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1. The Elovitsa explosives plant is situated on the slopes of the Shipka mountains, approximately 15 kilometers southwest of Gabrovo beyond the inhabited section of Spasetata (XM-9465).
2. The plant produces:
 - a. Dynamite, average daily production three tons;
 - b. Gunpowder, average daily production four tons; and
 - c. Fuses, average daily production 16,000 meters.
3. One hundred and eighty skilled laborers and 120 manual laborers are employed at the plant. Only day shifts are worked. The plant is allegedly the best equipped in Bulgaria and is completely mechanized. The machinery is of German make. The plant has its own thermoelectric unit.
4. The explosives are taken by a narrow-gauge (Decauville) railway to the Gabrovo-Kazanluk highway, from where they are transported by truck to the Gabrovo railway station.
5. The shipments are guarded by 28 soldiers, including mobile patrol squads and fixed guard units.

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