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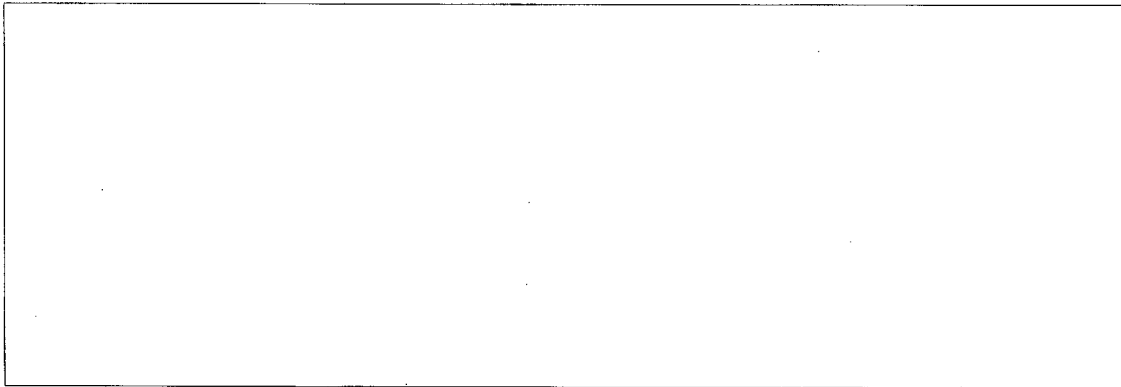
MILITARY TRAINING AREA PORECHYE, USSR BELORUSSIAN MD



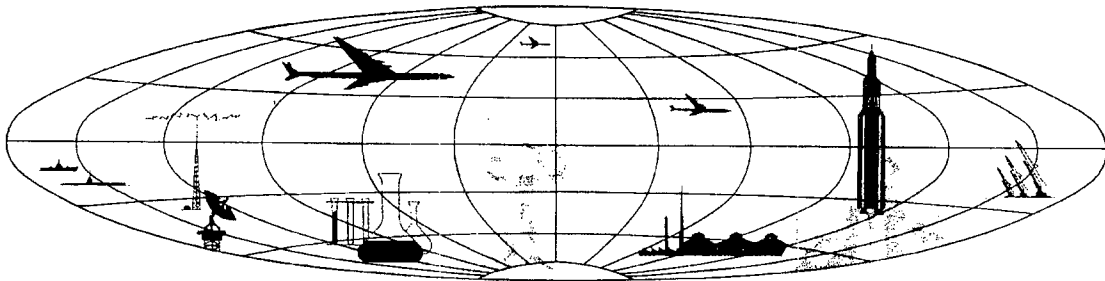
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PREFACE

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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, (I) 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.



MILITARY TRAINING AREA
(53-51N 024-14E)
PORECHYE, GRODNENSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

TA No: None

COMOR No: None

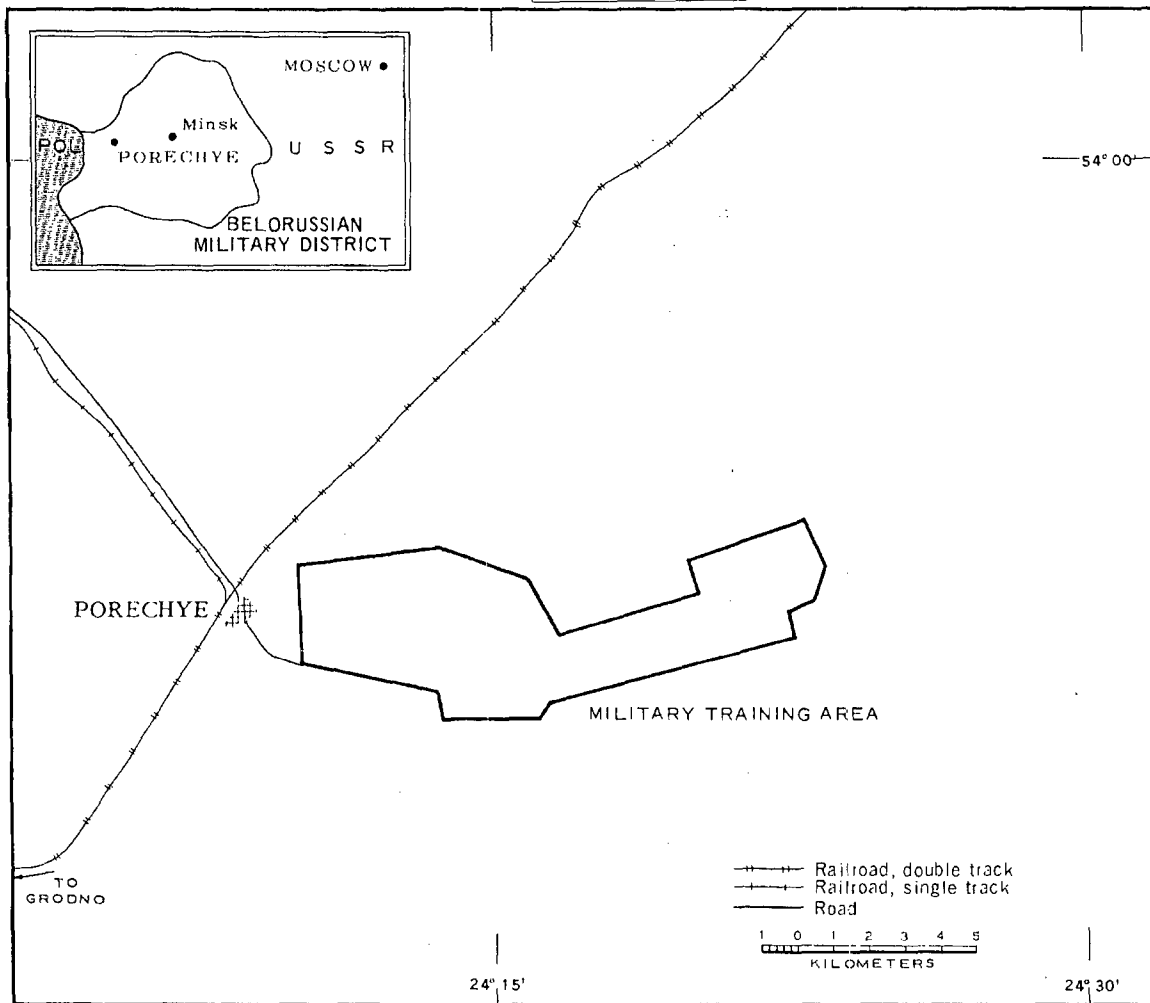



FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA, PORECHYE, USSR.

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SUMMARY

A military training area (Figure 1) is located 2 kilometers (km) east of Porechye (53-53N 024-08E). All-weather roads connect the training area to the Grodno-Kaunas highway. The training area is not directly rail served but has access by road to a rail siding in Porechye. Porechye Maneuver Area Grodno  is located 14 km west of this training area and there is a direct road connection between the two.

The training area (Figure 2) covers approximately 11,500 acres, extends on an east/west axis 16 km long with a maximum width of 4 km. The training area has less than a 50-foot variation in elevation and is surrounded by wooded and marshy terrain. Two possible biv-

ouac areas are located within the training area.

Training facilities include a tank firing range, a probable infantry field training area, and a possible combined-arms field training area. Artillery emplacements include three AAA sites and 18 field artillery emplacements.

This training area was covered by eight KEYHOLE missions between June 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals no significant change in size. The general level of track activity has remained rather heavy during 1962-1964 with relatively light activity in the winter months. Several of the roads in the training area were partially cleared, but no training activity was discernible on snow-covered photography of December 1963.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The installation is accessible by road to a rail siding in Porechye, 2 km west.

Road Service

Probable all-weather roads provide access to the Grodno-Kaunas highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 is a 6,000- by 1,700-foot possible bivouac area.

Area D2 is a 4,500- by 2,300-foot possible bivouac area.

Both areas consist of road patterns within a wooded area and several small clearings, which are possibly used as vehicle parks.

Tank Firing Range

Area N is a 3,500-foot tank firing range* with three 2,150-foot firing lanes and eight moving targets runs, one at 45 degrees left,

*The length of the range is the maximum distance from the static firing line to the moving target runs.

one at 45 degrees right, three at 15 degrees left, and three at 15 degrees right.**

The range was first observed in June 1962. The level of track activity remained about the same between June 1962 and September 1963, the last snow-free coverage.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q1 contains one 6-gun AAA site, one 8-AAA gun site which was first observed on September 1963 coverage, one 4-position FA emplacement, seven 6-position FA emplacements, one of which appears occupied, and two 8-position FA emplacements.

Small trench systems and vehicle tracks are discernible in the area.

Area Q2 contains two 4-position FA emplacements and two 6-position FA emplacements.

**The angle of the moving target run is 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.





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Area Q3 contains one 6-position FA emplacement (not shown on Figure 2), which was first observed September 1963.

Area Q4 contains one 6-gun AAA site, one 4-position FA emplacement, and one 8-position FA emplacement. The 4-position emplacement appeared to be occupied on September 1963 coverage.

Area Q5 contains five 4-position FA emplacements. Three appeared to be occupied on

July 1963 coverage.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field-Training Area or Course

Area R1, a probable infantry field training area, contains numerous small trench systems and some vehicle trackage.

Area R2, a possible combined-arms field training area, contains heavy track activity, trench systems, and numerous ground scars.



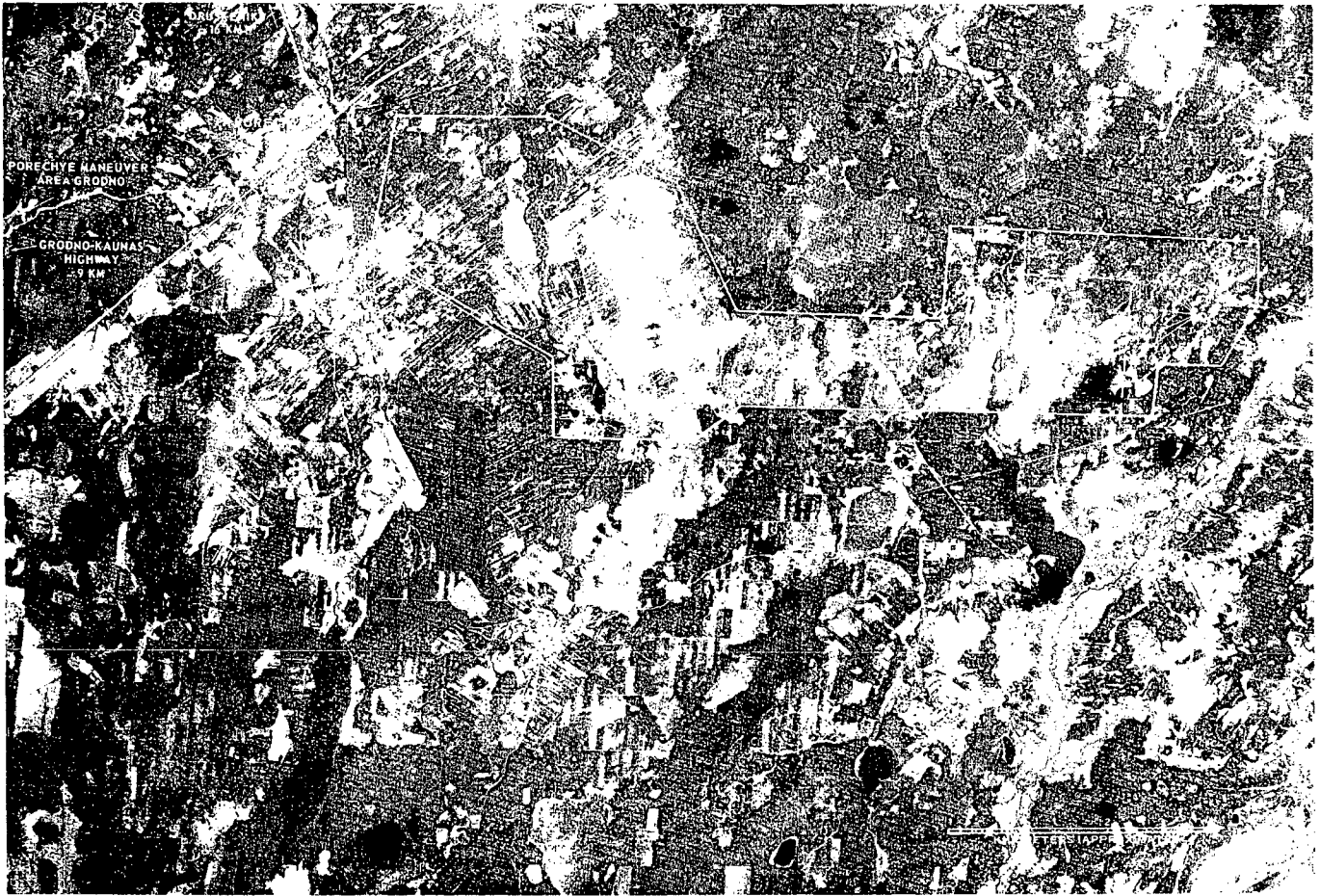



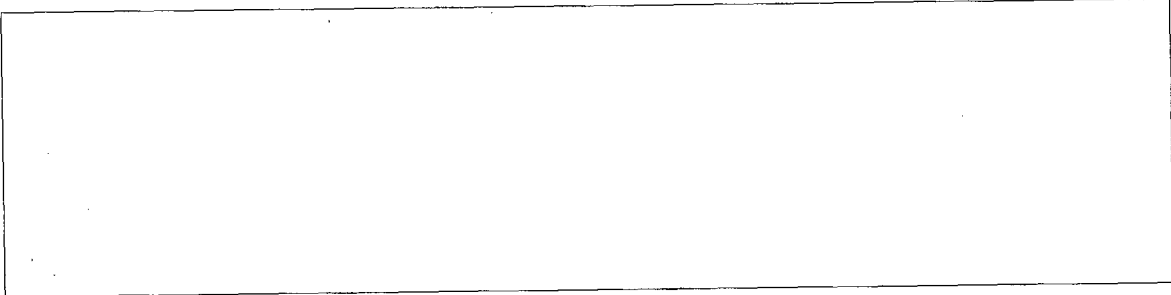
FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, PORECHYE, USSR, JULY 1963.




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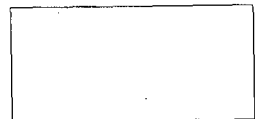


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