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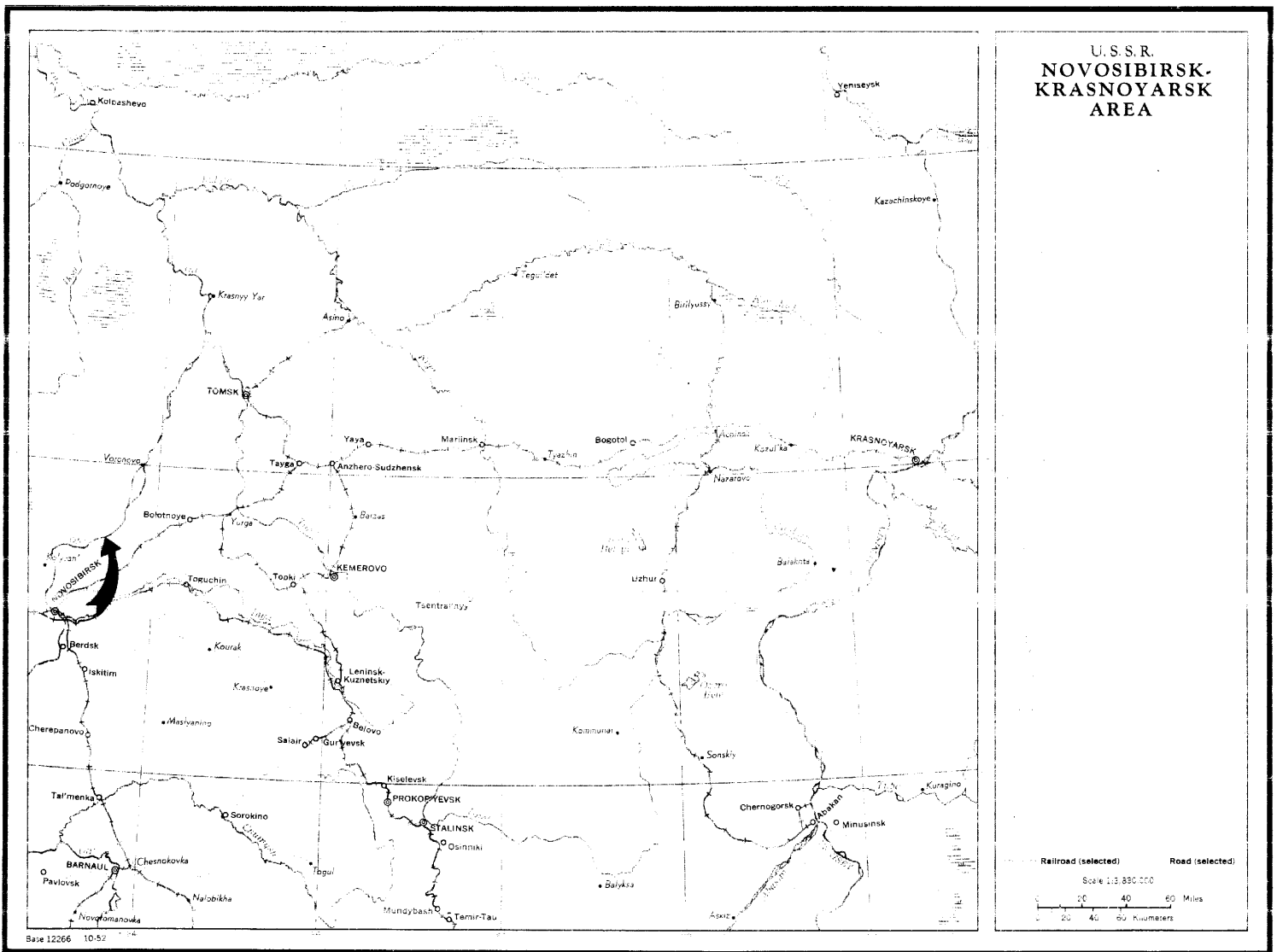
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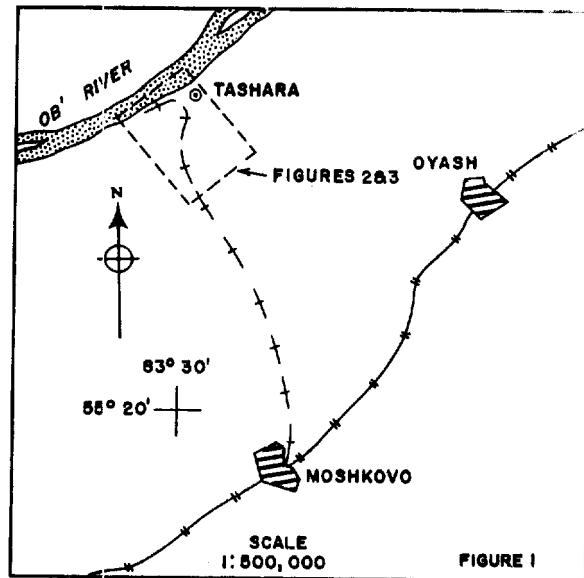
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A branch rail line under construction between Moshkovo and Tashara, USSR (figure 1) appears on [REDACTED] photography. Moshkovo is located on the Trans-Siberian Railroad 28 nautical miles northeast of Novosibirsk. At the point where the right-of-way leaves the main line there is an open storage yard containing stacks of probable construction equipment or supplies. Five or six railway cars of undetermined type are standing on a short spur in the storage yard. From Moshkovo the new right-of-way extends 14 nautical miles north-northwest to a point southwest of the village of Tashara, near the Ob river. The right-of-way ends in a U-shaped configuration with a turning radius of approximately 1,000 feet. At the time of photography bridges and tracks were still lacking.



Along the bank of the northward-flowing Ob river, approximately 3,200 feet north from the end of the railroadbed, an irregularly-shaped area of approximately 35 acres has been cleared recently of trees and brush (figure 2). This area contains a single-story, gable-roofed building, 165 by 50 feet, probably used to store timber-cutting or loading equipment. The river bank has been cut down in three places, one of which is contiguous with the clearing, to facilitate access to the

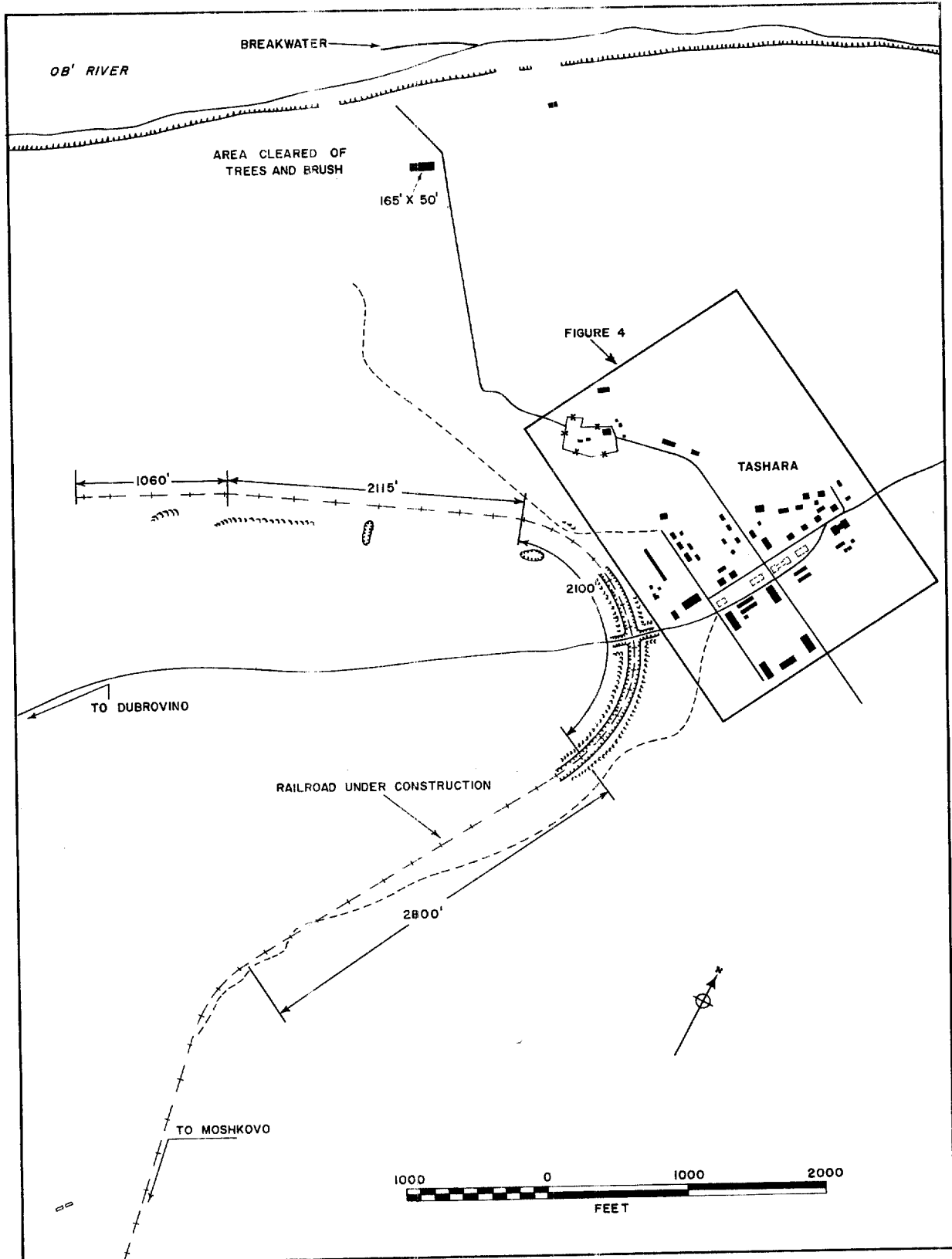


Figure 2.



Figure 3.

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water. A barge, 190 feet long, is tied up along the bank next to the cleared area. About 1,800 feet farther downstream there is a 700-foot breakwater extending upstream from its junction with the river bank.

Two groups of frame buildings appear to be functionally related to the rail line under construction. The larger of these, which includes administration and storage buildings as well as housing units, is located at the base of the U-shaped configuration of the roadbed, and is part of Tashara Village (figures 2 and 4). The smaller group, which includes seven buildings, is located a short distance to the west. Three of the latter buildings are within an irregularly-shaped fenced area covering approximately one and three-quarters acres. The other four are outside the fence. A description of the larger administration and storage-type buildings in both groups is given in table 1 (see figure 4).

Table 1. Description of Administration and Storage-type Buildings

Building Number	Description	Dimensions in feet
1	Single-story, hip-roofed	
2	Single-story, gable-roofed	
3	Single-story, hip-roofed	
4	Single-story, hip-roofed	
5	Single-story, hip-roofed	
6	Single-story, flat-roofed	
7	Single-story, flat-roofed	
8	Single-story, flat-roofed	
9	Single-story, flat-roofed	
10	Single-story, flat-roofed	
11	Two-story, H-shaped, gable-roofed	
	Center section	
	End sections, each	

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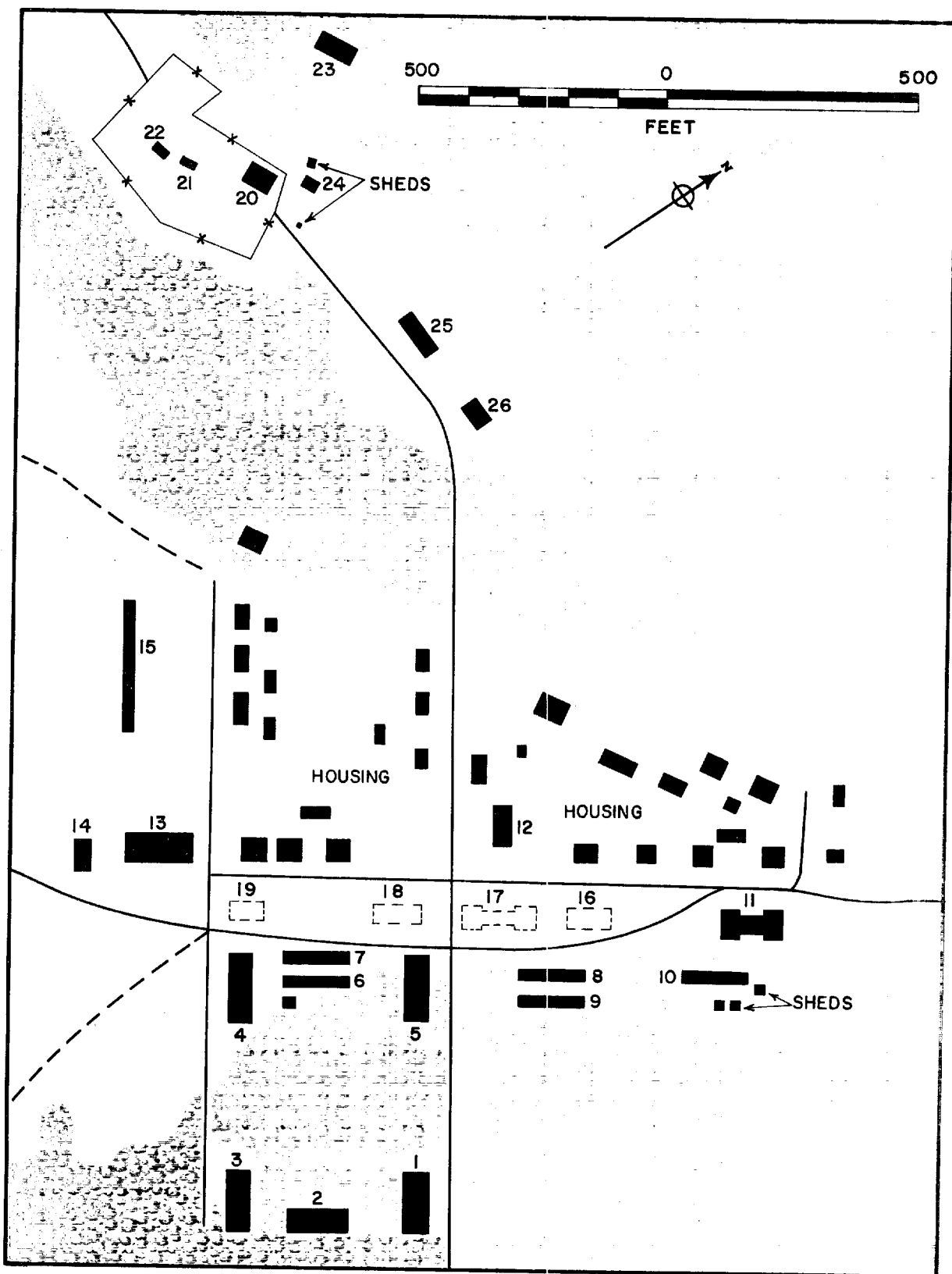


Figure 4

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Table 1. Description of Administration and Storage-type Buildings (cont'd)

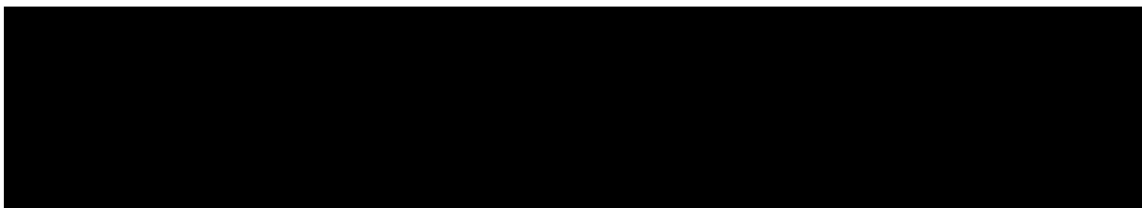
Building Number	Description	Dimensions in feet
12	Two-story, gable-roofed	
13	Single-story, hip-roofed	
14	Single-story, gable-roofed	
15	Single-story, flat-roofed shed	
16	Foundation, under construction	
17	Foundation, under construction	
18	Foundation, under construction	
19	Foundation, under construction	
20	Single-story, gable-roofed	
21	Single-story, flat-roofed	
22	Single-story, flat-roofed	
23	Single-story, gable-roofed	
24	Single-story, gable-roofed	
25	Single-story, flat-roofed	
26	Single-story, flat-roofed	

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USAF Pilotage Chart 162 B, scale 1:500,000. (U)

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31 Jan 58. (TSC)

COORDINATES:

55°18' N/83°37' E (Moshkovo)
55°32' N/83°31' E (Tashara)

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