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My memories of German crimes

The Germans attacked our country, took everything from us, murdered people and sent them to hard labor. They also took bells and valuables from churches. The priests and teachers were taken to penal camps. The Germans organized roundups in towns and villages. They captured people, separated fathers and mothers from their children, packed about 80–100 people into trucks, took them under escort, did not give them food or drink on the way, deported them to their own country for hard labor, and the journey often lasted a whole week.

Germany's allies, Kalmyks and Mongols, took cows, even there was only one on the farm. What is more, they robbed flats, stole shoes and clothes. At night they stole everything they could – under the threat of rifles. When my daddy was sick and didn't go to work, they said: "sabotage" and threatened him with a concentration camp. They burned and shot innocent people without mercy, handcuffed them or tied ten or more people by the hands with ropes. The gendarmes drove them to prison and poked them with rifle butts on the way. There, they held them as hostages, and if one German died, 30 hostages were shot. During the reign of the Germans, no one's life was safe.