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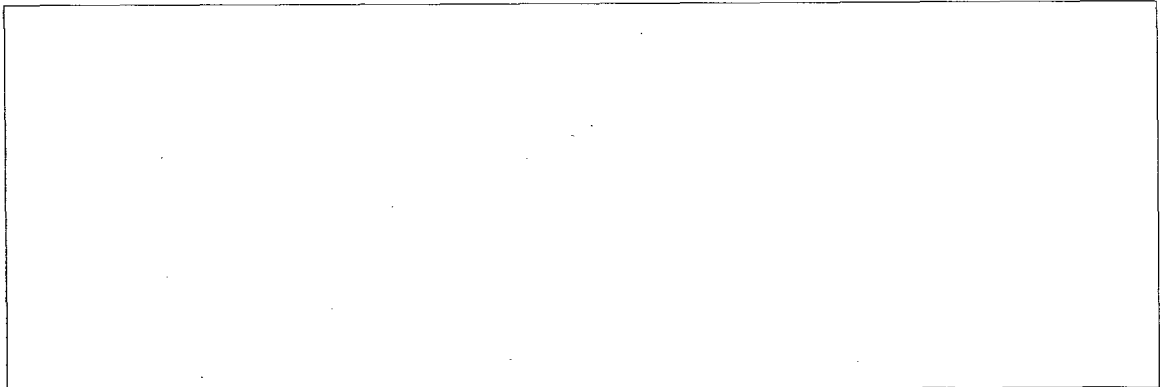
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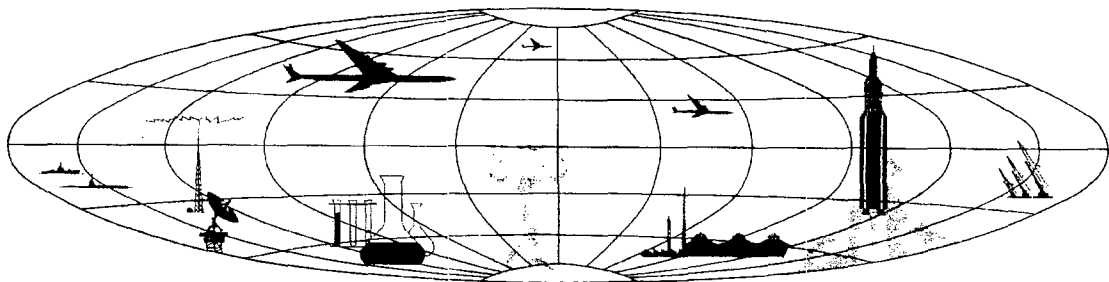
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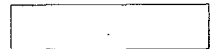


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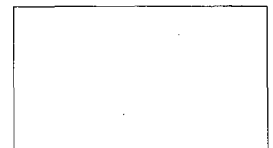


PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1c (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group.

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.





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TRAINING AREAS

(53-18N 028-28E)

(53-17N 028-40E)

OSIPOVICH, MOGILEVSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: See text

TA No: 1 and 2



COMOR No: None

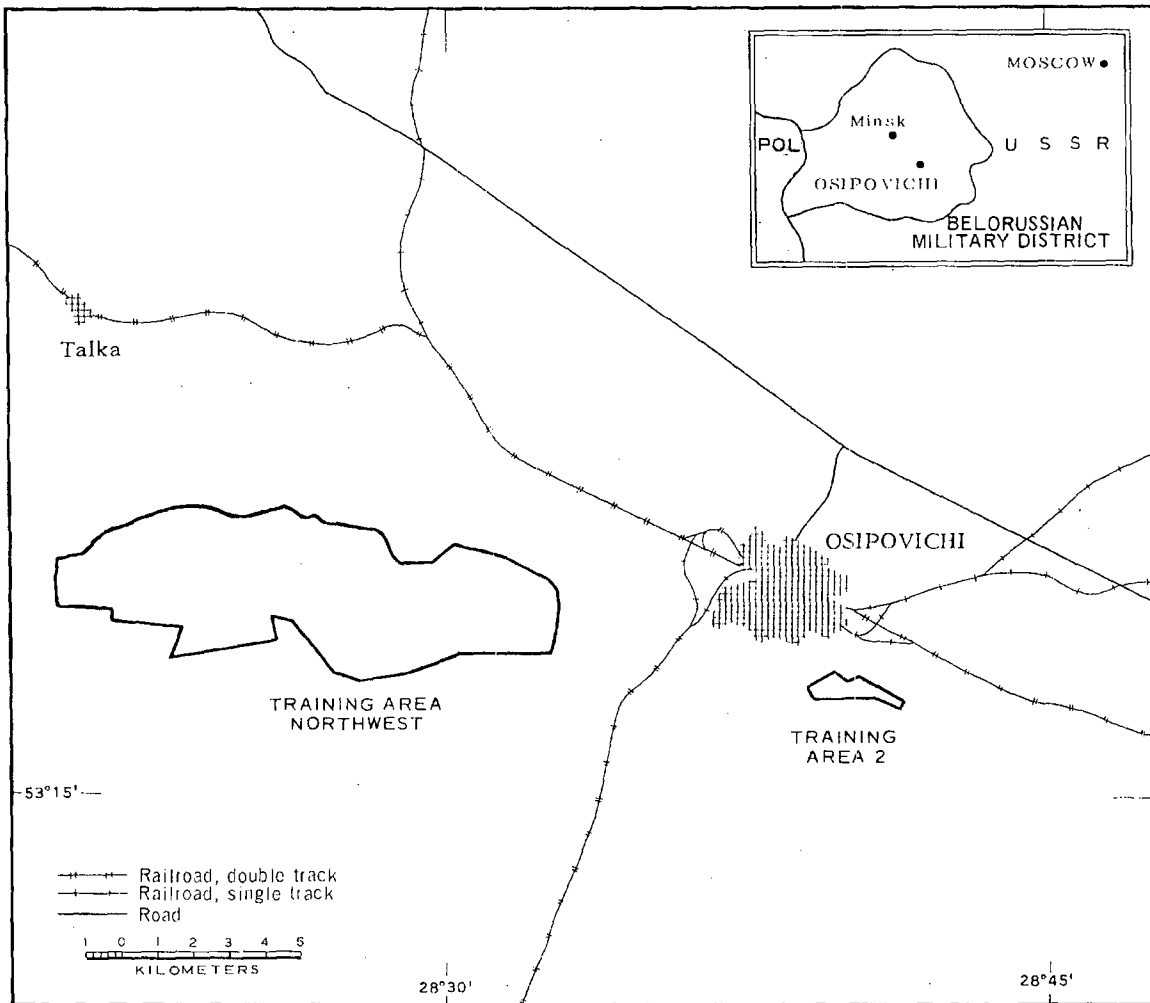
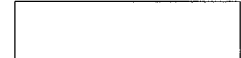
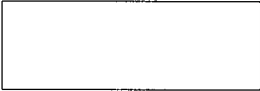




FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF TRAINING AREAS, OSIPOVICH, USSR.

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SUMMARY

Osipovichi Training Area Northwest (TA-1; ) is located 6.5 kilometers (km) west of Osipovichi (53-18N 028-39E) (Figure 1). Osipovichi Training Area 2 (TA-2; BE ) is located 3 km southeast of Osipovichi and 2.5 km southeast of Osipovichi Army Barracks South (AL-2). Other military installations in the Osipovichi area include Osipovichi Army Barracks North and Osipovichi Army Barracks Tsel.

All-weather secondary roads provide connections between the training and barracks areas and provide access to Osipovichi.

Osipovichi Training Area Northwest covers approximately 8,050 acres. The east-west axis is 13.7 km long with an average width of approximately 3 km. The area includes the wooded area immediately north of the active training area. The training area is situated on low rolling ground. Expansion to the south is limited by peat bogs subject to flooding. The only permanent-type logistic facilities located in the training area are three administration/support buildings and one possible vehicle maintenance/storage shed. Troop housing and logistical support for the training area are located at Osipovichi Army Barracks North (AL-1) and Osipovichi Army Barracks South (AL-2).

Training facilities at Osipovichi Training Area Northwest include: one moving-target tank/assault-gun firing range, one possible

combined-arms field training course, one driver-training area, seven field artillery battery emplacements, two infantry field training areas, and a small bivouac area.

A significant change since 1956 consists of the construction of two administration/support buildings in the bivouac area.

Osipovichi Training Area 2 covers about 250 acres, with an east-west axis 2.4 km long and an average width of approximately 0.4 km. The training area is situated on flat, cleared land. Troop housing and logistical support for the training area are located at Osipovichi Army Barracks South (AL-2) and Osipovichi Army Barracks North (AL-1).

Training facilities include one triangular area consisting of three courses for wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver training.

A significant change between July 1956 and April 1962 consists of the apparent abandonment of an infantry field training area present on July 1956 TALENT photography, but no longer visible on KEYHOLE photography between April 1962 and August 1963.

The two training areas were covered by 1956 TALENT photography and 10 KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and August 1963. Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage between December 1961 and August 1963. No activity was observed on snow covered photography.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

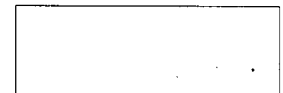
Although the installations are not directly rail served, service is available at Osipovichi.

Road Service

Probable all-weather roads provide access to Osipovichi and other military installations in the Osipovichi area.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains three administration/support buildings. Two buildings were added to this bivouac area between 1956 and 1961. Track activity indicates probable use of all buildings. No change is noted in the general level of track activity.



Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains a possible 135- by 45-foot vehicle maintenance/storage shed and a probable 410- by 410-foot motor park. Five possible vehicles are visible in the motor park on June 1963 coverage. No change is noted in the general level of track activity. No equipment storage/maintenance areas are observed in Osipovich Training Area 2.

Driver Training Areas

Areas M1 and M2 are wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver training areas. Area M1, in training area 1, was activated prior to July 1956. A driver-training area is located in the eastern half of training area 1. This area contains a number of closed circuit courses. Track activity indicates constant level of usage between December 1961 and August 1963.

Area M2, in training area 2, was activated prior to July 1956. This triangular area contains three driver-training courses. Heavy track activity was observed on July 1956 TALENT coverage; light to medium activity was observed on April 1962 to August 1963 KEYHOLE coverage.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N is a 4,100-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with six 2,800-foot firing lanes and

four moving target runs, one at 90 degrees left, one at 80 degrees right, and two at 10 degrees right*. A probable moving target run is at 80 degrees left. The area was activated prior to April 1962. Track activity indicates constant use since this date.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q contains five 4-position field artillery emplacements and two 3-position field artillery emplacements. The area was first observed April 1962. All emplacements appeared inactive on coverage from April 1962 to August 1963. A possible impact area is observed 26,800 feet west of the easternmost position.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Areas or Courses

Areas R1 and R2 are infantry field training areas activated prior to April 1962. Area R3 is a possible combined-arms field training course activated prior to June 1962. All three are located in training area 1. An infantry field training area present in the eastern half of training area 2 on 1956 TALENT coverage is not observed on KEYHOLE coverage between April 1962 and August 1963.

*The angle formed by the target run and a perpendicular line from the static firing line to the target run at the control house position.

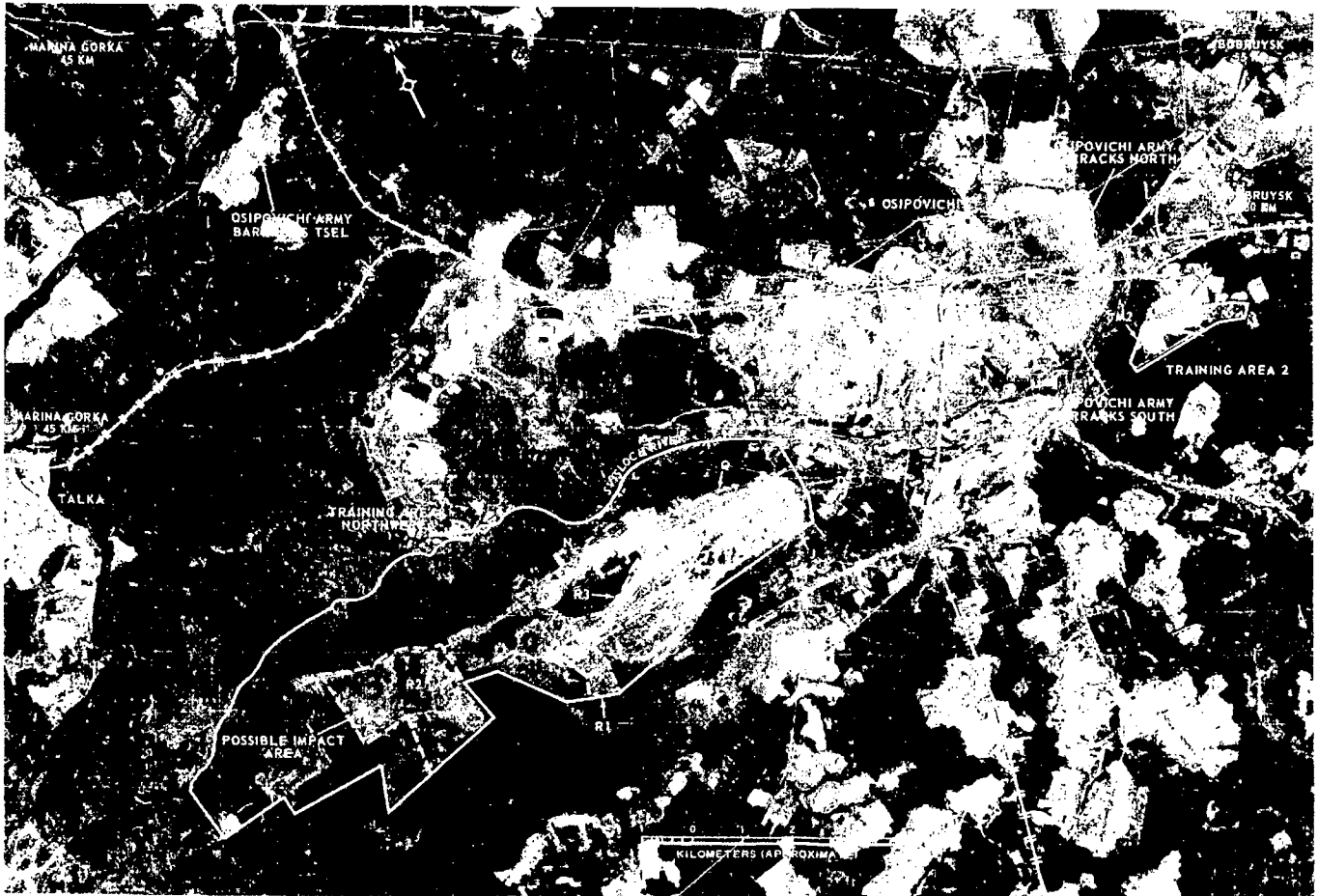
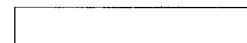


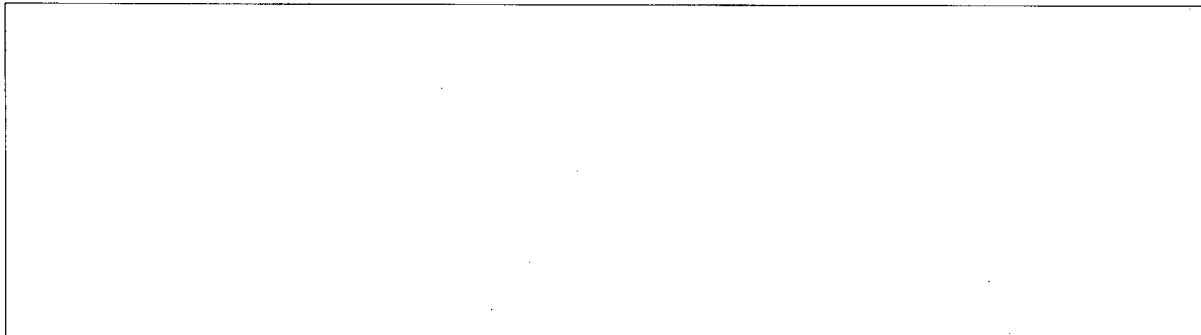
FIGURE 2. TRAINING AREAS, OSIPOVICHI, USSR, AUGUST 1963.



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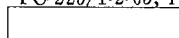
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