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1. A loose-surfaced, graded, all-weather road (No 903 on legend) ran from Turka northward to Str Sambor then northeast to Sambor. Sambor is located approximately 45 kilometers north northeast of Turka. This same type of loose-surfaced, all-weather, graded road (No 903 on legend) ran southward from Turka to Uzhorod (Uzhgorod).

2. This all-weather road was over eight meters wide. The subbase of the road consisted of natural stone, rocks and sand. The base of the roads consisted of crushed rock and stones. The top layer consisted of crushed rock surfaced with sand.

3. Although this road was unpaved it was constructed for heavy usage during the Austrian regime. The area surrounding Turka was hilly and rocky. Turka was situated in the Carpathian Mountains. The road was periodically checked and maintained by assigned work crews. The road was crowned for easy drainage and shallow drainage ditches ran along both sides of the road. During World War II, the loose-surfaced, graded road was heavily traveled on by German tanks as they came up from Czechoslovakia on their way to Lwow (Lvov).

4. A loose-surfaced, all-weather, graded road (No 909 on legend) ran from a road junction which was located approximately 10 to 12 kilometers south of Turka and south southeast to Wysocko Niz. This same type of a loose-surfaced, all-weather road (No 909 on legend) ran from Turka west northwest to Lomna. Both roads were approximately five to six meters wide. The roads were also constructed for heavy usage. Both of these roads had a subbase of natural sand, stone and rocks. The road base consisted of crushed stones surfaced with sand. Shallow drainage ditches ran along both sides of the roads.

5. A number of loose-surfaced, dry weather roads (No 935 on legend) ran in the vicinity of Wysocko Niz, Zakonice and Losunec. These villages were located south, southeast and east of Turka. More loose-surfaced, dry weather roads (No 935 on legend) ran in the vicinity of Zukotyn, Topolnica, Smolna and Lastovka. These villages and small towns were located west, northwest, north and northeast of Turka.

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6. The roads were approximately five meters wide. They had a natural stone, rock and sand-type foundation. During the dry season these roads occasionally were capable of bearing heavy traffic and also in winter when the ground was frozen. From time to time the villagers, farmers, and foresters would resurface and regrade these roads. The roads were not crowned, nor did they have any shallow drainage ditches running alongside.

7. A number of cart tracks (No 9bb on legend) ran in the same vicinity as the dirt roads. They were approximately two to three meters wide and were used for short-cuts, inter-village communications and for foresters who hauled out the lumber from the forests which were located nearby. From time to time the chuchholes and ruts were filled in with gravel, stone and rocks by the farmers and villagers.

8. Bridges were non-existent in the area through which the cart tracks ran. It was possible to ford the streams during the dry season and walk across on the ice in winter when the streams froze. During winter when the ground was frozen these cart tracks could also occasionally bear heavy traffic.

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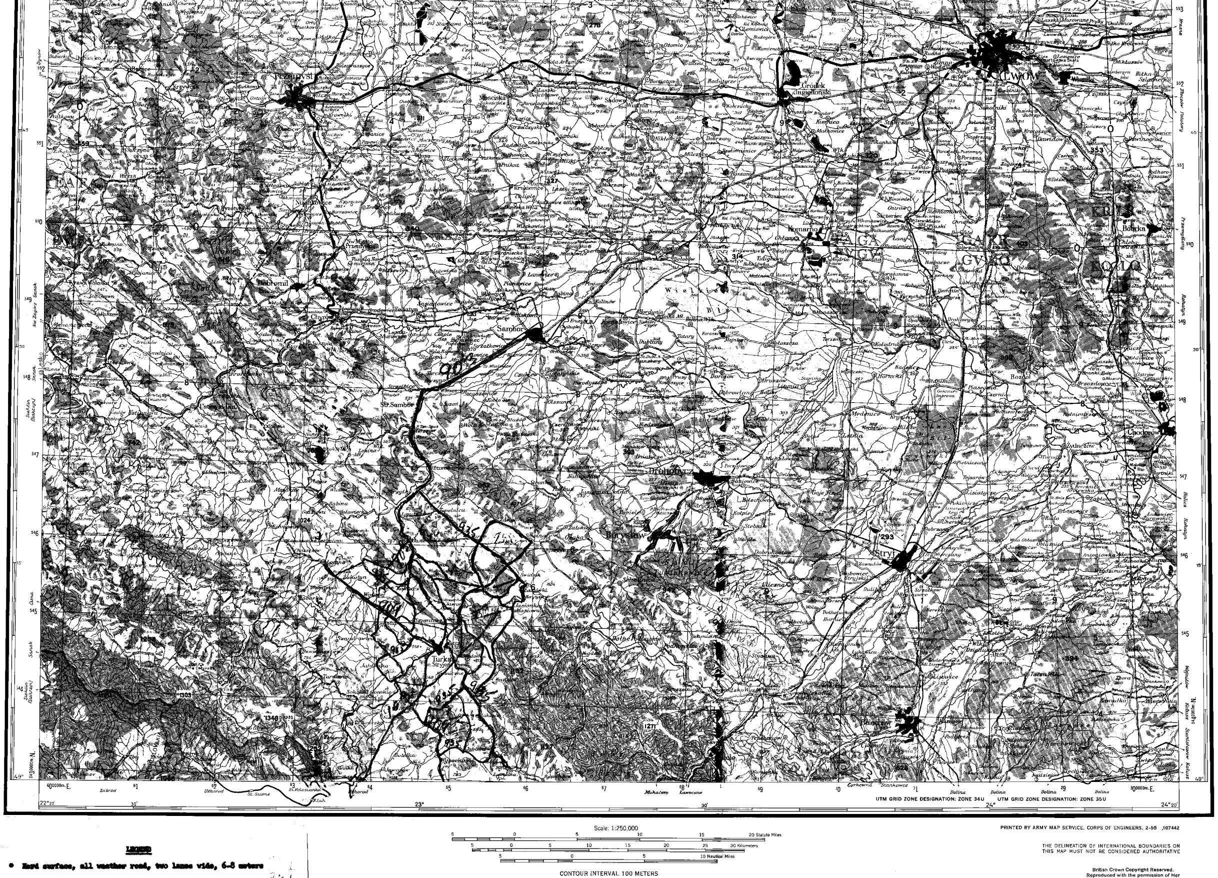

LEGEND

- Hard surface, all weather road, two lanes wide, 6-8 meters
  Hard surface, all weather road, one land wide, 3-5 — 921
- Loose surface, allweather road, two lanes wide, 5-8 meters — 903
  Loose surfaced, all weather road, one land wide, 3-5 meters — 909
  Loose-surfaced, dry weather or dirt road — principal 935; other – – – –

Cart tracks (more than 1.5 and less than 2.5 meters) — 922

Trails (less than 1.5 meters)

Dual highways (Superhighways)

- Note: Label those roads exactly 8 meters or wider.

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