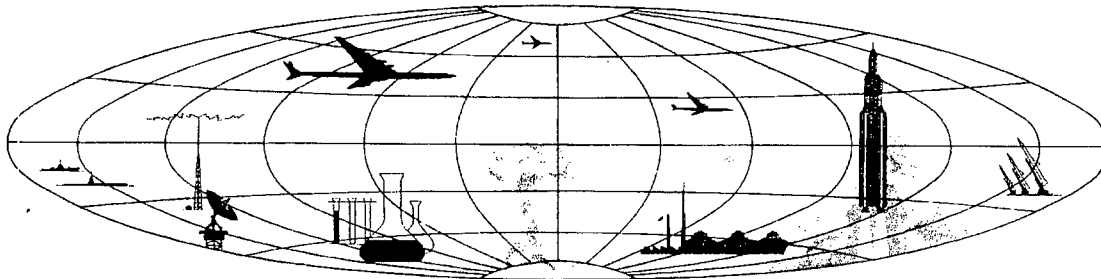
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PREFACE

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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.

MINSK ARMY BARRACKS STEPYANKA SOUTHEAST

(53-54N 027-40E)

MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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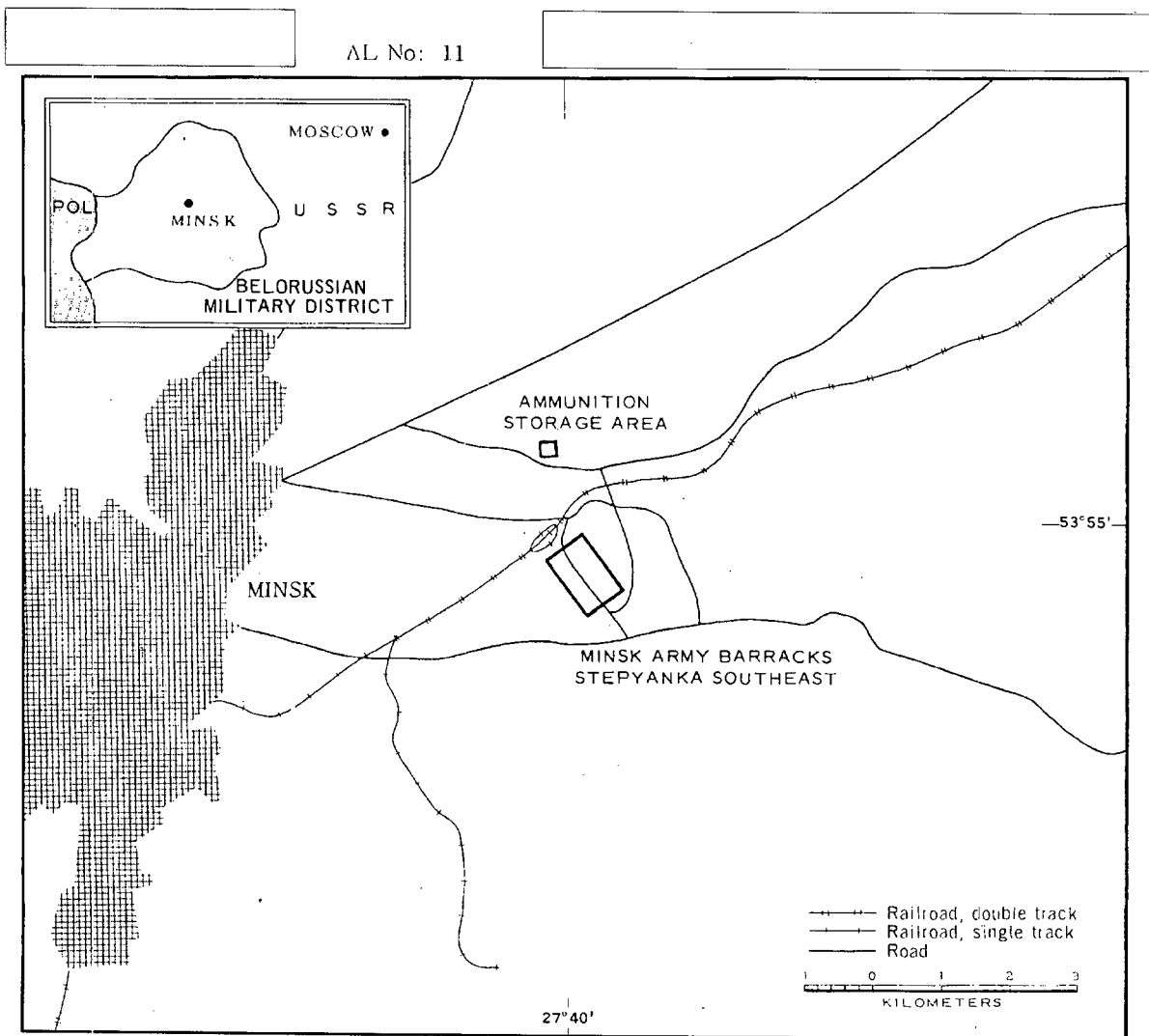


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK ARMY BARRACKS STEPYANKA SOUTHEAST.

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SUMMARY

Minsk Army Barracks Stepyanka South-east is located 7 kilometers (km) east-north-east of Minsk (53-55N 027-35E) and south of the Minsk-Borisov rail line (Figure 1). This installation is not directly rail served; however, a rail yard is immediately north-northwest. The installation is served by several good all-weather roads. The Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) and associated military training area (TA-1) is located 5 km northeast, Minsk Barracks Kalinina [redacted] is 8 km northeast, and the Minsk Stepyanka Airfield is 1.8 km northeast. A SAM Support Facility is located immediately south of the installation.

This barracks area covers approximately 350 acres and contains four administration buildings, nine barracks, 31 storage buildings, 31 support buildings, 17 dependent quarters, two motor parks, and eight vehicle storage/maintenance buildings located in two secured equipment storage/maintenance areas (Figures 2 and 3).

A secured ammunition storage area covering approximately 30 acres and containing three unrevetted ammunition storage buildings and one support building is located 2 km north-northwest of the barracks area. This area is served by

a good all-weather road.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and eight 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 track activity observed on the snow covered photography of March 1962 and 1964. Significant changes between July 1956 and March 1962 include the addition of two barracks, 18 storage buildings, and three support buildings. Changes between July 1956 and June 1962 include the addition of two support buildings. Changes between July 1956 and July 1962 include the addition of two storage buildings, two support buildings, and one vehicle storage shed. Changes noted between July 1956 and June 1963 include the addition of three support buildings, one storage building, and one vehicle storage shed and the removal of two vehicle storage buildings.

Five ammunition storage buildings in the ammunition storage area were dismantled between July 1956 and August 1961. Another ammunition storage building was dismantled between August 1961 and July 1962.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Minsk-Borisov rail line passes the northern edge of the installation. A rail yard located north-northwest of this area contains at least four tracks. No rail spur serves the area directly. Small scale photography precludes identification of loading or unloading docks.

Road Service

The Minsk circumferential highway runs along the eastern edge of this installation and several other good all-weather roads also

serve the barracks area.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains one administration building, seven barracks, three storage buildings, and four support buildings. Two barracks, one support, and two storage buildings were constructed between July 1956 and March 1962 and two additional support buildings were added by June 1962. Area D2 contains one administration building, two barracks, and one support building. Both areas are active.

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FIGURE 2. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS STEPYANKA SOUTHEAST, MINSK, USSR, FEBRUARY 1964.

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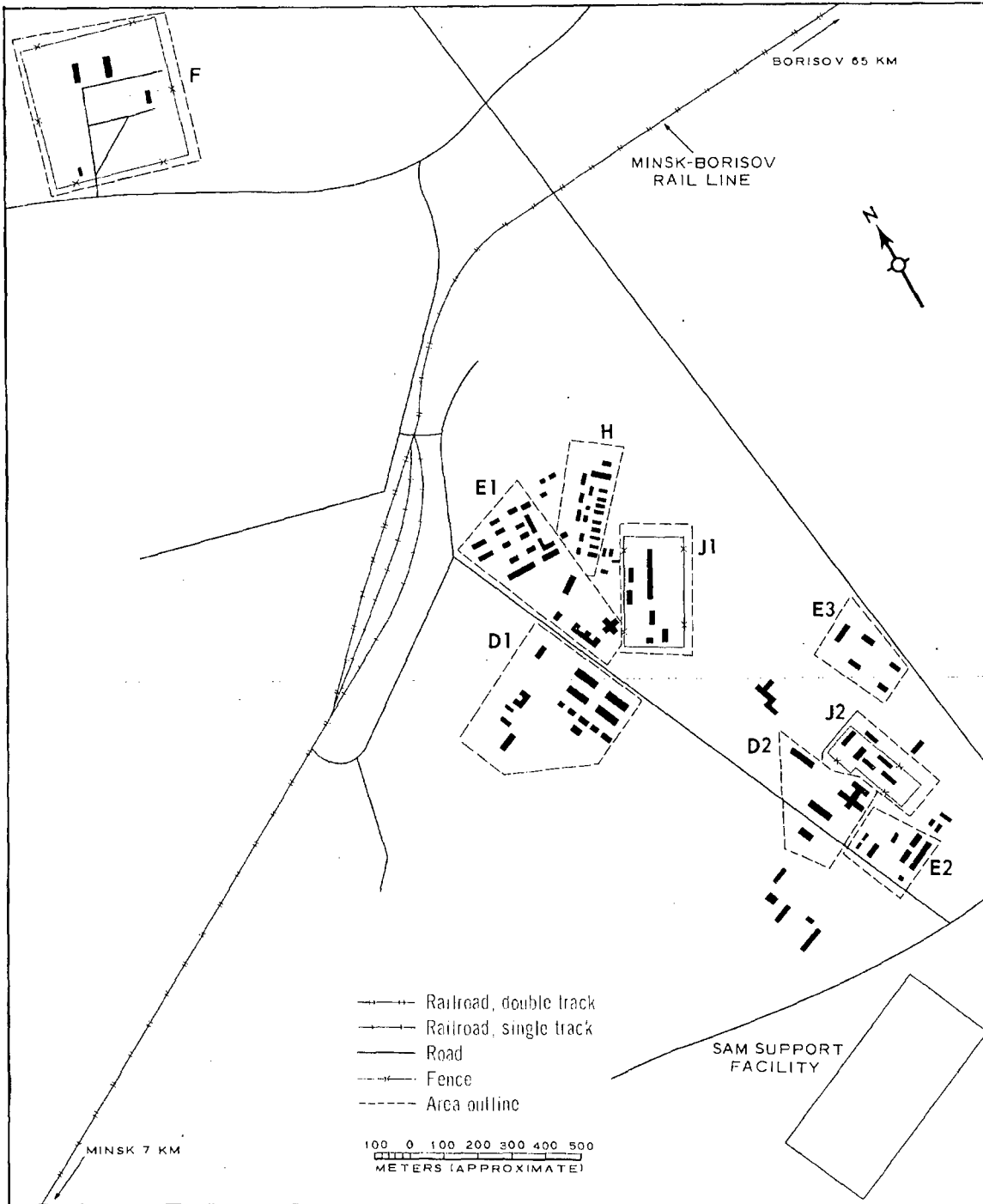


FIGURE 3. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS STEPYANKA SOUTHEAST. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964.

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General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains two administration buildings, 14 storage buildings, and three support buildings. Nine storage buildings were constructed between July 1956 and March 1962.

Area E2 contains four support buildings and four storage buildings. Three storage buildings and two support buildings were constructed between July 1956 and March 1962.

Area E3 contains five storage buildings, four of which were constructed between July 1956 and March 1962.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains two 160- by 60-foot ammunition storage buildings, one 95- by 45-foot ammunition storage building, and one support building. This secure ammunition storage area is located 2 km north-northwest of the barracks area. Five ammunition storage buildings were dismantled between July 1956 and August 1961 and another dismantled by July 1962. The area appears to be active.

Other Buildings

Area H contains 17 dependent quarters and three support buildings.

There are also four storage buildings and 13 support buildings scattered throughout the

area. Two storage and two support buildings were added in the southwest section of this installation between July 1956 and July 1962. One storage and two support buildings were constructed east of Area E2 between July 1956 and June 1963.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is secured and contains one 440- by 35-foot vehicle storage shed, three 105- by 50-foot vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, two support buildings, and one 800- by 125-foot motor park. One vehicle storage shed and one support building was added and two vehicle storage buildings were dismantled between July 1956 and June 1963. One row of probable vehicles was observed on February 1964 coverage.

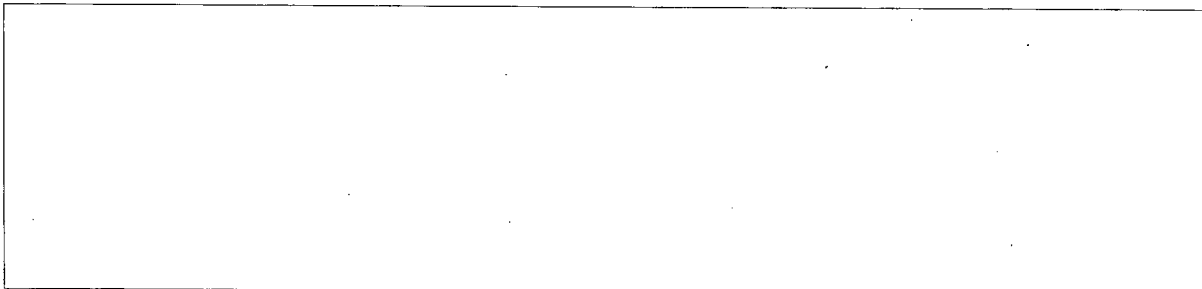
Area J2 contains one 130- by 40-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 135- by 30-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 130- by 35-foot vehicle storage/maintenance building, one 140- by 25-foot vehicle storage shed, one support building, one storage building, and one secured 300- by 200-foot motor park. One vehicle storage shed was added and the motor park was enlarged between July 1956 and July 1962. One row of possible vehicles was observed on February 1964 coverage.

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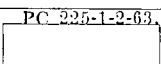
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