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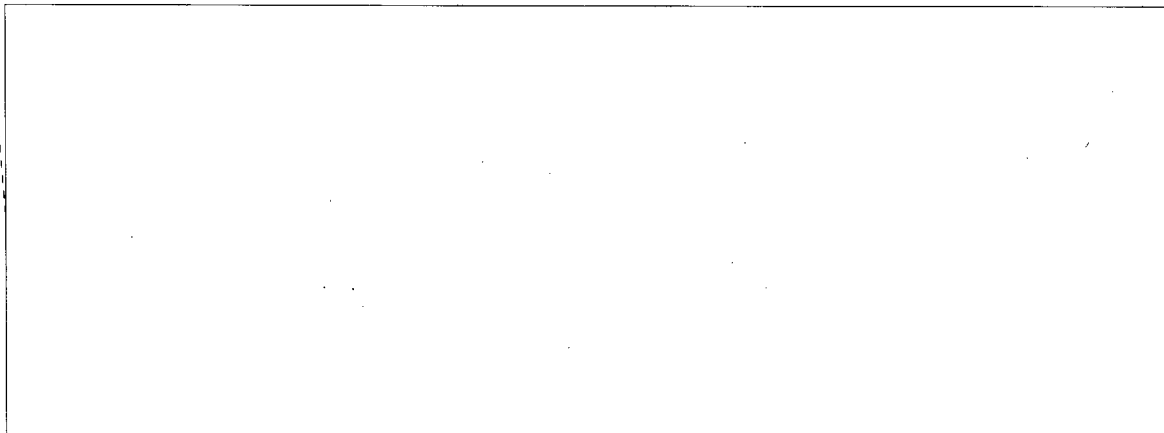
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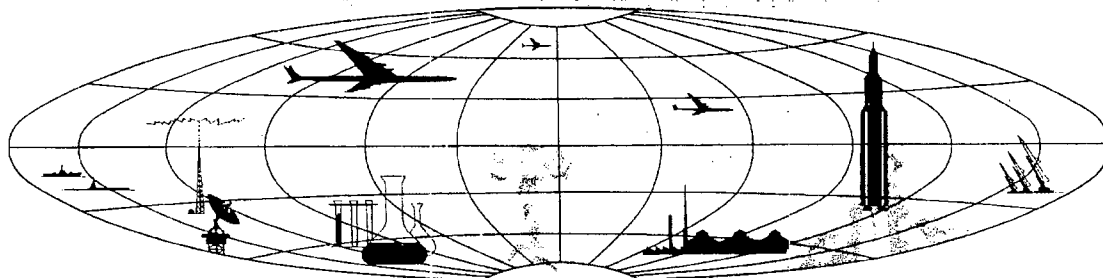
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PREFACE

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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.

BOBRUYSK ARMY MANEUVER AREA
(53-03N 029-18E)
BOBRUYSK, MOGILEVSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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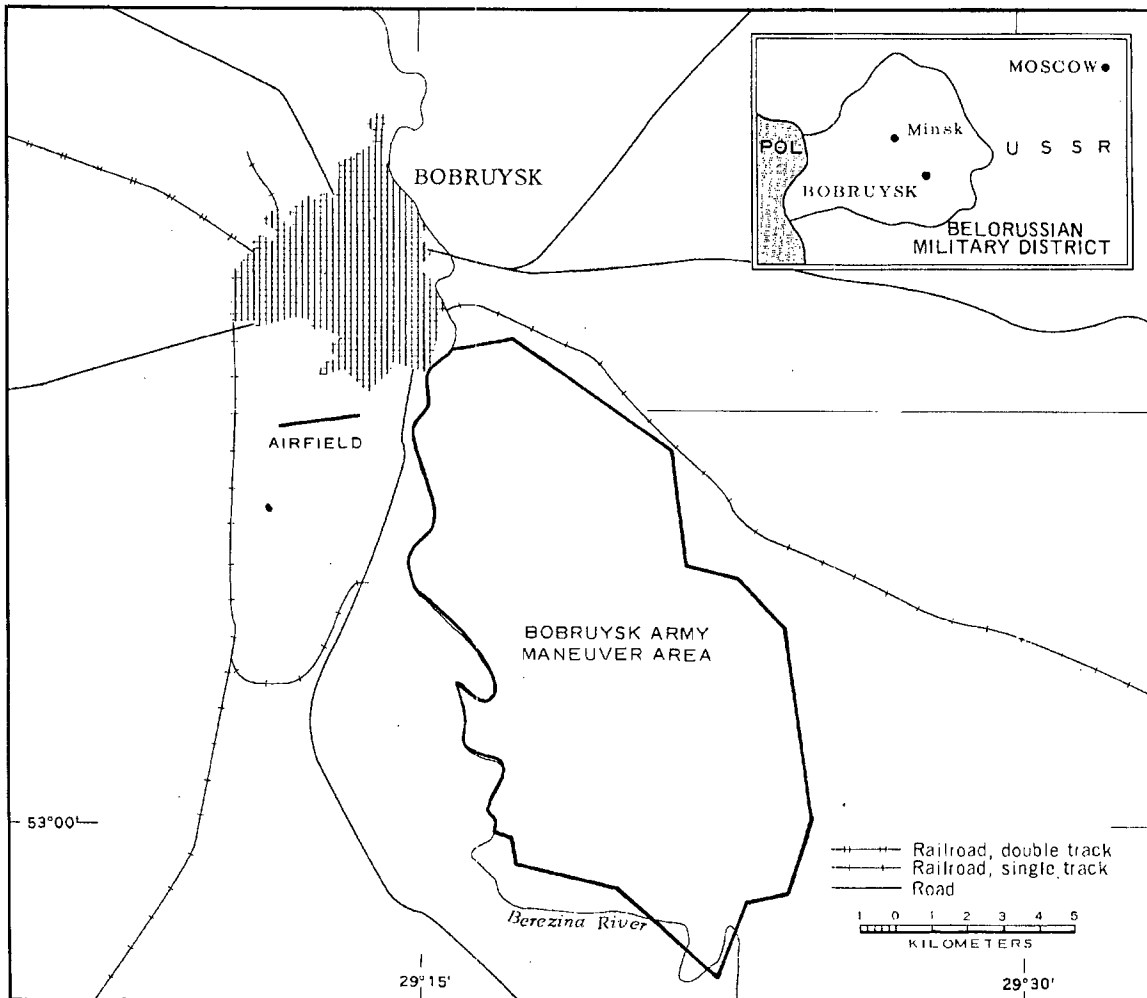
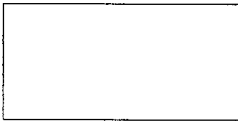


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BOBRUYSK ARMY MANEUVER AREA.

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SUMMARY

Bobruysk Army Maneuver Area is located 10 kilometers (km) southeast of Bobruysk (53-08N 029-14E), on the east bank of the Berezina River (Figure 1). Other military installations in the Bobruysk area include Bobruysk Army Barracks West (AL-1) in the west-central sector of Bobruysk, and Bobruysk Barracks and Headquarters 22nd Tank Division Citadel (AL-2) in the east-central sector of Bobruysk.

The training area covers approximately 24,250 acres, extends north-northwest-south-southeast for a maximum distance of 17 km with an average width of 7 km. The Bobruysk-Zhlobin railroad passes adjacent to the north perimeter of the training area, but no off-loading facility was observed. Probable all-weather roads connect the training area to the Bobruysk-Zhlobin highway. The training area contains large wooded areas and is bounded on the west and south by the Berezina River.

The area contains a 170-acre bivouac area with nine support buildings, an irregularly shaped, closed-circuit, driver-training course,

three tank/assault-gun firing ranges, a small arms firing range which may be used as a sub-caliber range for tanks, two combined-arms training areas, three infantry field training areas, and a water crossing site on the Berezina River in the southern edge of the training area.

The area is covered by two 1956 TALENT missions and 12 KEYHOLE missions between June 1961 and August 1963. Comparative analysis reveals the following significant changes during the July 1956 to June 1961 period: 1) the abandonment of an associated training area, 2) removal of eight buildings from the bivouac area, 3) construction of the probable small arms/subcaliber tank firing range, 4) addition of another driving loop in the driver-training course, 5) and the addition of one tank/assault-gun firing range and the improvement of the other firing ranges.

The general level of activity between June 1961 and August 1963 remained relatively constant. Infantry activity decreased slightly.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Bobruysk-Zhlobin railroad runs along the north edge of the training area, but no trans-loading points are observed.

Road Service

Probable all-weather roads lead to the Bobruysk-Zhlobin highway.

Administrative and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains nine support buildings. These buildings are located in a 170-acre biv-

ouac area. Eight were removed between 1956 and April 1962.

Other Buildings

Eleven support buildings are located near the tank firing range and driver training area. Seven buildings were added between 1956 and April 1962 coverage.

Athletic Field

An athletic field (Area K) is located at the bivouac area. It does not appear as active on KEYHOLE as on TALENT coverage.



Small Arms Firing Range

Area L is a 400- by 60-foot small arms firing range. Located between Areas N1 and N2, it was constructed between 1956 and June 1961 and may be used as a subcaliber range for tanks.

Driver-Training Area

Area M is an irregularly shaped, closed circuit, tracked-vehicle driver-training course. One loop was added between 1956 and June 1961. The level of activity appears to be consistent.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is a 4,500-foot firing range* with three 2,500-foot firing lanes and four moving target runs, three at 15 degrees right and one at 90 degrees left.** The range was constructed between 1956 and June 1961 and was active in December 1961.

Area N2 is a 4,700-foot firing range with three 2,700-foot firing lanes and three moving target runs at 15 degrees right. One firing lane and 3 moving target runs were added between 1956 and June 1961.

Area N3 is a 4,500-foot firing range with three 2,700-foot firing lanes and four moving target runs, three at 15 degrees left and one at 90 degrees left. Two lanes were inactivated and two target runs added between 1956 and June 1961.

*The length of the range is the maximum distance from the static firing line to the moving target runs.

**The angle of the moving target run is the angle formed by the target run and a perpendicular line from the static firing line to the target run at the control house position.

The level of activity remained fairly heavy between June 1961 and August 1963 in all three areas.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Area or Courses

Area R1, a combined-arms training course, extends 11,000 feet in a north-south direction. Area R2, a combined-arms training area, extends 22,000 feet in a north-south direction. Area R3, an infantry training area, measures 8,000 by 2,000 feet and is oriented north-south. Area R4, an infantry training area, measures 2,500 by 1,100 feet and is oriented north-south. Area R5, an infantry training area, measures 2,900 by 2,100 feet and is located adjacent to the bivouac area (Area D). Activity at the combined-arms ranges appears to be the same throughout the period of observation. Activity at the infantry training areas declined slightly between 1956 and 1961 and has remained constant since June 1961. No activity was observed during winter months.

Special Training Facilities

A water-crossing site is located (Area S) at the southern edge of the training area at the Berezina River. An assembly area is located on the east side of the river and crossing exercises probably move from east to west. The water-crossing site extends approximately 2,000 feet along the east bank. The level of activity remained constant between 1956 and August 1963.

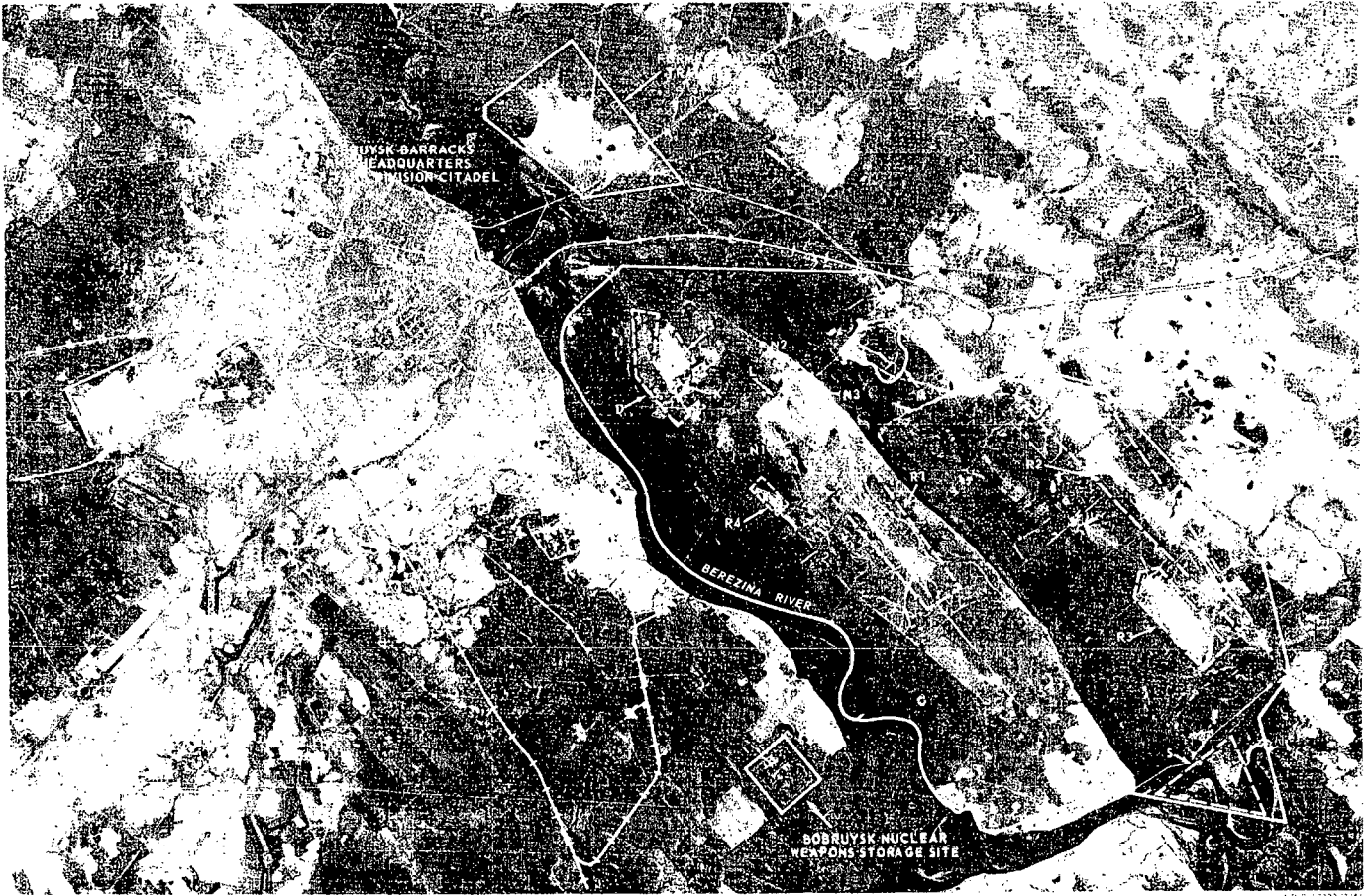
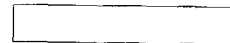


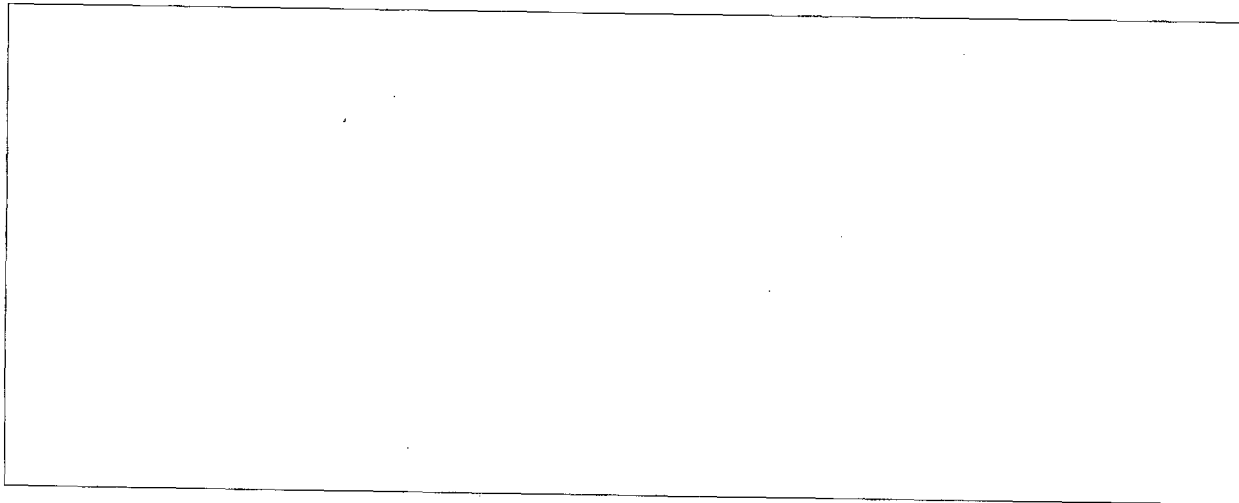
FIGURE 2. BOBRUYSK ARMY MANEUVER AREA, USSR, APRIL 1967.



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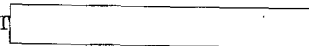
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