# Bessarabia Residents Appalling History (1940)

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Many Germans eventually moved from the Odesa region to Bessarabia. There was more land there. Most did not move to the Americas.

Country ownership of Bessarabia changed multiple times over the years. Romania owned Bessarabia from 1918 until 1940. During World War 2, Russia, attacked and regained possession of Bessarabia in 1940 and renamed it Moldova.

Per a February 1940 agreement, the Soviet Union supplied Nazi Germany with large quantities of grain, as well as oil and other raw materials in exchange for German industrial goods.

Russia agreed to let the Germans, who lived in Bessarabia, move back to Germany.

The Germans, who lived in Bessarabia, fled back to Germany. They feared the Russians and moved immediately. They left behind all of their possessions.

After 90,000 moved to Germany, Hitler forced them to live on Polish farms to replace the Polish farmers who had been killed by Germany.

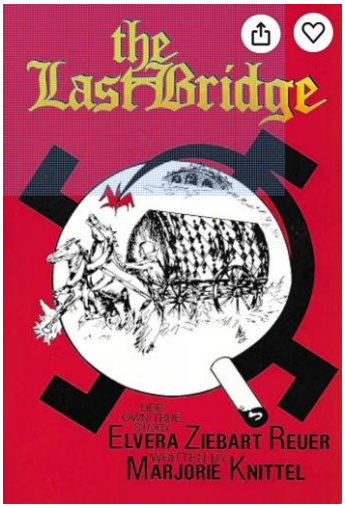
In 1941, Germany attacked Russia. Russia retaliated and started an attack on Germany. The Russians attacked those relocated Germans in Poland on their way to Germany.

The relocated Germans started fleeing back to Germany but were caught in the middle of the war. Equally bad, they were blocked on the Germany border by German soldiers. Many relocated Germans lost their families and their lives.

Some eventually made it across the German border.

The book, "The Last Bridge", by Elvera Ziebart Reuer, describes the lives of those who went through this terrible time.

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