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MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS  
MINSK, USSR  
BELORUSSIAN MD



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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 BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS  
(53-56N 027-37E)

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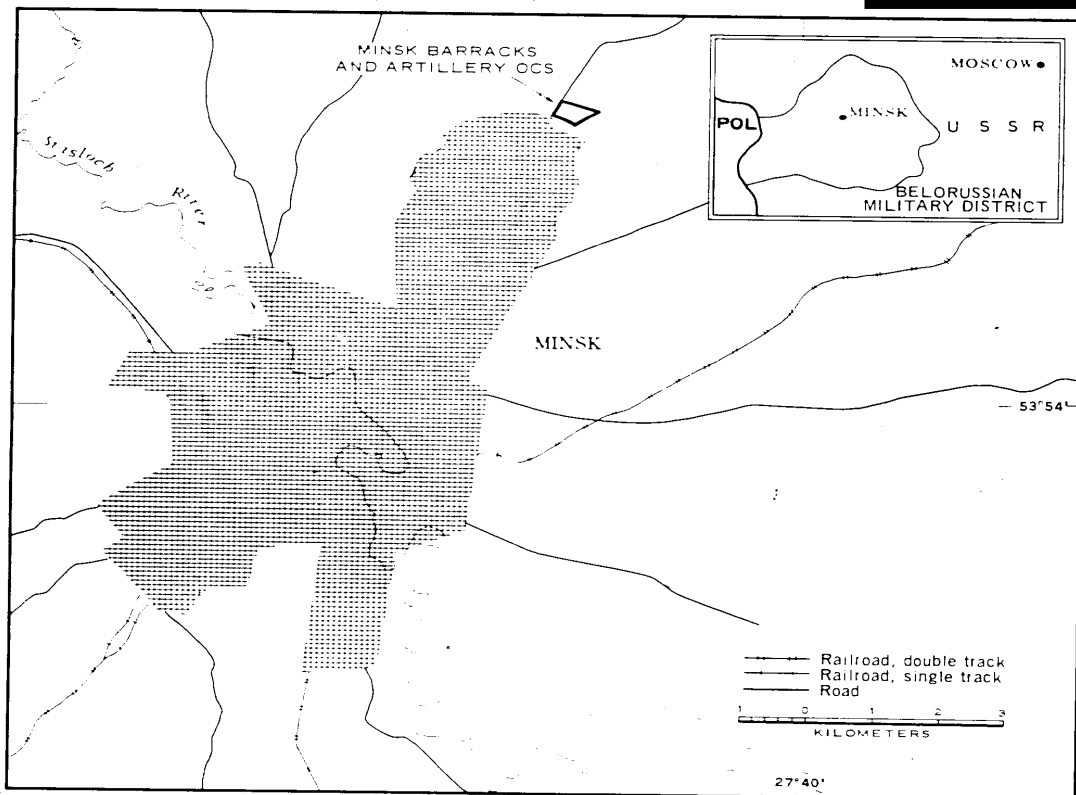


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS.

SUMMARY

Minsk Barracks and Artillery (CS) is located on the northeast outskirts of Minsk approximately 6 kilometers (km) from the center of town (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served but is served by city streets. Minsk Army Barracks Uruchye (AL-1) is located 6 km east and Minsk Army Barracks Northwest (AL-6) is 10 km west.

The probably secured main area (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 70 acres and includes three administration buildings, one barracks administration building, four barracks, four storage buildings, 22 support buildings, six equipment storage maintenance buildings, a driver training area, and a small arms range. A large open area of approximately 200 acres, possibly associated with the main area, on the south and west sides, contains

six small unidentified secured areas, and 11 small support buildings. A possible dependent housing area with 17 buildings is located east of the installation.

The area is covered by TALENT photography and KEYHOLE missions. Comparative analysis reveals the same general level of usage between with reduced usage during the winter months. Significant changes include the addition of four barracks, four equipment storage maintenance buildings, two age buildings, and a driver training area. Two vehicle storage maintenance buildings moved from the northeast section of the installation and that area was converted to civilian use.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

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Road Service

City streets provide access to downtown Minsk and the Minsk circumferential highway, which is under construction.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D (Figure 3) has three administration buildings, one barracks administration building, four barracks, and five support buildings. Two of the barracks were first observed on coverage and two more on coverage. Track activity throughout the area indicates probable occupancy of all buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E has four storage buildings and a support building. Two of the storage buildings

were first observed on coverage. Trackage indicates usage.

Other Buildings and Facilities

There are five support buildings dispersed within the installation. Seventeen possible dependent quarters are located on the southeastern edge of the barracks area.

Area H is a large open area of approximately 200 acres, possibly associated with the barracks area, located on the west side of the barracks area. It contains six unidentified small, square secured areas, approximately 300 by 300 feet. Four of the areas have one small building each, one has one medium size building, and one has three buildings. The area with three buildings was first observed on coverage. Three small

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FIGURE 2. MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS, MINSK, USSR.

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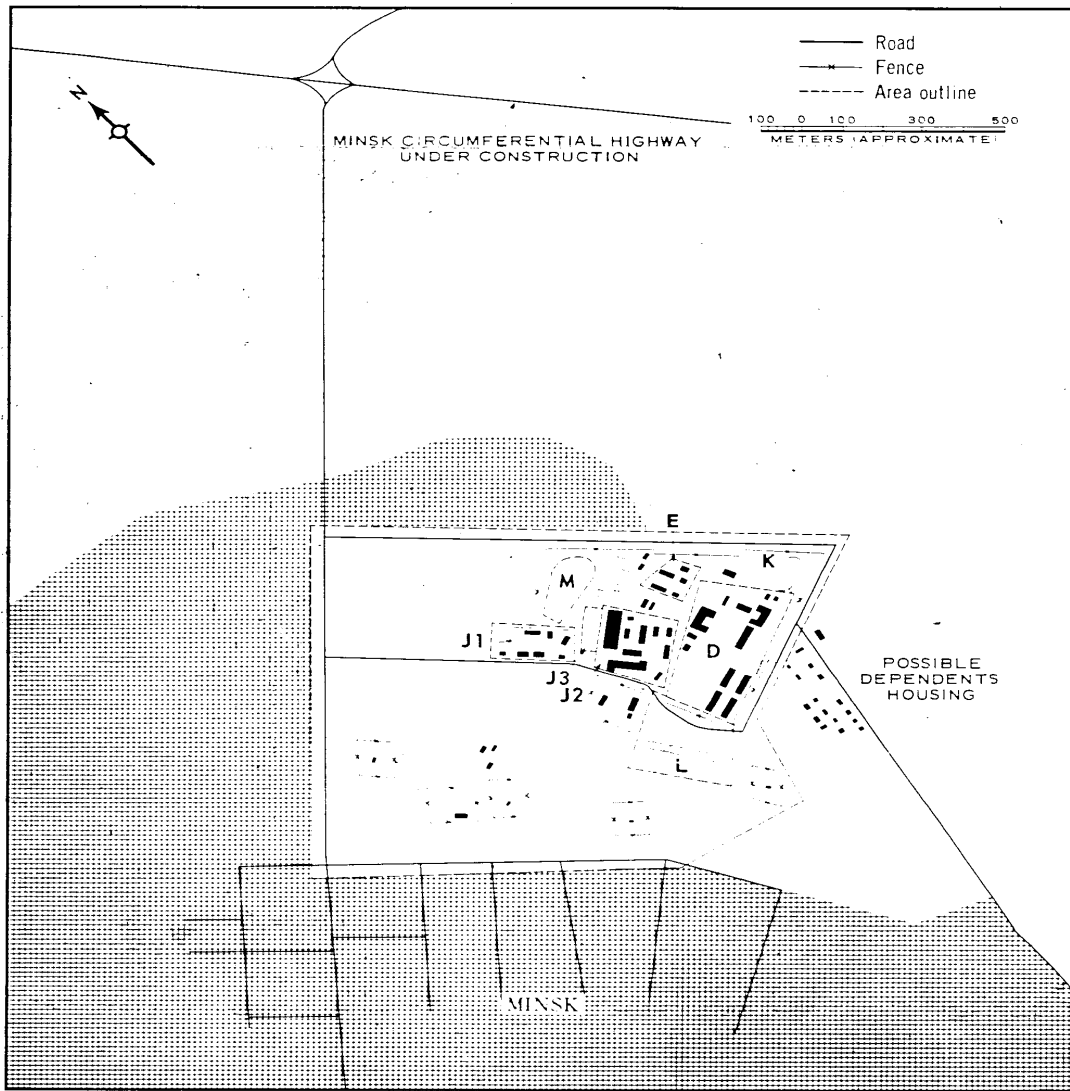


FIGURE 3. MINSK BARRACKS AND ARTILLERY OCS. Sketch compiled from

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unidentified buildings are located outside of the secured areas.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas**

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Area J1 has two 120- by 40-foot storage maintenance buildings, one 70- by 35-foot storage maintenance building, and four support buildings. This area was first observed on [redacted] coverage.

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Area J2 has one 180- by 40-foot storage maintenance building, one 150- by 50-foot storage maintenance building, one 350- by 100-foot maintenance building, and seven support buildings. The area may possibly be an OCS area serving as classrooms and equipment storage maintenance. The large, monitor-roofed 350- by 100-foot building was first observed on [redacted] coverage.

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Area J3, possibly secured, is a 400- by 150-foot possible vehicle park.

[redacted] coverage reveals that two vehicle storage maintenance buildings in the

northeast section of the installation, observed on prior coverage, have been dismantled and the vacated space utilized as a part of an apartment housing project.

**Athletic Field**

Area K is an athletic field.

**Small Arms Firing Range**

Area L is a 650- by 80-foot small arms firing range. The level of usage appears to be consistently light from [redacted]

**Driver Training Area**

Area M is a wheeled-vehicle driver training area. It includes one rectangular closed-circuit driver course and two figure-8 courses which appeared to be in use in [redacted]. These training facilities were not present in [redacted] and could not be confirmed until [redacted] due to poor quality photography.

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