Thoroughfares

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Transit streets running separated with wires (vide Druty) running through ghetto.

As Zgierska and Limanowskiego streets – important thoroughfares for vehicular traffic in the city which held the only streetcar connection between the center and northern districts – could not be wired when the ghetto was fenced off, wires were installed along these streets as well as around the entire ghetto, separating the roadways from pavements and allowing transit through the ghetto – thus dividing it into three separate districts connected by bridges and gates (vide [Mosty] and [Tor]).

This way, Zgierska St. ran through the ghetto along a distance of 1.2 km, and Limanowskiego St. – 0.6 km.

Posts were spaced roughly every 200 meters along these streets as well as around the borders of the ghetto, guarded by armed officers of the Schupo.

On several occasions, various sections of these streets saw active smuggling (vide [Szmugiel]) carried out between vehicles and sidewalk that was part of in the ghetto.

In December 1942, sections of Brzezińska St. from the border of the ghetto to Franciszkańska St. – as well as on Franciszkańska St. from Brzezińska St. to the border of the ghetto on the other side – also became thoroughfares. Along the streets, a streetcar connection was established, running through the ghetto from the city center to the north-eastern district (Doły). Electric trains drove along these streets, with hermetically sealed windows and doors and guarded

by the Schupo.

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