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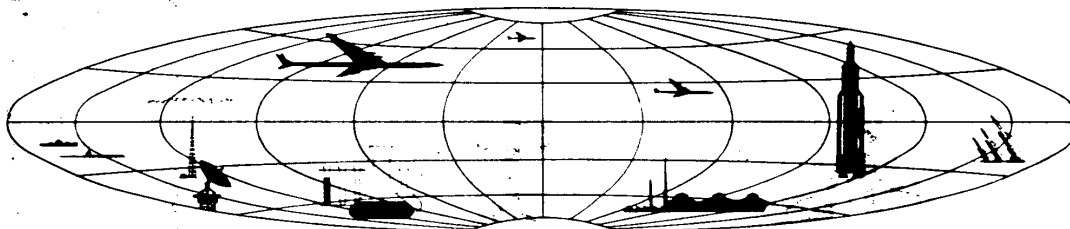
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A training area covering approximately 30,000 acres (Figure 1) is located 5 miles (8 kilometers) east of Minsk at 53-55N 027-45E. It is associated with Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (BF No. [REDACTED]) and Minsk Army Barracks Kalinina (BF No. [REDACTED]).

The Minsk-Borisov railroad divides the training area into two parts. The North area contains the barracks areas and the following training facilities: a tracked-vehicle driver training course, a wheeled-vehicle driver training course, three small arms firing ranges (64, 325, and 1,000 feet long), a moving target tank firing range with a target distance of 3,100 feet (static firing line to targets) and at least two 1,900-foot firing lanes, and two infantry combat firing courses with targets at various distances.

The South area contains three moving target tank firing ranges, each with a target distance of 3,850 feet and each with three 2,500-foot firing lanes, one moving target tank firing

range with a target distance of 3,100 feet and two 1,550-foot lanes, a 4,000-foot tank stationary firing range, a tracked-vehicle driver training course, a tracked-vehicle driver training area, numerous artillery positions, and a probable combat training area containing numerous trenches and emplacements. Minsk Slepivanka Airfield and Minsk SAM Support Facility 1 are also located within the South area. Minsk SAM Site A12-2 is located just outside.

A comparative study of [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions showed no substantial change in facilities or in the high level of usage of the overall area.

The installation is road and rail served. A secured rectangular area in the North area is served by a rail spur from the Minsk-Borisov railroad with possible rail loading ramps.

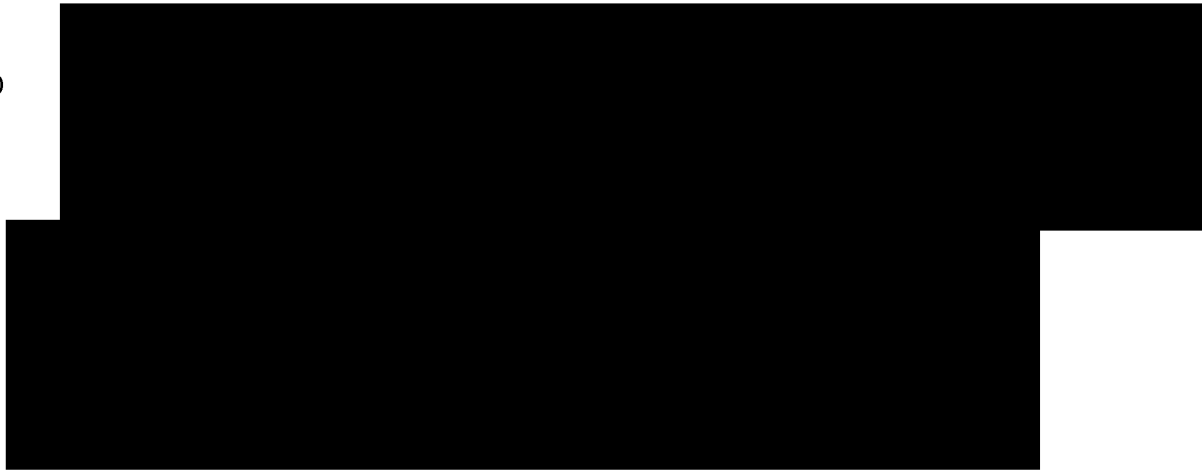
No artillery impact areas, bivouac areas, engineer training sites, water-crossing sites, or airborne training facilities were observed.

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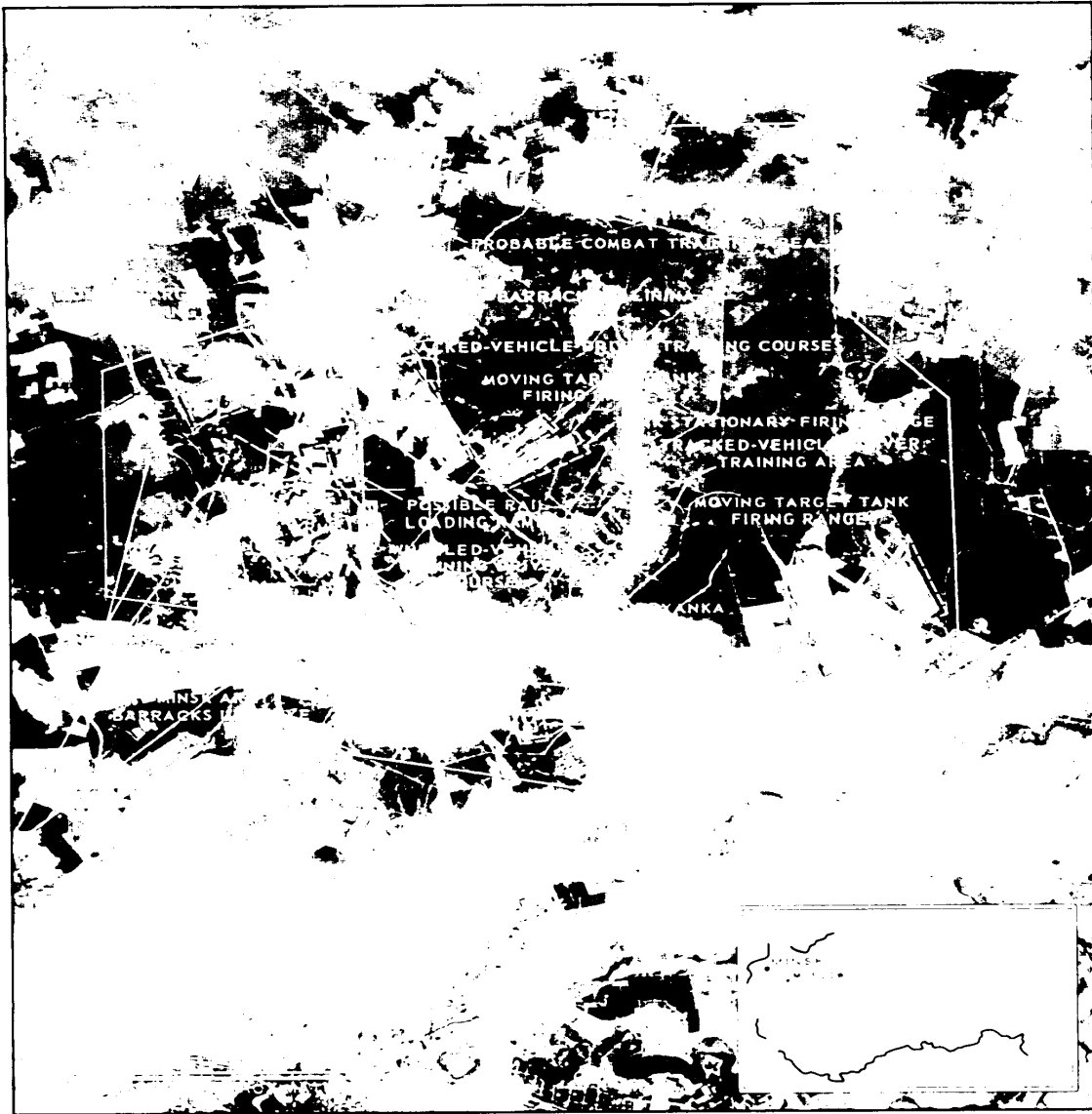


FIGURE 1. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, MINSK, USSR.

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