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**VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST**  
**VITEBSK, USSR**  
**BELORUSSIAN MD**

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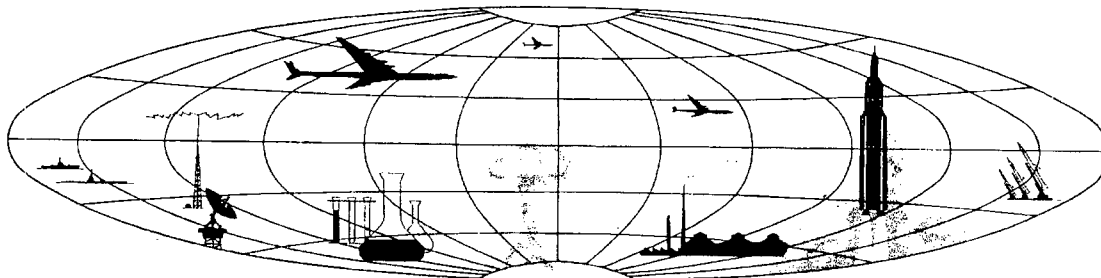
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**PREFACE**

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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.

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VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST  
(55-11N 030-13E)  
VITEBSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD

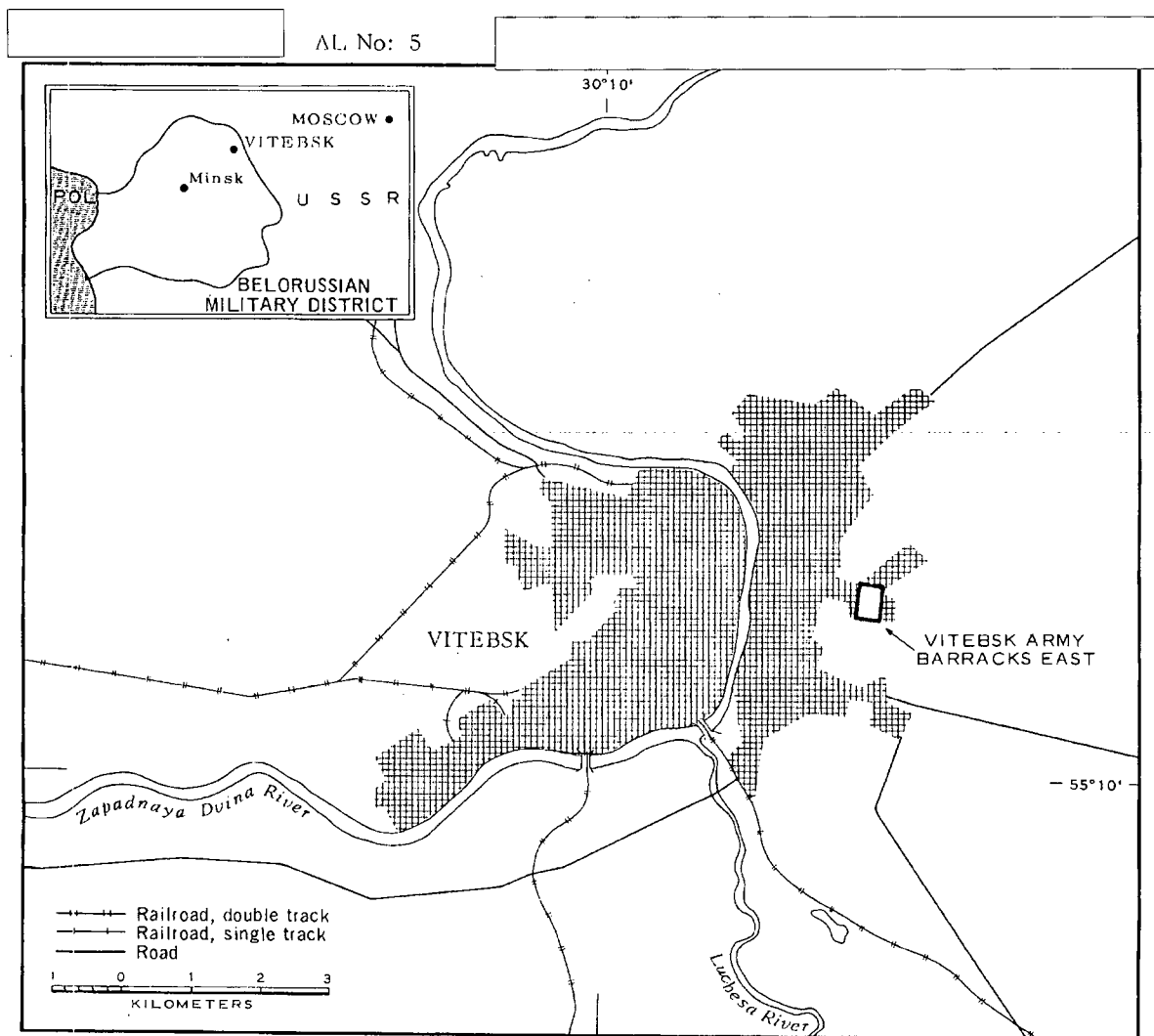


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST.

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SUMMARY

Vitebsk Army Barracks East (Figure 1) is located on the east edge of Vitebsk (55-12N 030-11E). No rail spurs enter the area. Urban streets serve the installation. Other military installations in the Vitebsk area include Vitebsk Army Barracks Southwest (AL-3), located 5.5 kilometers (km) southwest and Vitebsk Army Barracks West (AL-2), located 5 km west north-west.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 95 acres and contains one multi-story administration building, one multistory barracks/administrative building, three barracks, eight storage buildings, 15 support buildings and three vehicle sheds.

The area was covered by 1956 TALENT photography and 12 KEYHOLE missions between

July 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis revealed a consistent level of light activity during this period. No significant changes were observed except for one small storage building and one vehicle shed which were first observed on April 1962 coverage.

This installation was previously reported in Army DPIR-65-58 as a possible parachute school. However, the small scale of KEYHOLE photography precludes identification of facilities to substantiate this function. Re-analysis based on good quality KEYHOLE photography indicates the building formerly identified as a parachute drying and storage building to be a multistory barracks/administrative building. The aircraft mock-ups mentioned in the cited report are not visible on the KEYHOLE photography.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

**Railroad Service**

No rail spurs enter the area. Rail yards and facilities are located in Vitebsk.

**Road Service**

Urban streets serve the installation.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D (Figure 3) has one cross-shaped multistory administration building, one multistory barracks/administrative building, three barracks, four small storage buildings, and two support buildings.

One of the small storage buildings was first observed on April 1962 coverage.

**General Storage Area**

Area E has three storage buildings.

**Other Buildings**

There are eight small support buildings scattered throughout the installation.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area**

Area J has one 230- by 60-foot vehicle shed which was first observed on April 1962 coverage, one 160- by 50-foot vehicle shed, one 130- by 50-foot vehicle shed, one small storage building, and five small support buildings.

**Athletic Field**

There is one four-court probable athletic facility (K) located within the barracks area.

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FIGURE 2. VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST, AUGUST 1963.

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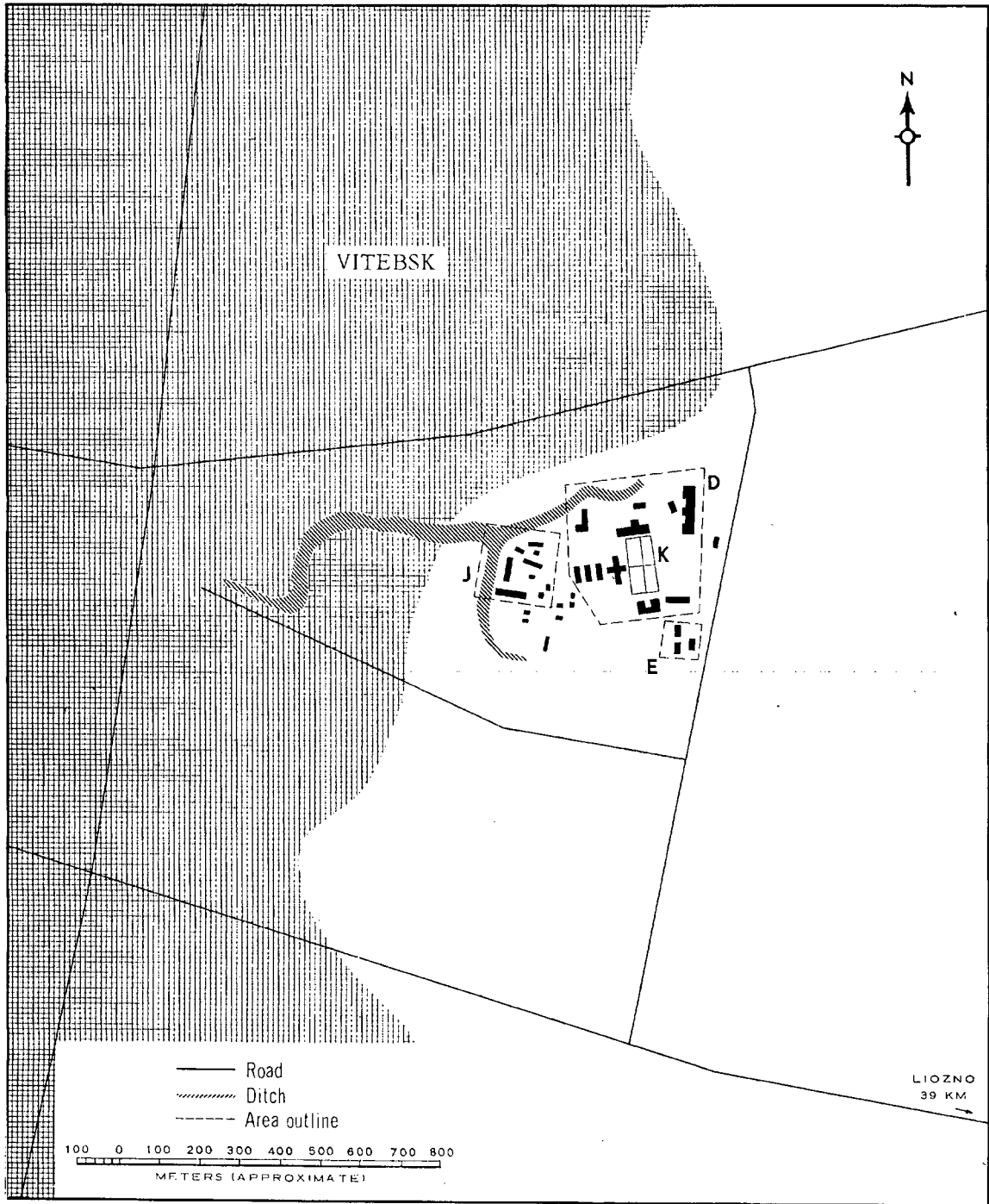
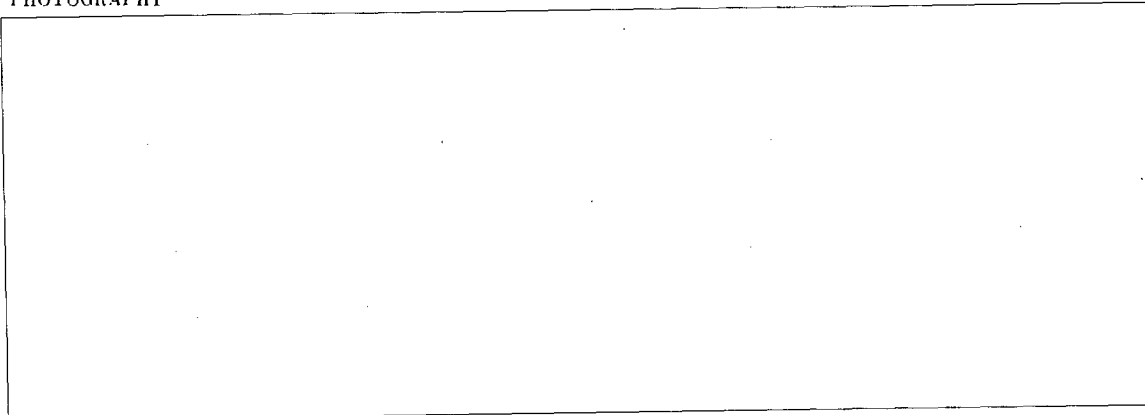


FIGURE 3. VITEBSK ARMY BARRACKS EAST. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964.

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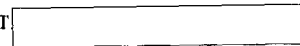
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