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1. The first five kilometers of the Nikopol-Knezha Road has the following characteristics:
 - a. Width, four meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, badly rutted;
 - c. Shoulder, narrow, not suitable vehicles;
 - d. Level, parallel with south bank of Danube at distance of five meters;
 - e. Danube to north, steep cliff on south side of road; and
 - f. Heavy going after rain.
2. Road junction at N 43-42, E 24-51:
 - a. Main road to Debovo goes south, Gigen road runs west via bridge across Osma river; and
 - b. Bridge: length, 30 meters (overall); single span; roadway, 5 meters wide; deck type steel lattice girder, stone abutments built out from river bank; probably unlimited suitability; water beneath, 10 meters wide; steep earth banks four meters high; dry river bed, overgrown with grass on both sides of watercourse.
3. Five to Six kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, badly rutted;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Runs southwest along embankment to Cherkovitsa; and
 - e. Flat marshy ground on both sides, vehicles cannot leave road.
4. Six (Cherkovitsa: N 43-41, E 24-49) to seven kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, badly rutted; and
 - c. Shoulder, two meters wide, earth flush.

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5. Seven to 12 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, good condition;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Straight, climbing gradually towards Somovit; and
 - e. Open plains, no cover.
6. 12 (Somovit: N 43-41, E 24-46) to 15 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, good condition;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Enters Somovit along river bank approximately 100 meters above level of river; sharp drop on right; descends into village in series of hairpin curves; leaves village southwest, parallel with rail sidings;
 - e. Vehicles cannot leave road except over last kilometer; and
 - f. Five-track rail sidings and about 50 tank wagons in village; two turret cranes on river bank.
7. 15 to 16 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone, good condition;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Straight and level; and
 - e. Flat open country, no cover, railway and river Vit on right.
8. 16 (Dolni Vit, formerly Shamlievo: N 43-40, E 24-45) to 18 kilometers:
 - a. Surface, crushed stone (chalk), badly potholed; and
 - b. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush.
9. 18 to 21 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone (chalk), badly potholed;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Winding, no sharp curves, gradual ascent; and
 - e. Flat open fields on right, hills on left, no cover.
10. 21 (Milkovitsa, formerly Gradeshti: N 43-38, E 24-45) to 23 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone and earth, very muddy;
 - c. Shoulder, three meters wide, earth flush, mud; and
 - d. Fork east for Gulyantsi.
11. 23 to 26 kilometers:
 - a. Width, five meters;
 - b. Surface, crushed stone (chalk), fair condition;
 - c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - d. Fairly straight and level, cross single track relay at 25 kilometers; and
 - e. Flat open fields, no cover.
12. 26 (Gulyantsi: N 43-38, E 24-41) to 28 kilometers:
 - a. Width, six meters;
 - b. Surface, paved, good condition;
 - c. Shoulder, two meters wide, earth flush; and
 - d. Bridge across river at entrance to village.

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13. Bridge at Gulyantsi:
- Length: 80 meters (overall);
 - Arches: two (?) 40 meters;
 - Roadway: five meters wide;
 - Deck type steel lattice girder, stone abutments built out of river banks, one (?) stone pier, paved surface, built 1947;
 - Probably unlimited vehicles;
 - Water beneath: 15 meters wide;
 - Gently sloping earth banks; and
 - Clearance: six to eight meters.
14. 28 to 34 kilometers:
- Width, five meters;
 - Surface, crushed stone (chalk), bad condition;
 - Shoulders, one meter wide, earth flush;
 - Fairly straight, climbing slightly towards Brest; crushed stone (for repairs) along roadside; and
 - Flat fields on right, low hills on left, no cover.
15. 34 (Brest: N 43-38, E 24-35) to 37 kilometers:
- Width, eight meters;
 - Surface, mud;
 - Road indistinguishable from shoulders; and
 - Heavy vehicles likely to become bogged down in winter.
16. 37 to 46 kilometers:
- Width, five meters;
 - Surface, crushed stone, potholes and thick mud over first four kilometers, remainder is fair;
 - Shoulder, one meter wide, earth;
 - Fairly straight, gradual ascent over last three kilometers;
 - Open, rolling country, no cover; and
 - Heavy vehicles likely to become bogged down in winter.
17. 45 (Gigen: N 43-42, E 24-29) to 49 kilometers:
- Width, five meters;
 - Surface, crushed stone (chalk), some potholes; and
 - Shoulder, two meters wide, earth flush.
18. 49 to 59 kilometers:
- Width, five meters;
 - Surface, crushed stone (chalk) over first kilometer, otherwise mud;
 - Shoulders indistinguishable from road;
 - Bridge over Iskúr at 50.5 kilometers (length: 150 meters, overall; arches: four, each 40 meters; roadway: six meters wide, normal sidewalks, both sides; reinforced concrete arch, paved surface; probably unlimited vehicles; water beneath: 20 meters wide; clearance: approximately 10 meters; no further details);
 - Flat marshy country to left, low hills on right, difficult to leave road; and
 - Practically impassable after rain.
19. 59 (Krushovene: N 43-39, E 24-24) to 61 kilometers:
- Width, eight meters;
 - Surface, mud and water; and
 - Shoulders indistinguishable from road.

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20. 61 to 68 kilometers:

- a. Width, five meters;
- b. Surface, red sandstone, potholed and under water in places;
- c. Shoulder, one meter wide, earth flush;
- d. Fairly straight and level;
- e. Flat marshy country on left, low hills on right; vehicles can leave road at some points; and
- f. Practically impassable after rain.

21. 68 (Bregare: N 43-36, E 24-20) to 69 kilometers:

- a. Width, eight meters;
- b. Surface, mud and water;
- c. Shoulders, none seen; and
- d. Practically impassable after rain.

22. 69 to 72 kilometers:

- a. Width, five meters;
- b. Surface, crushed stone, potholed and very muddy;
- c. Shoulders, one meter wide, earth flush;
- d. Straight and level;
- e. Flat marshy country on left, low hills on right; vehicles can leave road at some points; and
- f. Heavy going after rain.

23. 72 (Stavertsi: N 43-34, E 24-17) to 74 kilometers:

- a. Width, eight meters;
- b. Surface, mud and water;
- c. Shoulders, none seen; and
- d. Heavy going after rain.

24. 74 to 94 kilometers (Knezha: N 43-29, E 24-04):

- a. Width, five meters;
- b. Surface, red sandstone, fair condition, some potholes;
- c. Shoulder, one to two meters wide, earth flush;
- d. Fairly straight, mild grades over some stretches, crushed stone (for repairs) along entire road;
- e. Open country, no cover; some low hills, small river on left; and
- f. Suitable all vehicles.

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