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# AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA RECHITSA, USSR BELORUSSIAN MD

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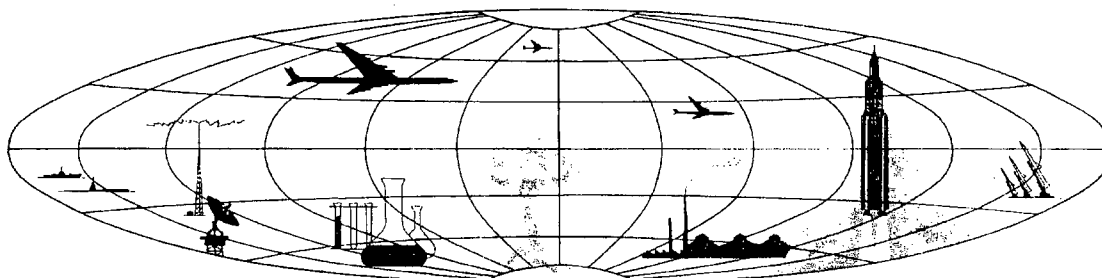
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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (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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AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA  
(52-19N 030-24E)  
RECHITSA, GOMELSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

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COMOR No: None

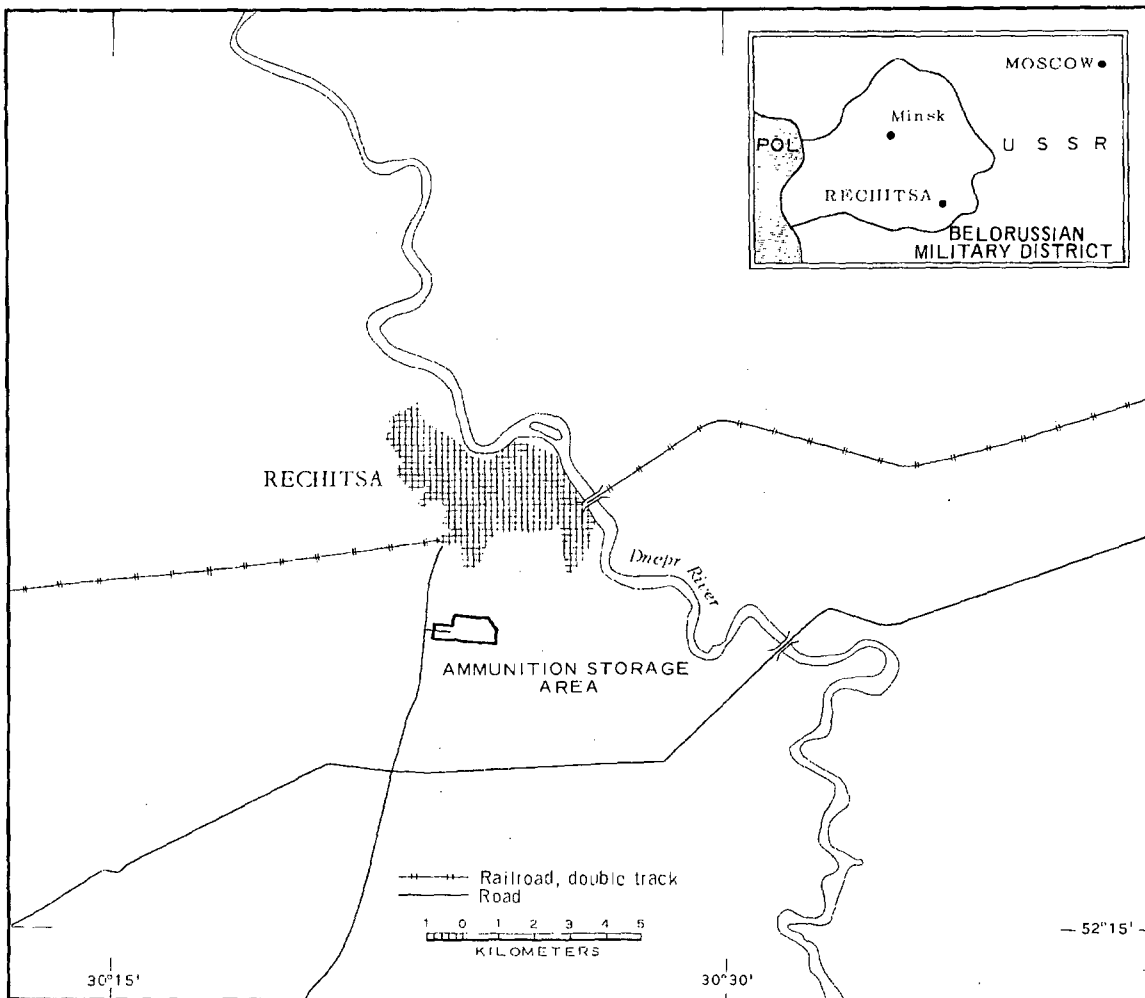


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, RECHITSA.

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**SUMMARY**

An ammunition storage area is located two kilometers (km) south of Rechitsa (52-21N 030-24E), south of the Rechitsa-Babichi rail line and east of the all-weather Rechitsa-Berezovka Pervaya highway (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served, but is served by the Rechitsa-Pervaya highway.

The installation, comprised of a double-fenced ammunition storage area and an adjacent support area, covers 225 acres and contains 11 revetted ammunition storage buildings, two probable barracks, and three support buildings

(Figures 2 and 3).

The area is covered by seven KEYHOLE missions between June 1961 and August 1963. Comparative analysis revealed that the buildings observed under construction in June 1961 were completed by August 1963.

This area is listed in the Bombing Encyclopedia as the "Rechitsa Army Training Area and Depot South" [redacted]; however, there is no evidence of a training area associated with the ammunition storage area.

**DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**

**Railroad Service**

The Rechitsa-Babichi rail line is 2 km north of the installation.

**Road Service**

The Rechitsa-Berezovka Pervaya highway serves the installation.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D (Figure 3) contains two probable

barracks and two support buildings, and is a support area for the ammunition storage area.

**Ammunition Storage Area**

Area F contains 11 revetted ammunition storage buildings approximately [redacted] and one support building. This area is enclosed by a double fence and a perimeter fire-break. Construction observed in June 1961 was completed as of August 1963 coverage.

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FIGURE 2. AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, RECHITSA, USSR, AUGUST 1963.

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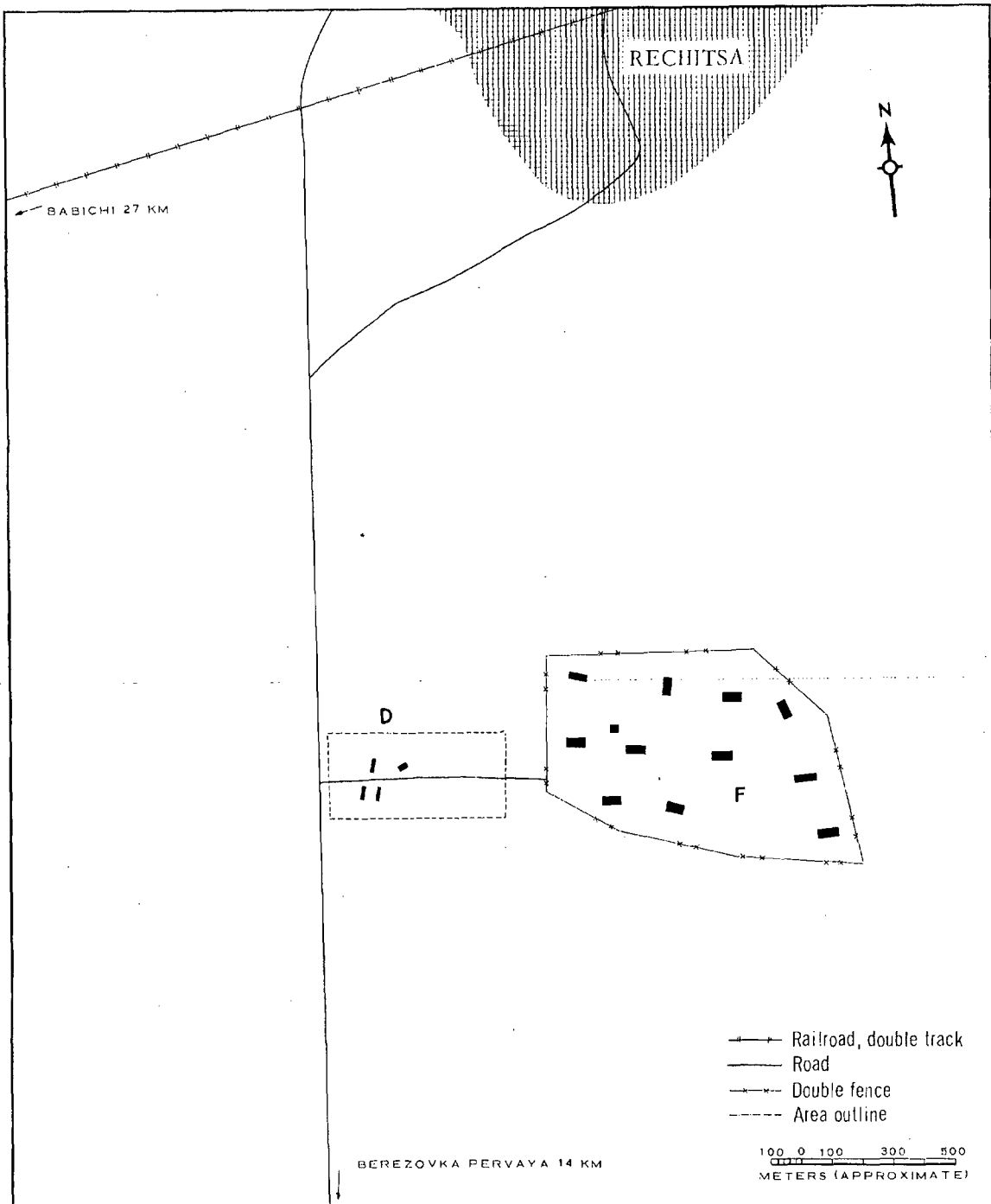


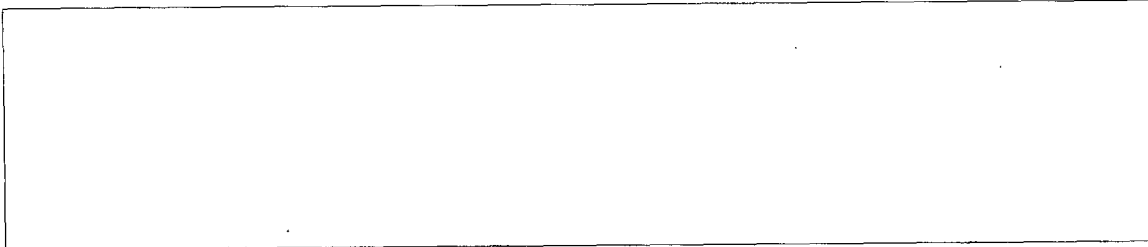
FIGURE 3. AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, RECHITSA. Sketch compiled from [ ] August 1963.

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