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1. Train #72, Rostov (4715N, 3953E) to Baku (4025N, 4950E), is powered by a coal-burning steam engine, has 10 to 12 passenger cars of 30-person capacity each, and makes the complete journey in 35 hours.
2. Train #20, Moscow to Baku, is a passenger express train using crude oil as fuel and usually consists of 16 to 18 passenger cars of 25-to 30-person capacity. The trip takes about 70 hours.
3. Train #348, Gudermes (4324N, 4606E) to Makhachkala (4258N, 4727E), is a special train carrying workers to various points between the two cities. It has 8 to 10 passenger cars and burns coal for fuel. It completes the trip in 4 to 4 1/2 hours, passing through Khasavyurt (4315N, 4634E) at 2 a.m.
4. Train #347, Gudermes to Makhachkala, is another special workers' train running between the two localities. This train also makes the trip in 4 to 4 1/2 hours, leaving Makhachkala at 6 p.m., passing through Khasavyurt at 8 p.m., and arriving at Gudermes about 10:30 p.m. [REDACTED] this train as being similar in composition to Train #348.
5. Other special workers' trains run as follows:
  - a. Mineralnye Vody (4412N, 4308E) to Prokhladnaya (4346N, 4400E), leaving former at 7 p.m., passing through Georgievsk (4409N, 4328E) at 8 p.m., and arriving at Prokhladnaya between 11 p.m. and midnight.
  - b. Prokhladnaya to Gudermes, leaving Prokhladnaya at 5:25 a.m., passing through Mozdok (4345N, 4445E), and arriving at Gudermes about 4 p.m.
6. Passenger trains on the Astrakhan (4621N, 4803E) - Kizlyar (4350N, 4645E) - Gudermes line are run by coal-burning steam engines.
7. The railroad line from Nalchik (4329N, 4337E) to Prokhladnaya is single track, 30 to 35 km long, with coal-burning steam engines running between the two points.
8. The line between Kislovodsk (4355N, 4243E) and Mineralnye Vody is a single track electrified line 74 km long.

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9. The railroad line from Cherkessk (4414N, 4203E) to Nevinnomyssk (4438N, 4157E) is a single track line being used by steam engines. In 1948 local inhabitants told source this line was being extended to Klukhori (4346N, 4154E) to transport coal being mined in that area.
10. The railroad line from Mineralnye Vody to Dudionevsk (probably Dudarovskii) is a 130 km single track being used by steam engines.
11. A steel railroad bridge is located at Nevinnomyssk at a point 1 to 1½ km west of town. It is 50 to 60 meters long and crosses the Kuban River.
12. A double-track railroad bridge is located at Rostov, is about 600 meters long, and is about 20 to 25 meters above the surface of the Don River. [REDACTED] submitted diagrams of this bridge.
13. A new steel bridge about 2500 meters long is being constructed at Kremenchug (4553N, 4101E) over the Dnepr River to replace a wooden single-track bridge 800 to 1000 meters west of the new construction. Source says the new bridge will be built with two levels, a road bridge being erected over the rail bridge.

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