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**MINSK ARMY BARRACKS, NORTHWEST
MINSK, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD**

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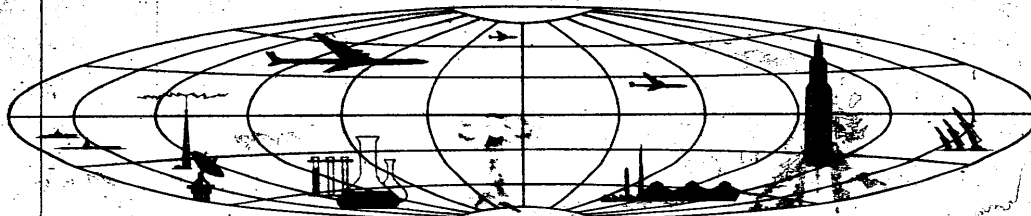
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PREFACE

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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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MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST

(53-55N 027-28E)

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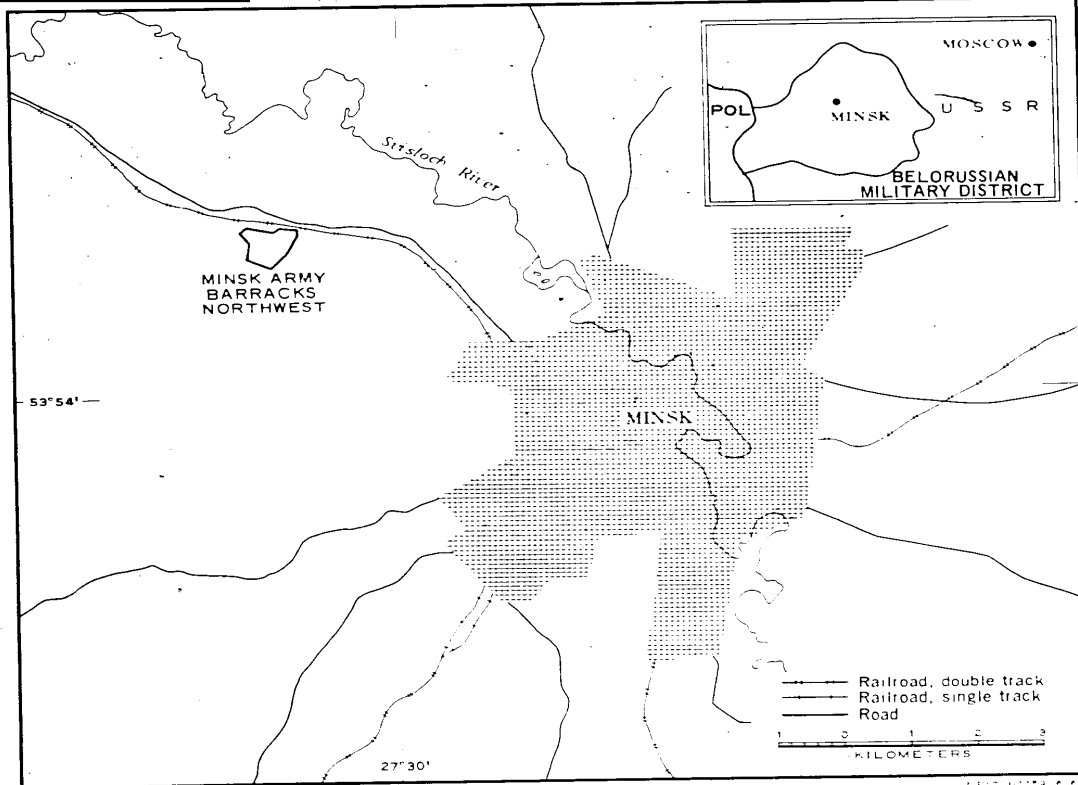


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST.

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SUMMARY

Minsk Army Barracks Northwest is located 8 kilometers (km) northwest of Minsk on the south side of the Minsk-Molodechno rail line (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. A secondary all-weather road provides access to the Minsk-Molodechno highway. Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) is located 15 km east, Minsk Army Barracks South-Southeast (AL-5) 10 km southeast, and Minsk Army Barracks (AL-2) 9 km east. Numerous other military areas are located in and around Minsk.

The installation covers approximately 300 acres and contains five administrative buildings, 22 barracks, six storage buildings, 42 support buildings, and seven vehicle storage/maintenance buildings. Eight possible storage buildings are located in a heavily scarred new construction area on the west side of the installation. Also included within the installation are an

athletic field and a small arms firing range (Figures 2 and 3).

The installation is covered by TALENT photography and KEYHOLE missions between [redacted]. Comparative analysis reveals continued construction in the installation but little change in the level of usage between [redacted]. Minor driver training activity was observed in [redacted] in the area just south of the installation but was not observed on later missions. Significant changes since [redacted] include the appearance between [redacted] and [redacted] of an area of new construction which covers approximately 18 acres. Other changes since [redacted] include the addition of barracks, two storage buildings, three vehicle storage maintenance buildings, and several support buildings.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The installation is located on the south side of the Minsk-Molodechno double-track rail line. No spurs or loading docks are observed.

Road Service

An all-weather secondary road provides access to the Minsk-Molodechno Highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) has two administrative buildings, 16 barracks, and 11 support buildings. Eight new barracks were observed on [redacted] coverage and one on [redacted] coverage.

Area D2 has one administrative building, five barracks, and seven support buildings. Three new barracks were observed on [redacted] coverage.

Area D3 has two administrative buildings,

one barracks, and one support building.

Track activity and new construction indicate probable occupancy of all buildings.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 has six storage buildings and two support buildings. Two small storage buildings were added between [redacted].

Area E2 has eight possible storage buildings. This area of new construction, covering approximately 18 acres, was first observed on [redacted] photography. Six buildings were present in [redacted]. Additionally, one large building and one U-shaped building were observed on [redacted] photography. Ground scarring indicates continued activity.

Other Buildings

There are 15 support buildings scattered through the area.

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FIGURE 2. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST. [REDACTED]

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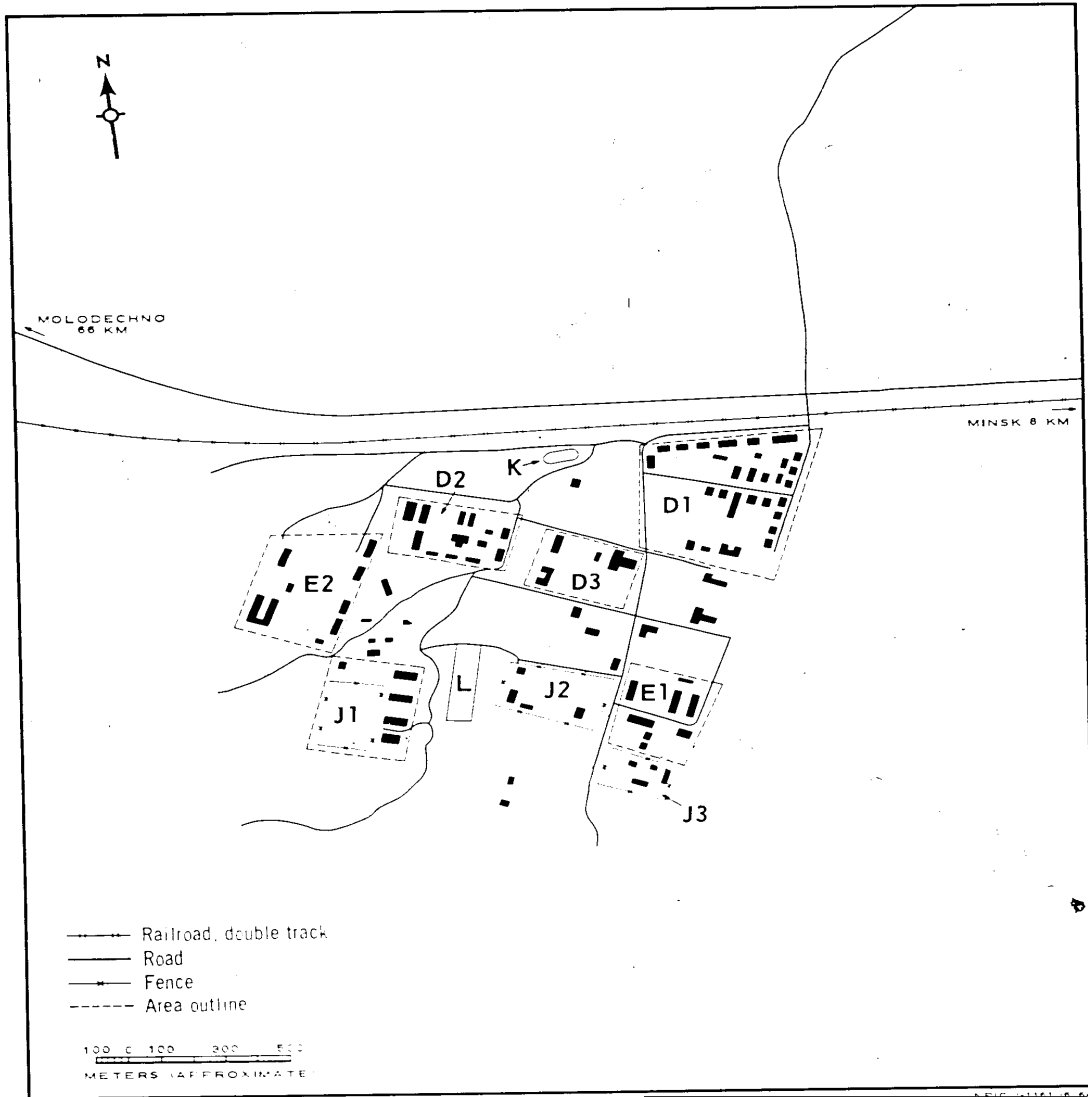


FIGURE 3. MINSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHWEST. Sketch compiled from [REDACTED]

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Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 has three 170- by 30-foot storage maintenance buildings and two support buildings. The storage maintenance buildings are located just east of a 600- by 400-foot probably secured vehicle park. The vehicle park appears to be occupied by several rows of probable vehicles on [redacted] snow-covered photography.

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Area J2 has two 120- by 40-foot storage maintenance buildings and two support buildings in a secured area. The buildings are located on the west and south ends of a 400- by 300-foot vehicle park. On [redacted] coverage the area appeared to be occupied by at least nine rows of probable vehicles, but on [redacted] coverage only three rows were apparent. The two storage maintenance buildings were first observed on [redacted] coverage.

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Area J3 has two 120- by 30-foot storage maintenance buildings and two support buildings. This is a small, secured probable motor pool

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area. One storage maintenance building and both support buildings were first observed on [redacted] coverage.

Track activity and new construction indicate probable occupancy of all buildings.

Athletic Field

An athletic field, K, northwest of Area D1 reveals evidence of light usage.

Small Arms Firing Range

Area L is a 700- by 150-foot small arms firing range. Lack of scarring on [redacted] coverage indicates limited use of this range.

Driver Training Areas

One small driver training area observed on [redacted] coverage and two Figure-8 driver training courses observed on [redacted] coverage, immediately south of the installation, are discernible on [redacted] coverage.

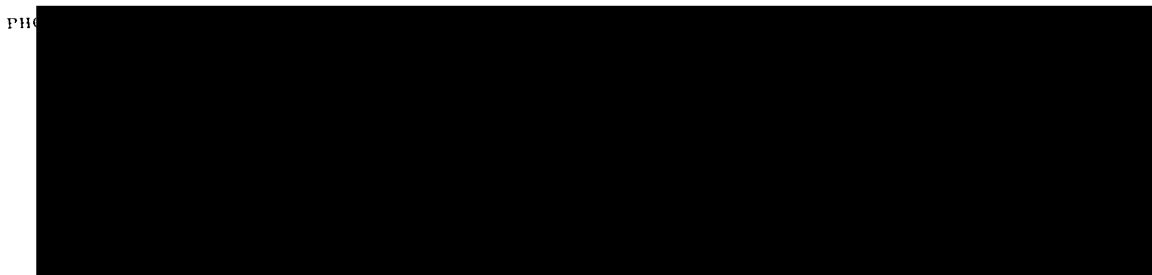
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