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Vratsa-Mikhaylovgrad (27 miles)

1. The road between Vratsa (N4318 E2336) and Mikhaylovgrad (Ferdinand, N4331 E2312) passes through rolling country but has no appreciable grades. The road surface is crushed stone with a dirt top and is in general not very well bound.
2. The road is in medium condition; the 13 miles between Glavatsi (N4319 E2322) and Mikhaylovgrad has some potholes and is deteriorating to a poor condition. The first four and one-half miles out of Lom are in good condition.
3. Between Vratsa and Glavatsi, the road is 16 feet wide with 2-foot shoulders; between Glavatsi and Mikhaylovgrad, it narrows to 14 feet with 2-foot shoulders.
4. Some maintenance is in progress between Vratsa and Glavatsi. This stretch can barely take 2-way traffic. Regular 2-way traffic is impossible between Glavatsi and Mikhaylovgrad.
5. Bridges are located as follows:
 - a. Over the Botunya River at Glavatsi, a brick arch bridge resting on two masonry piers; 150 feet long, 20 feet wide (16-foot roadway), 20 feet above the water; probably capable of carrying heaviest loads; and
 - b. Over the Ogosta River at Mikhaylovgrad, a concrete beam bridge resting on five masonry piers; 300 feet long, 24 feet wide (including 3-foot pavement on either side), 15 feet above the water; modern construction capable of carrying all loads.

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Mikhaylovgrad-Lom (33 miles)

6. The road between Mikhaylovgrad and Lom passes through gently rolling country and has no appreciable grades except one of approximately 1 in 15 over a distance of one mile at a location two miles southwest of Lom. The road surface is crushed stone, earthbound with dirt top. In general, the road is in poor condition, with numerous potholes and an uneven surface. No repairs are underway [redacted]

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7. The width is 18-20 feet throughout, with 4-foot shoulders. The road is capable of taking regular 2-way traffic.

8. Bridges are located as follows:

- a. Over the Tsibritsa River at a location 1,500 yards south of Dolno Tserovene (M4336 E2314), steel lattice girder (through type) resting on two masonry piers; 150 feet long, 20 feet wide, 15 feet above the water; capacity 15 tons; and
- b. Over the Lom River on the southwest outskirts of Lom, steel lattice girder (through type) resting on four masonry piers; 300 feet long, 28 feet wide (20-foot roadway with 3-foot pavements), 20 feet above the water; probably capable of carrying heaviest loads.

Sofia-Lom

9. Part of the main Sofia-Lom road by way of the Petrokhan Pass (M4307 E2307) has been allowed to fall into an extremely bad state of repair. The road must be travelled at very low speeds.

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1. Comment: The alignment of the Vratsa-Mikhaylovgrad road on the AMS M506 1:250,000 Map Series is not correct; the road actually passes through Glavatsi (XF-4427) and not Duplyak (XF-4227).

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