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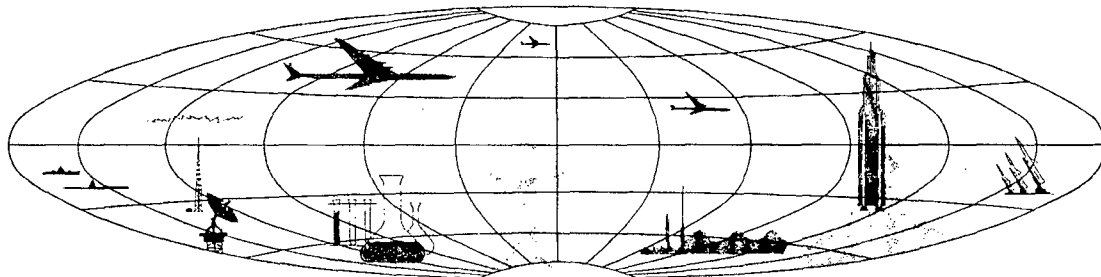
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PREFACE

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 Production Center 1P1c.

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 areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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RIGA ARMY TRAINING AREA ROPAZI NORTH

(57-08N 024-24E)

RIGA, LATVIYSKAYA SSR, USSR

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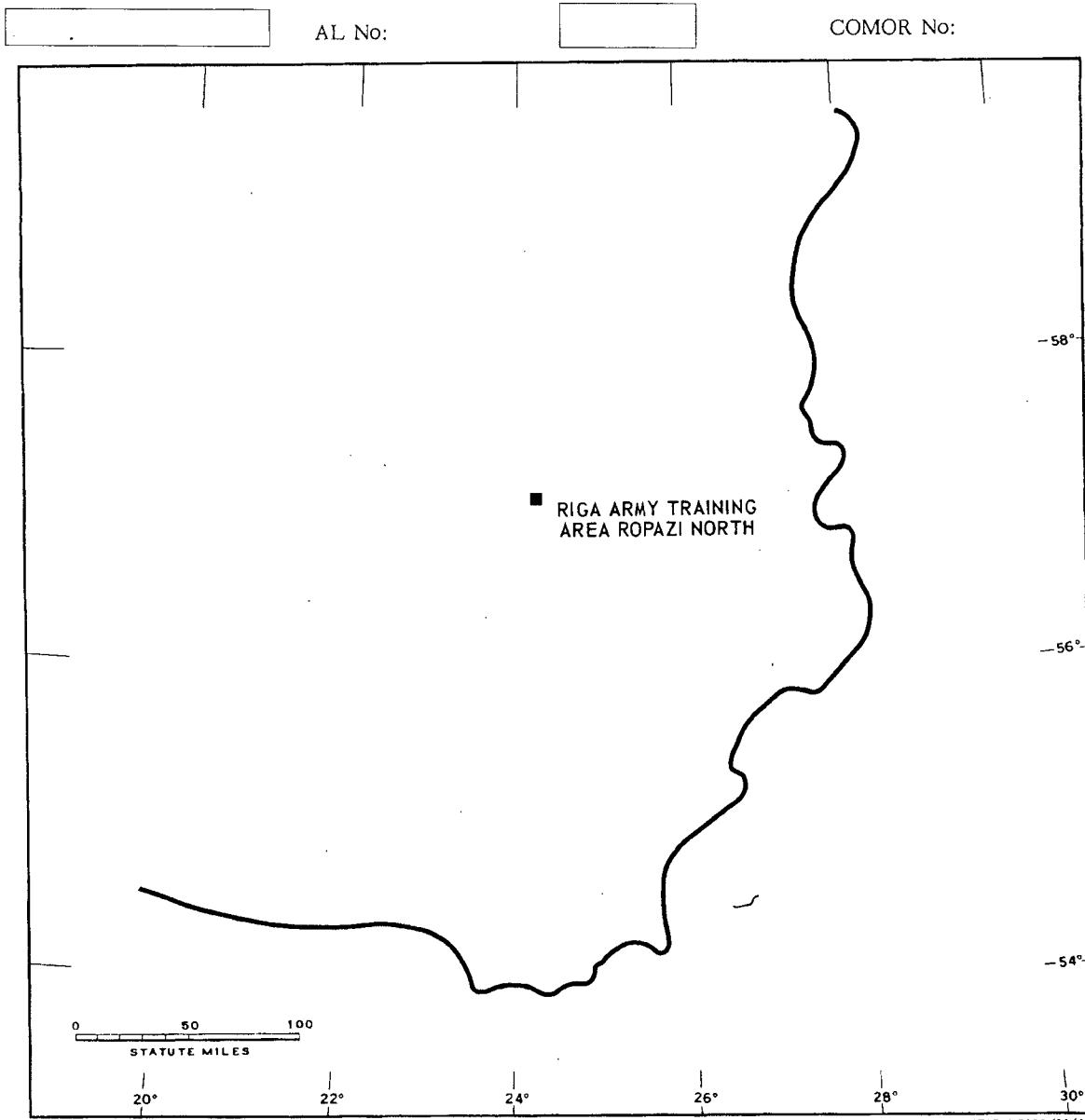


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF RIGA ARMY TRAINING AREA ROPAZI NORTH.

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FIGURE 2. RIGA ARMY TRAINING AREA ROPAZI NORTH, JUNE 1964.

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SUMMARY

Riga Army Training Area Ropazi North is located approximately 22 kilometers (km) north-east of Riga and 10 km north of Ropazi (Figure 1). It is probably used by all military units billeted in Riga and the surrounding area.

The training area covers approximately 16,000 acres and contains small-arms firing ranges, driver-training areas, tank/assault-gun firing ranges, flat-trajectory firing ranges, and 2 bivouac areas (Figure 2). The bivouac areas

are probably what is listed in the Bombing Encyclopedia as Riga Barracks and Maneuver Area Ropazi [redacted]

Seven KEYHOLE missions covering the period September 1961 through July 1964 were used in the preparation of this report. Comparative analysis reveals that the level of activity has been relatively heavy, except during the winter months.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Riga-Saulkrasty railroad passes adjacent to the northwestern portion of the training area.

Road Service

Primary and secondary roads from Riga, Ropazi, and Jugla serve the training area.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains approximately 10 buildings.

Area D2 contains approximately 10 buildings. Both areas appear to be bivouac areas since there are few permanent buildings. No tents or tent bases are discernible in either area.

Athletic Field

An athletic field (K) is located in Area D1.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Area L contains 4 small-arms ranges--two 130 by 150 feet, one 300 by 150 feet, and one 900

by 180 feet. Each range has 2 built-up sides and a mounded target end. A small building, which is probably used for range support/control, is at the firing end of each range.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a rectangular area containing 3 figure-8 wheeled-vehicle driver-training courses.

Area M2 is a large, irregular-shaped area containing several closed-circuit tracked-vehicle driver-training courses. Heavy ground scarring indicates that this area is very active.

Approximately 11 km west of the training area is an irregular-shaped, tracked-vehicle driver-training course. This course does not appear to be associated with the training area.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is 4,200 feet long and contains twelve 2,500-foot lanes and 8 moving targets.

Area N2 is 6,200 feet long and contains six 2,800-foot lanes, 4 moving targets, and an impact area.

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Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 is a 3,800-foot possible automatic weapons firing range.

Area P2 is a 1,700-foot flat-trajectory firing range.

Area P3 is a 1,700-foot flat-trajectory firing range.

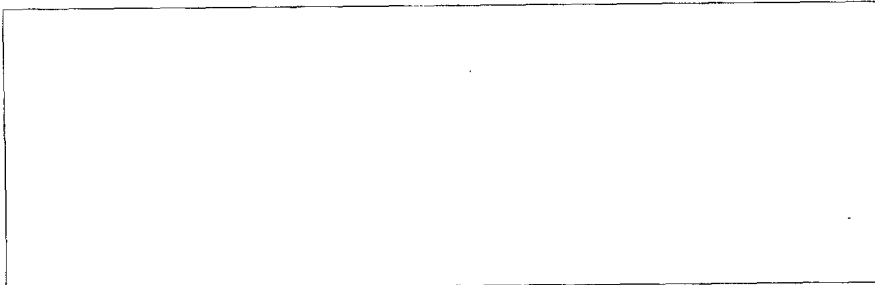
Area P4 is a 4,000-foot probable vehicle-mounted automatic weapons firing range.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Just northwest of the area shown on the photograph is an area containing several field artillery emplacements and a probable impact area.

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