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## (Second World War - Prelude - German Irredentism) *Die Zerstückelung Deutschlands.* *Vom Reiche sollen in Ost und West 5 1/2 Millionen Deutsche getrennt werden!* [The Dismemberment of Germany. East and West, 5-1/2 Million Germans Are to be Separated from the Nation] (Large Edition)

**Stock#:** 94725  
**Map Maker:** Gea Verlag G.m.b.H.  
**Date:** 1919 circa  
**Place:** Berlin  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 32 x 25.75 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



### Description:

#### *The First Stirrings of German Irredentism After World War I.*

*Die Zerstückelung Deutschlands!* or "The Dismemberment of Germany," is an important historical map published by the Gea Verlag G. m. b. H. in Berlin. This scarce German map is a powerful representation of the national discontent stirred by the Treaty of Versailles, highlighting its policy to "separate 5 1/2 million Germans from the nation."

The map bears witness to the stirrings of German irredentism post-World War I, a sentiment that would contribute significantly to the genesis of the Second World War.

The creators of this map leveraged visual cartography to manifest a potent narrative, one that underscored their opposition to the Treaty of Versailles. It is apparent in the delineation of territories meant to be "surrendered without a plebiscite," those under "enemy administration," and regions "occupied by enemy armies until further notice." Such stark demarcations, combined with the evocative title, fueled a sense of national victimhood.

The map's publication is linked to the wider sociopolitical milieu of the time, particularly the rise of the "stab-in-the-back myth," which alleged that the German army was undermined by civilians, particularly Republicans, on the home front. These beliefs, paired with the perceived injustices of the Treaty of



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Versailles as portrayed in the map, seeded the ground for the rise of German nationalism and, ultimately, the Second World War.

**Detailed Condition:**

Some small losses and stains, as illustrated. Fold wear. A few edge tears.