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Sabotage with Delft Tiles for Cookers

Due to the mass-arrests of Bundists in the entire General Government¹, in August 1941 I fled my home town of Piotrków-Trybunalski.

After several days and nights of wandering, I arrived in Częstochowa, where I remained until the end. Over the course of time, I began working under the orders of the Bund's illegal headquarters in the Częstochowa underground movement. Together with a series of activists from other parties, we worked out plans on how to organise a resistance movement in the "Big Ghetto" and, later, in the "Small Ghetto".

Our fellow members, Brenner and Kuszniir, were extremely active. They called upon the Jewish workers to not bow their heads down, but to conduct a struggle against the brown² murderers by any means and under any circumstances.

We perpetrated a series of acts of sabotage. I worked at loading and unloading carriages with various materials which were sent to the Eastern Front. At the *Heeresbau* [military construction] division, we loaded, onto carriages, delft tiles for cookers, which were to be set up in bunkers at the Eastern Front. We worked in such a fashion, so that when we packed the tiles in, we put them in the middle of the carriage, leaving enough empty space next to the walls, so that, with the first wobble, everything was broken. We did this with all the materials which we loaded. We caused damage wherever possible.

¹ [TN: The General Government was the central region of Nazi-occupied Poland.]

² [TN: Reference to the colour of the Nazi uniforms.]