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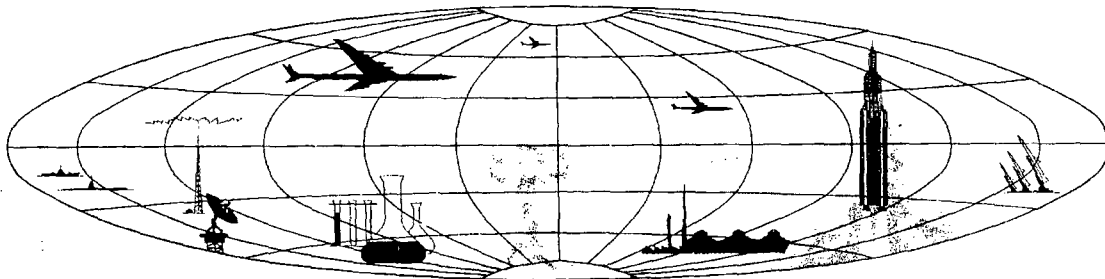
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PREFACE

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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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DIVISION AND LEPEL AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT
(54-57N 028-48E)
LEPEL, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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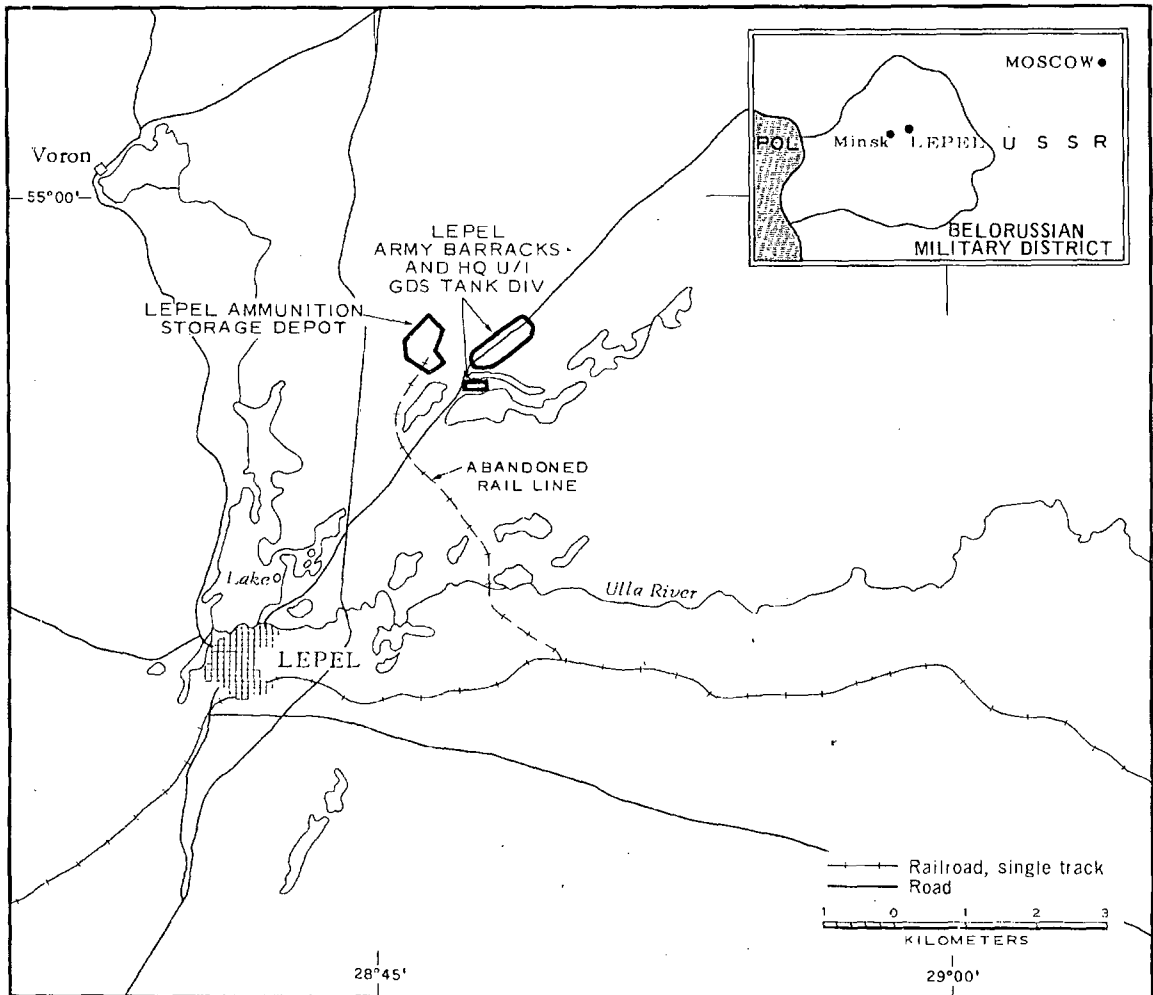


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF LEPEL ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS U/I GUARDS TANK DIVISION AND LEPEL AMMUNITION STORAGE DEPOT.

SUMMARY

Lepel Army Barracks and Headquarters Unidentified Guards Tank Division [redacted] [redacted] (AL-3) and Lepel Ammunition Storage Depot [redacted] are located 12 kilometers (km) north-northeast of Lepel (54-53N 028-42E) on both sides of the Lepel-Sokorovo Highway (Figure 1). Lepel Army Barracks Zaslono Stantsiya (AL-4) is located 12 km southeast. A training area extends northwest between AL-4 and AL-3 and is connected by secondary roads to both barracks areas. Lepel Army Barracks Northeast (AL-5) is located 9 km south-southwest on the outskirts of Lepel.

The ammunition storage depot and the barracks area cover approximately 600 acres. The barracks area contains four administrative buildings, 11 barracks, 13 storage buildings, 27 support buildings, 15 equipment storage/maintenance buildings, and associated parking areas. Three small arms ranges and one athletic field are also located within the in-

stallation (Figures 2 and 3).

The ammunition storage area, enclosed by a firebreak and probably secured, is located on the north side of the highway approximately 1.5 km southwest of the barracks area. The area contains 24 unrevetted ammunition storage buildings, six small storage buildings, 14 support buildings, and one administrative building.

An area probably associated with the barracks area is located about one km south of the barracks area and is connected to it by secondary roads. The area contains 10 support buildings and one large E-shaped administrative/barracks building.

The overall area is covered by six KEYHOLE missions between February 1962 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals approximately the same level of activity during this period, with reduced usage during the winter months. No significant changes have been observed since 1962 photography.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The rail bed of a probably abandoned spur line from the Lepel-Orsha rail line to the ammunition storage area was observed on 1962 and 1964 photography; however, there is no evidence of a rail bridge over the Ulla River which is between these two points.

Road Service

An all-weather secondary road leads to the Lepel-Sokorovo Highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains two administrative buildings and six barracks.

Area D2 contains one administrative building and three barracks.

Area D3 contains one administrative building and two barracks.

Track activity throughout the installation probably indicates all buildings are occupied. The level of track activity has remained approximately the same.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 has 10 storage buildings. Area E2 has two storage buildings. Area E3 has one storage building located in a small clearing away from other buildings. The extent of security around these areas cannot be determined.

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FIGURE 2. LEPEL ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS U/I GUARDS TANK DIVISION AND LEPEL AMMUNITION DEPOT, LEPEL USSR, AUGUST 1963.

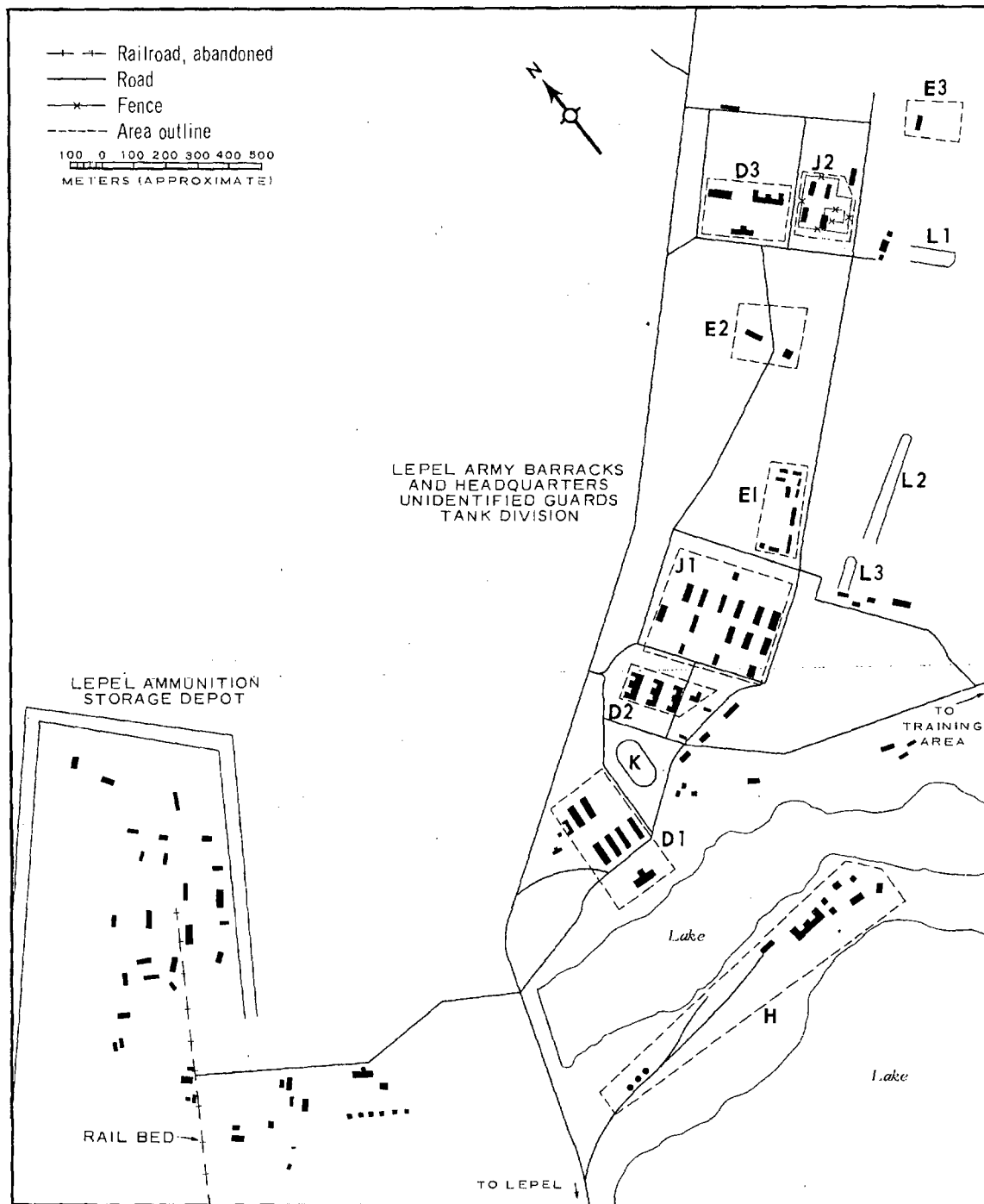


FIGURE 3. LEPEL ARMY BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS U/I GUARDS TANK DIVISION AND LEPEL AMMUNITION DEPOT, LEPEL USSR. Sketch compiled from [redacted] February 1964.

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Ammunition Storage Area

Area F has five 170- by 30-foot ammunition storage buildings, fourteen 120- by 25-foot ammunition storage buildings, five 100- by 25-foot ammunition storage buildings, six other storage buildings, one administrative building, and 14 support buildings. The area is surrounded by a firebreak, but the small scale photography precludes determination of security measures.

Other Buildings

Area H has 10 support buildings and one administrative/barracks building which are probably associated with the barracks area.

There are 23 other support buildings scattered throughout the barracks area.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is a motor vehicle area of approximately 30 acres. It has eleven 200- by 40-foot

storage/maintenance buildings, four support buildings, five probably occupied vehicle parks, and additional open space for parking. No change is noted in the general level of track activity.

Area J2 has four 150- by 40-foot storage/maintenance buildings and a small 100- by 20-foot secured area. The general level of track activity appears constant.

Athletic Field

There is an athletic field (K) between areas D1 and D2. Scarring indicates it was in use in 1963.

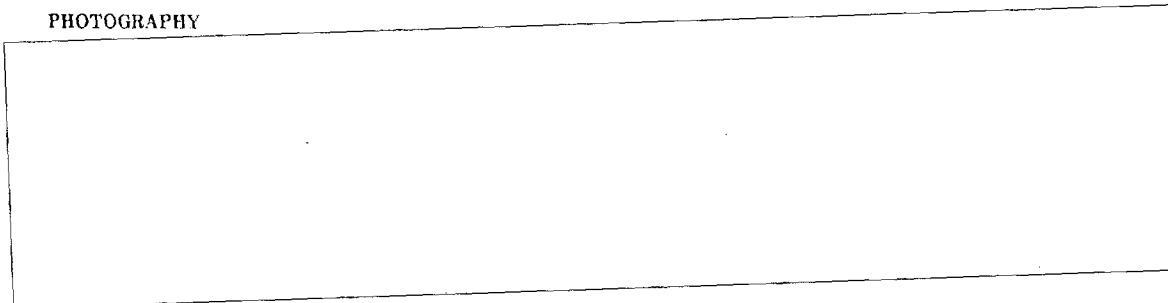
Small Arms Firing Ranges

The barracks area contains three small arms ranges (L1-3).

L1 is 500 by 130 feet, L2 is 1,000 by 90 feet, and L3 is 350 by 80 feet. Scarring indicates a probable consistent level of usage of all ranges.

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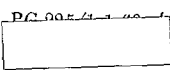



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