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Railroads and Railroad Bridges

1. The Nova Zagora (N 42-29, E 26-01) - Maritsa (N 42-03, E 25-50, formerly Simeon-ovgrad) railroad line follows the course of the Sazliyka Stream, but does not wash out because it is well above the stream bed. It has a "large amount" of freight traffic because of the gypsum quarries located near Radnevo (N 42-17, E 25-56). There are no tunnels on this line. The only large bridge, about 100 meters long with a stone base and wooden superstructure, is located in Maritsa and crosses the Maritsa River. Trains pass very slowly over the bridge because it is unstable.
2. There is an iron bridge about 100-120 meters long over the Maritsa River between Plovdiv and the suburbs of Plovdiv on the Stara Zagora (N 42-25, E 25-38) - Plovdiv railroad line.
3. There is an iron bridge approximately 30 meters long over the Vucha Stream on the Plovdiv-Pazardzhik (N 42-11, E 24-19) railroad line west of Krichim station (N 42-07, E 24-32) which is on the main Plovdiv-Pazardzhik line just east of the junction of the Peshtera (N 42-02, E 24-18) line.

Roads in the Nova Zagora Area

4. The following are the main roads out of Nova Zagora:
 - a. Nova Zagora - Elena (N 42-56, E 25-52), 70-80 kilometers;
 - b. Nova Zagora - Stara Zagora, 33 kilometers;

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- c. Nova Zagora - Sliven (N 42-40, E 26-19), 35 kilometers;
 - d. Nova Zagora - Topolovgrad (N 42-05, E 26-20), 65 kilometers; and
 - e. Nova Zagora - Maritsa, 108 kilometers.
5. Each of these roads is five meters wide and has a stone base covered by 30-40 centimeters of sand and gravel. There are drainage ditches on both sides of the road.
 6. These roads are in good condition except for a 3-kilometer stretch between Pet Mogili (N 42-18, E 26-03) and Novoselets (N 42-18, E 26-08).¹ This stretch, however, is open to auto traffic.
 7. Except for the Nova Zagora - Elena highway, which passes through the Elenska Planina section of the Stara Planina mountain chain, these roads are open to year-round traffic.
 8. There is a steel bridge approximately 50-60 meters long located over the Tundzha River at Banya (N 42-36, E 25-59) on the Nova Zagora - Tvurditsa (N 42-42, E 25-54) - Elena road.
 9. There is one bus daily, leaving Nova Zagora in the afternoon and returning the following forenoon to each of the following: Tvurditsa, Sliven, Novoselets, Gradets (N 42-11, E 26-06), Prokhorovo (N 42-21, E 26-15), and Omarchevo (N 42-27, E 26-09).

Ruse - Dervishka Mogila Highway Construction

10. The Ruse - Dervishka Mogila (N 41-56, E 26-21) highway, connecting the Danube River with the Turkish border, is to be a direct artery with no connections with other roads going in the same direction.
11. When the Trudovaks were formed in 1946, the opening of the Khain Boaz mountain pass (N 42-27, E 25-39) for this highway was propagandized as being one of its national missions. [redacted] Trudovaks transporting parquet stones to this construction site in Late 1951. 25X1
12. After passing the outskirts of Nova Zagora, this highway will pass through Mlekarevo (N 42-22, E 26-08), the western outskirts of Novoselets, 300-400 meters east of Kovachevo (N 42-14, E 26-04), and through Gradets. [redacted] not know its route after Gradets, but [redacted] the route Nova Zagora - Gradets is "common knowledge in that area." 25X1

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