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PROBABLE BMP M-1981 APC
AYBAK SOVIET BIVOUAC, AFGHANISTAN



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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF PROBABLE BMP M-1981 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) WITH A SOVIET SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: A BMP APC-EQUIPPED COMPANY OF A SOVIET SPECIAL-PURPOSE UNIT AT AYBAK SOVIET BIVOUAC HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH PROBABLE BMP M-1981 APC. PROBABLE BMP M-1981 APC HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED ONLY IN THE AIRBORNE BATTALIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT MOTORIZED RIFLE BRIGADES AT JALALABAD SOVIET BIVOUAC 3 () AND KANDAHAR SOVIET MRR BIVOUAC () AND IN THE RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION AT SHINDAND DEPLOYMENT AREA ()

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(SWN) THE BMP M-1981 APC IS A VARIANT OF THE STANDARD BMP APC IN WHICH A 30MM CANNON REPLACES THE 73MM GUN. THE SMALLER CALIBER, HIGHER RATE OF FIRE, AND INCREASED ELEVATION OF THE 30MM CANNON OF THE BMP M-1981 APC MAKE IT A MORE EFFECTIVE WEAPON AGAINST THE INSURGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

(SWN) AYBAK IS APPROXIMATELY 30 NM SOUTH OF THE USSR-AFGHANISTAN BORDER IN NORTH-CENTRAL AFGHANISTAN.

3. () COORDINATES 36-26-30N 067-54-40E

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