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MINSK ARMY BARRACKS MINSK, USSR BELORUSSIAN MD

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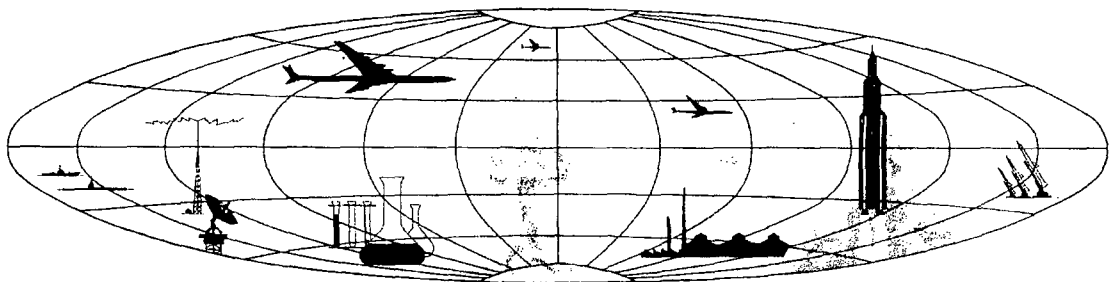
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PREFACE

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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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(53-55N 027-36E)
MINSK, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

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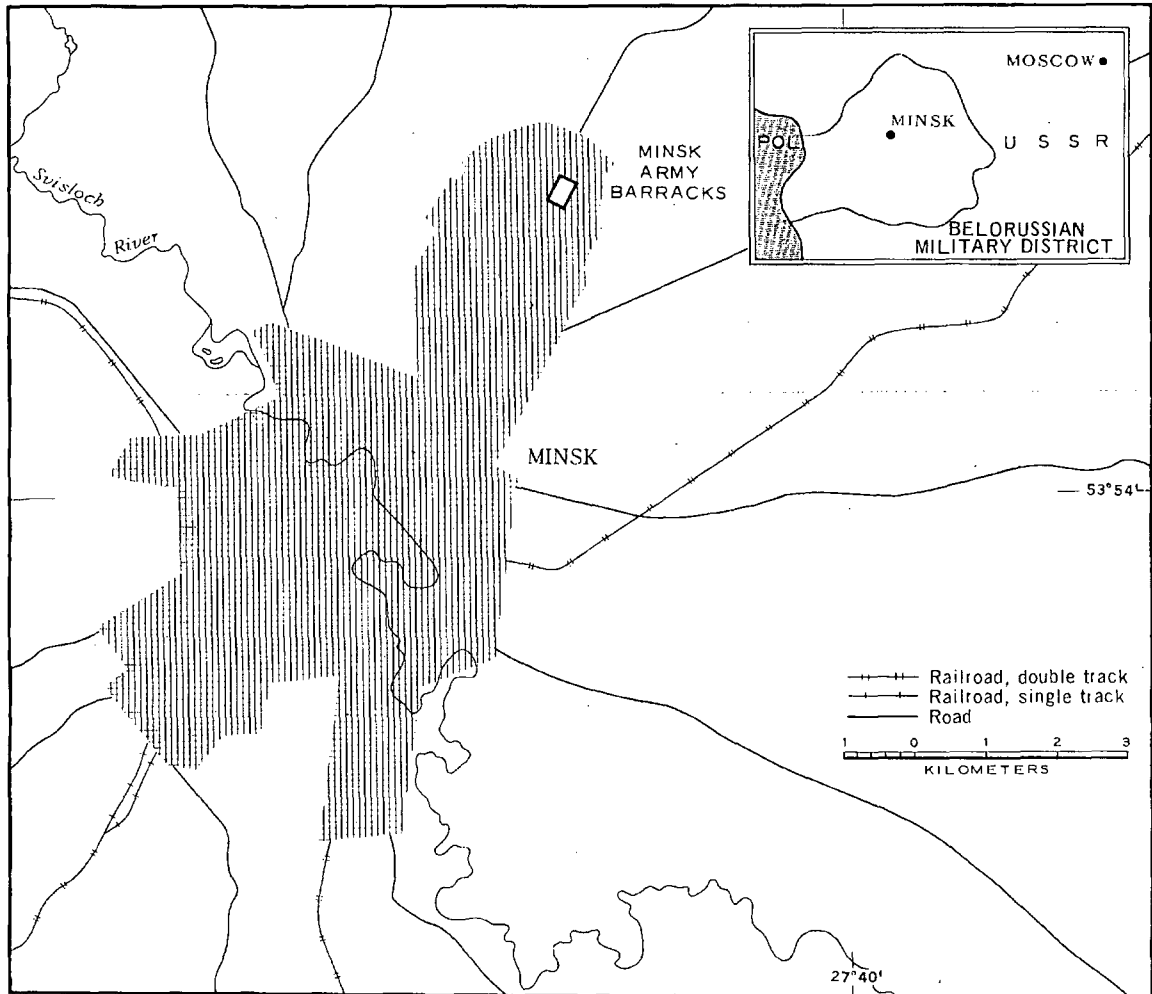


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK ARMY BARRACKS.

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SUMMARY

Minsk Army Barracks is located in the northeast section of Minsk, 4 kilometers (km) from the center of town (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. Urban streets provide access to other installations. Minsk Barracks and Artillery OCS (AL-12) is located 2 km northeast and Minsk Army Barracks NW (AL-6) is 9 km west. Other military installations are located in the Minsk area.

The installation covers approximately 60 acres and includes four administration buildings, nine barracks, eight storage buildings, five vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, and 21 support buildings (Figures 2 and 3).

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT

photography and six KEYHOLE missions between August 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage between August 1961 and February 1964, with reduced usage during the winter. Significant changes since 1956 include the addition of six barracks, three vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, and one storage building. A small arms firing range, an athletic field, a large vehicle/equipment park, and several buildings at the northern end of the installation were removed between July 1956 and June 1962 and the area converted to an apartment housing complex.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

The installation is served by urban streets.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) has two administration buildings, nine barracks, two storage buildings, and 13 support buildings. Five of the barracks were first observed on August 1961 coverage and one of the barracks was first observed on July 1962 coverage.

Area D2 has two administration and two support buildings. Trackage indicates all buildings are probably occupied.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 has four storage and two support buildings.

Area E2 has two storage and one support buildings. One of the storage buildings was

first observed on July 1962 coverage.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 has one L-shaped vehicle shed whose wings are 110- by 30-feet, and 160- by 30-feet, one 140- by 40-foot maintenance building, and two support buildings.

Area J2 has one support building and three 180- by 40-foot storage/maintenance buildings, probably associated with vehicles, which were constructed between July 1956 and July 1962.

Athletic Field

An athletic field observed in 1956 was no longer present in June 1962.

Small Arms Firing Range

A small arms firing range observed in 1956 was no longer present in June 1962.

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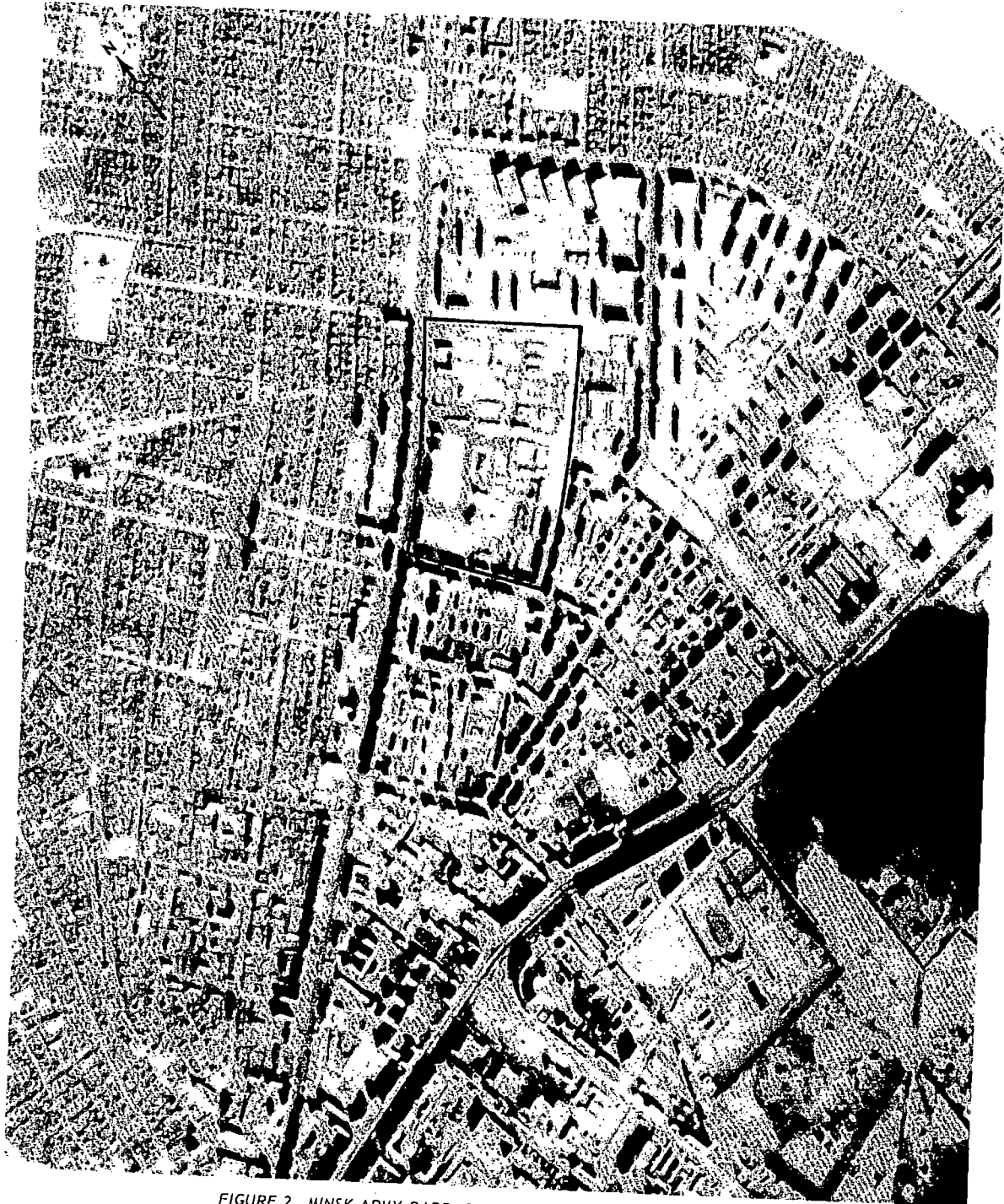


FIGURE 2. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS, MINSK, USSR, FEBRUARY 1964.

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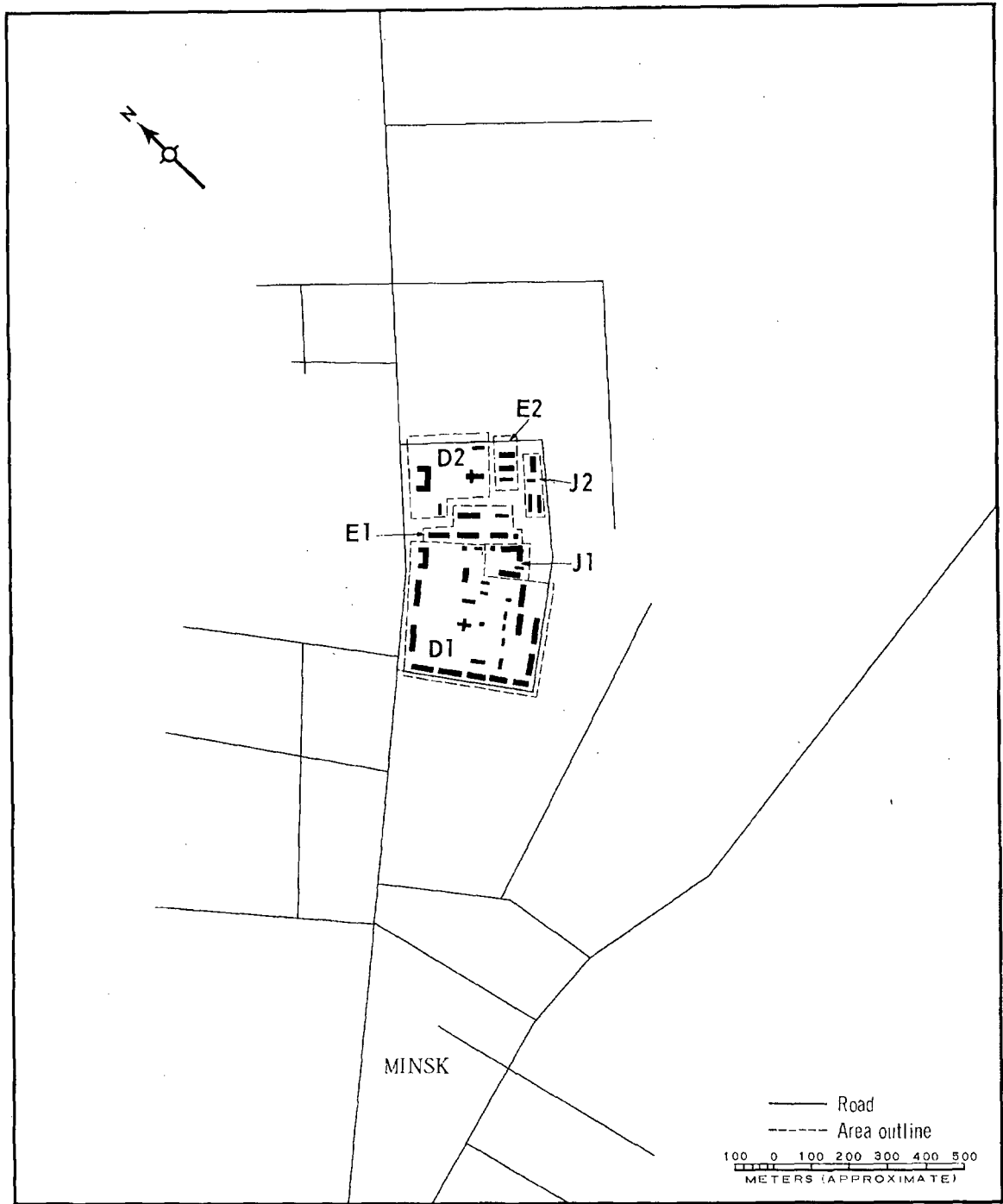


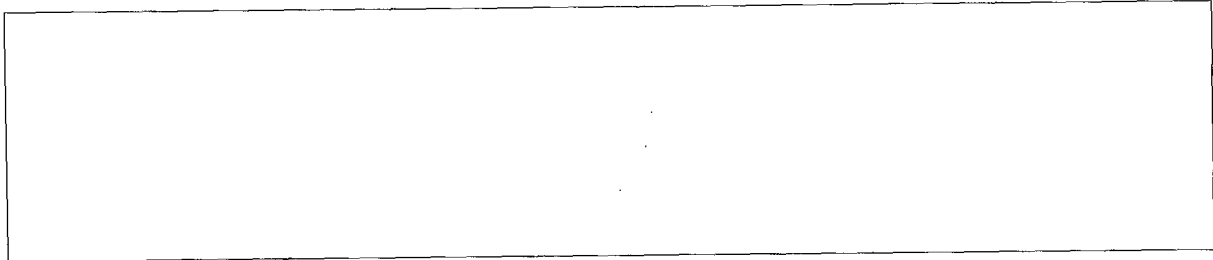
FIGURE 3. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964, and [redacted] July 1963.

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