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SOVIET MILITARY ORDER OF BATTLE

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EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA
(55-26N 041-33E)
MELENKI, VLADIMIRSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA.
SUMMARY

An explosives storage area is located 9 kilometers (km) north of Melenki (Figure 1). The installation consists of 3 areas which, when combined, cover approximately 200 acres. A small secured support area at the junction of the Melenki branch rail line and a spur into the storage area contains 2 support buildings. The storage area contains 24 explosives storage buildings, 6 storage buildings, 2 probable transshipment buildings, and 4 support buildings. The housing area contains 1 possible administration building, 7 quarters, 4 storage buildings, 2 support buildings, and an athletic field.

The area is covered on 11 KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and December 1964. No change is observed in the facilities, and the installation appears active on all coverage.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The installation is served by a spur from the Melenki branch rail line which joins the Murom-Moscow rail line at Burylitsy.

Road Service

A secondary road which connects the installation with Melenki serves the area.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains 1 possible administration building, 7 quarters, 4 storage buildings, and 2 support buildings.

Explosives Storage Area

Area F is doubly secured and contains 24 explosives storage buildings, 2 probable transshipment buildings, 6 storage buildings, and 4 support buildings.

Other Buildings

Area H is secured and contains 2 support buildings.

Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field.
FIGURE 3. EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA. Sketch compiled from June 1964.
REFERENCES

PHOTOGRAPHY

MAPS OR CHARTS

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REQUIREMENT

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