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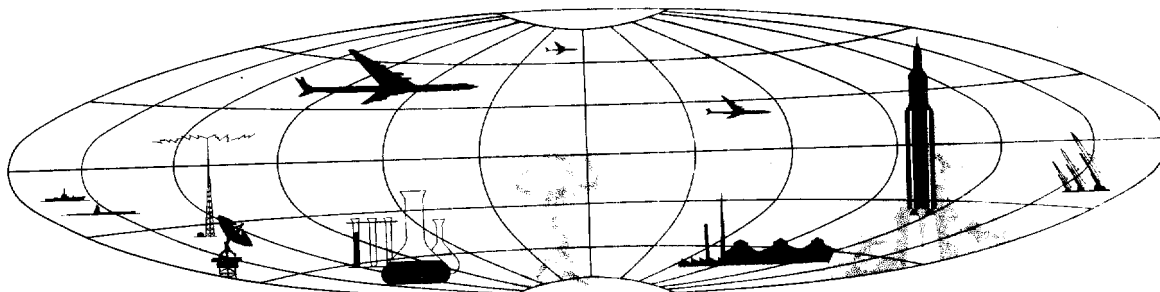


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PREFACE

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MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT KANYUCHITSY

(53-48N 027-30E)

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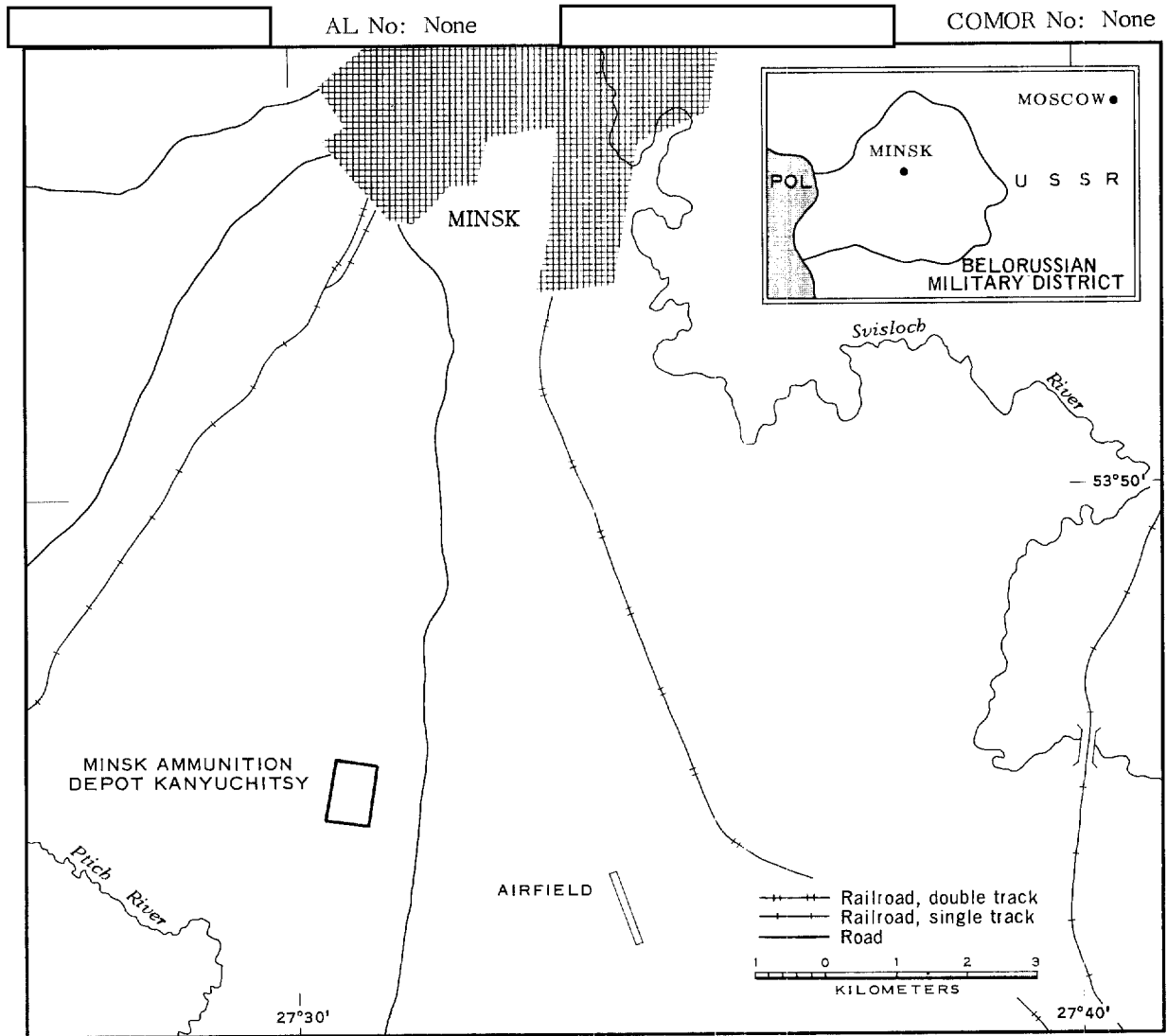


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT KANYUCHITSY.

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SUMMARY

Minsk Ammunition Depot Kanyuchitsy (Figure 1) is located 12 kilometers (km) south-southwest of Minsk (53-45N 027-33E). The installation is served by the Minsk-Slutsk highway. Minsk Army Barracks Northwest (AL-6) is located 14.4 km north, Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) is 21.5 km northeast, and Minsk/Machulishche Airfield is 4.6 km south-southeast.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3), comprised of a double-fenced storage area and an adjacent support area, covers approximately 220 acres. The storage area contains 17 ammunition storage buildings. The support area contains one administration building, six probable barracks, and two support buildings.

Two buildings possibly associated with the ammunition storage area are located adjacent

to a scarred clearing in a wooded area 0.5 km south of the ammunition storage area.

A secured area 0.7 km southwest, with a direct road connection to the Minsk/Machulishche Airfield and surrounded by a firebreak, contains four storage buildings. The security, firebreak, and dispersion of buildings indicate possible explosives storage.

The installation is covered by [redacted] [redacted] photography and three [redacted] missions between [redacted] [redacted]. The administration building and the six probable barracks in the support area have been added subsequent to [redacted] coverage. Comparative analysis reveals the installation to be active during the [redacted] period.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

The installation is served by the primary Minsk-Slutsk highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains one administrative building, six probable barracks, and two support buildings. The administration building and barracks have been added since [redacted] coverage.

General Storage Area

Area E contains four storage buildings. The

security, firebreak, and building dispersion indicate possible explosives storage.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains 16 160- by 120-foot storage buildings and one [redacted] storage building with a 40- by 80-foot extension. The buildings are widely dispersed in a secured area.

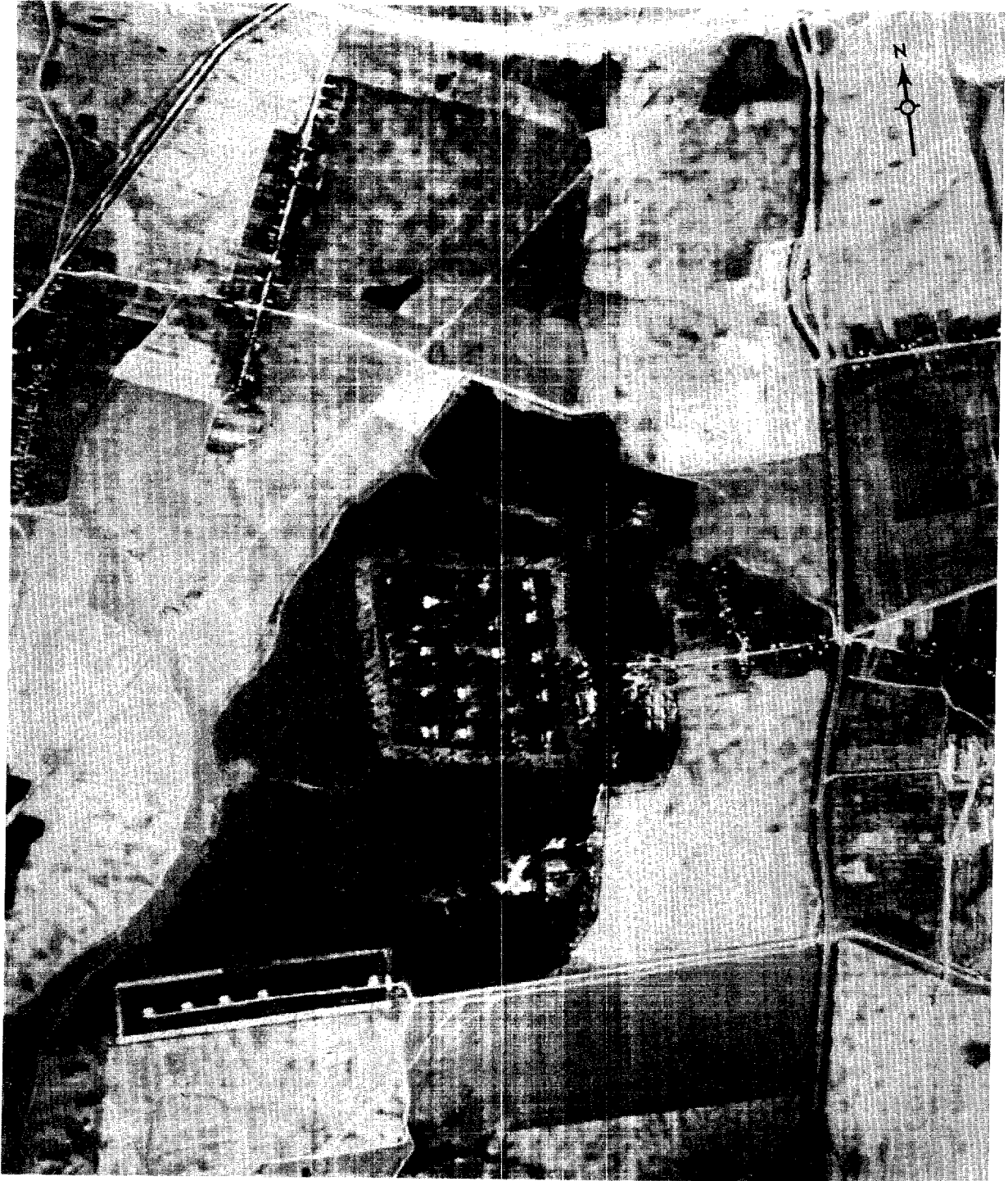
Other Buildings

Area II contains two buildings, adjacent to a scarred area along the sides and bottom of a shallow ravine.

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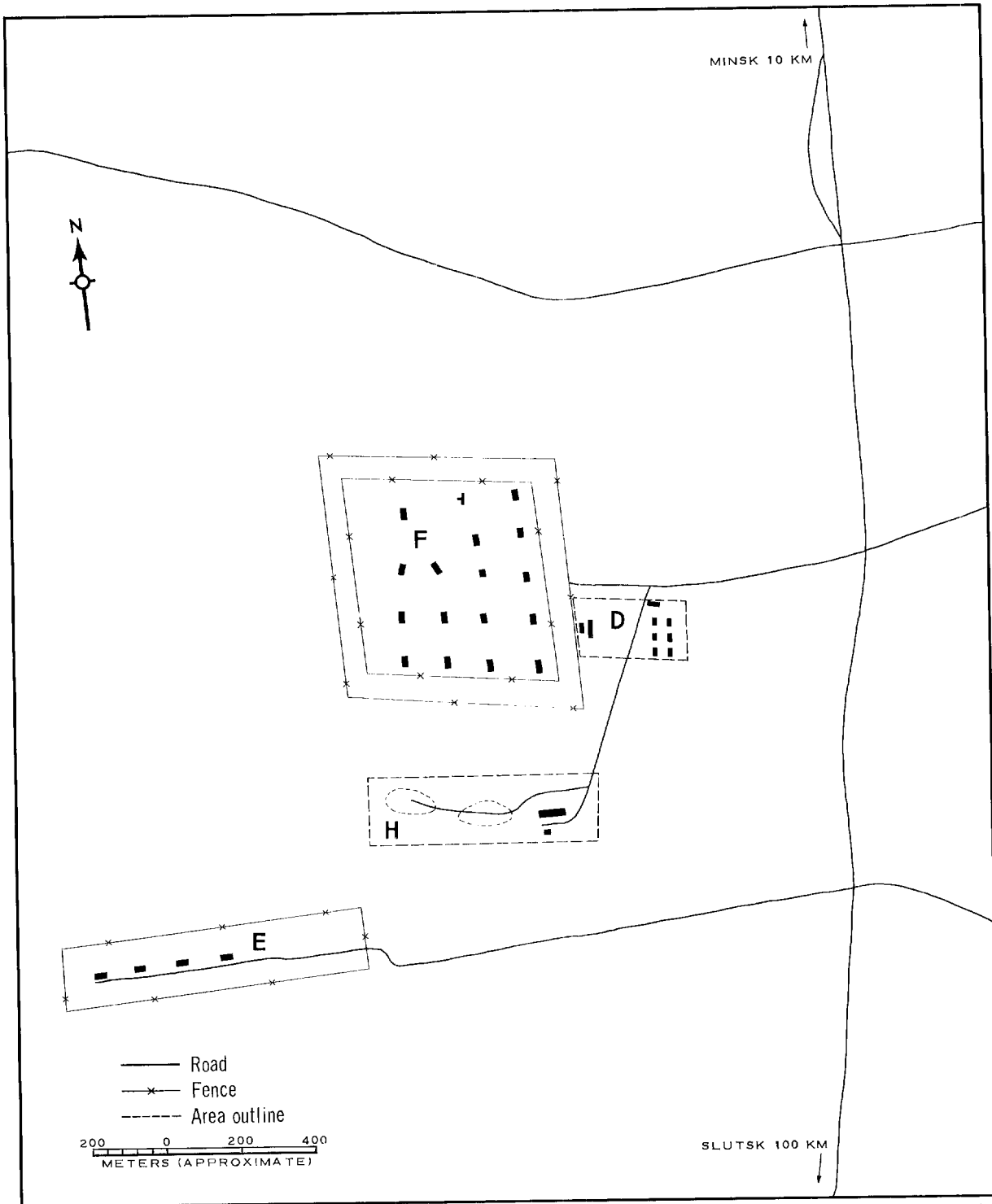


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FIGURE 2. MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT KANYUCHITSY, USSR, [redacted]

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FIGURE 3. MINSK AMMUNITION DEPOT KANYUCHITSY. Sketch compiled from [redacted]

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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