

JÄÄKÄRIKOMPPANIA

OFFICIAL BRIEFING

MID-WAR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING FOR
A FINNISH LIGHT INFANTRY JÄÄKÄRIKOMPPANIA



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ORIGINS OF THE JÄÄKÄRI

The *Jääkäri* troops were initially Finnish volunteers serving with the Germans, training as Jägers (elite light infantry), during World War I as the Royal Prussian 27th Jäger Battalion. They fought on the northern flank of the eastern front from 1916. The Finns were secretly recruited from university students and the upper middle class, though other member of Finnish society were also recruited.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in Finland, Jägers who intended to engage on the “White” (non-Socialist) side in the war were released from German service. 2,000 volunteers were soon fighting to put down the communists.

Their contribution to the White victory and Finnish independence was critical. They provided crucial leadership and training to the mostly green troops of the Civil War.

Immediately after the Civil War, they were afforded the right to use the word *Jääkäri* in their military ranks. Many of the *Jääkäri* continued their military careers, and the *Jääkäri* units continued in service as Finland’s elite. During the 1920s there was some tension between the German trained *Jääkäri* officers and those who had served with the Russian Imperial army. By the Winter War most of the commanders of army corps, divisions and regiments were former *Jääkäri*.

FINNISH SPECIAL RULES

SELF SUFFICIENT

The Finnish Army is composed of farmers and hunters, used to an outdoor lifestyle and making their own decisions. Their training emphasised this self-sufficiency.

Finnish Platoons use the German Mission Tactics special rule (see page 242 of the rulebook).

BITTER ENEMIES

The Finns are a stubborn people used to adversity. The survival of their country is at stake. All Finnish troops are prepared to fight at close quarters if needed to see off the invading Red Army.

When Finnish platoons test their Motivation to Counterattack in assaults against any Soviet platoon (Soviet company), you may re-roll the die and apply the re-rolled result to all Finnish platoons that failed on the original roll.

HUNTERS

Finland is a country of forests and lakes and the natives know their country well. They are able to quickly move through this difficult terrain with ease. Skiing is the national sport in Finland, as well as a necessity for travelling cross-country. Finnish platoons are ski-equipped, increasing their mobility during winter.

Finnish Infantry and Man-packed Gun teams may move At the Double through Forests, Woods, Snow, and Deep Snow (see page 30 of the rulebook).

AUTOMATED FIRE CONTROL

General Vilho P Nenonen trained and reorganised the Finnish artillery. Now they have several innovations to improve its performance. Finnish artillery organisation is very flexible and allows any Forward Observer to call down fire from any battery in range. Major Unto Petäjä’s new correction converter meant that artillery could respond to orders from any Observer very quickly, with a high degree of accuracy.

A Finnish Observer team from an artillery battery with a Staff team may act as the Spotting team for any artillery platoon, whether or not they have a Staff team.

When a Finnish artillery battery that has a Staff team fires an Artillery Bombardment, any other artillery batteries with Staff teams may join it before rolling to Range In and fire as a single combined Artillery Battery using the Mixed Bombardments rule on page 131 of the rulebook.

INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS

During their fighting against the Soviets the Finns would often intercept Soviet radio communications. This gave them prior knowledge of the Red Army’s attacks and where their troops were massing. The Finns would use this information to bring down very accurate artillery bombardment on the enemy positions.

Because of the excellent quality of the Finnish radio interception, Artillery Bombardments fired by an artillery platoon with a Staff team may re-roll the third failed attempt to range in. The artillery platoon does not get a re-roll on their first and second attempts.



KAPTEENI LAURI TÖRNI

Lauri Allan Törni was born in Viipuri in 1919 where his family had a large home. He learned from an Olympic boxing champion and already had a reputation as a tough, disciplined fighter and a fine skier before he joined the Finnish Army in 1938. During the Winter War he proved a brilliantly effective soldier in *Sissi* ski-guerilla units. By the end of the Winter War he had earned the rank of Sergeant.

Despite this, his home in Viipuri was part of the Finnish territory lost to the Soviet Union. This only added to Törni's hatred of communism.

After the Winter War, Törni was determined to continue the fight against the Soviet Union, and travelled to Germany to train with the *Waffen-SS*. In Operation Barbarossa, Törni again proved an excellent soldier, and was decorated with the Iron Cross Second Class. After Finland declared war on the Soviet Union again in the Continuation War, he returned home and re-enlisted in the Finnish Army.

CHARACTERISTICS

Captain Lauri Törni is a Warrior and Command team rated as **Fearless Veteran**.

Lauri replaces the Command team of a Jääkäri Platoon for a cost of +50 points. Lauri counts as a Recce team.

He is armed with a Suomi SMG and Satchel Charges with the following ratings:

Range: 4"/10cm, **ROF:** 3, **Anti-tank:** 1, and **Firepower:** 6.

Like an SMG team, Lauri fires at full ROF when moving and his Satchel Charges give him Tank Assault 4.

During the Continuation War (1941-1944) Törni proved an excellent combat leader, first with armour and then with light infantry, and was promoted to Captain. His long-range missions were so successful that the Red Army put a price of 3 million Finnish Marks on his head. In 1944 he was transferred to the Karelian Isthmus, scene of the final Soviet offensive. He led a *Jääkäri* unit which made a decisive counterattack and helped stabilise the line after the Soviet breakthrough. He was awarded the Mannerheim Cross, Finland's highest medal for bravery.

Törni's life in the military did not end there. After the war he journeyed to the United States, became a citizen and enlisted in the US army as Larry Thorn. He served with US Special Forces and led missions in places ranging from Iran to Vietnam, being decorated several times. He served two tours in Vietnam before being killed in Laos in 1965.

He was the basis of the character played by John Wayne in the movie *Green Berets*.

SPECIAL RULES

Implacable: Törni and the Jääkäri Platoon he has joined pass all Motivation Tests on a 2+.

Skilled Soldier: Törni and the Jääkäri Platoon he has joined may re-roll any failed Skill Tests.

Jääkärikomppania

LIGHT INFANTRY COMPANY

(INFANTRY COMPANY)

HEADQUARTERS

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Jääkärikomppania HQ

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You must field one platoon from each box shaded black and may field one platoon from each box shaded grey.

COMBAT PLATOONS

INFANTRY



Jääkäri Platoon

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INFANTRY



Jääkäri Platoon

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WEAPONS PLATOONS

MACHINE-GUNS



Jääkäri Machine-gun Platoon

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MACHINE-GUNS



Jääkäri Machine-gun Platoon

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ARTILLERY



Jääkäri Mortar Platoon

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ANTI-TANK



Jääkäri Anti-tank Rifle Platoon

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DIVISIONAL SUPPORT PLATOONS

ARMOUR



T-26 Panssari Platoon

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KV-1 Panssari Platoon

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T-34 Panssari Platoon

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ARMOUR



T-26 Panssari Platoon

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T-28 Panssari Platoon

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Assault Gun Platoon

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INFANTRY



Jalkaväki Platoon

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Pioneer Platoon

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ANTI-TANK



Anti-tank Platoon

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RECONNAISSANCE



Armoured Car Platoon

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ARTILLERY



Artillery Battery

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Heavy Mortar Platoon

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT



Anti-aircraft Platoon

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AIRCRAFT



Air Support

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MOTIVATION AND SKILL

The Finns fight hard against a numerically and technologically superior enemy. A *Jääkärikomppania* is rated as **Fearless Veteran**.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

HEADQUARTERS

JÄÄKÄRIKOMPPANIA HQ

HEADQUARTERS

Company HQ

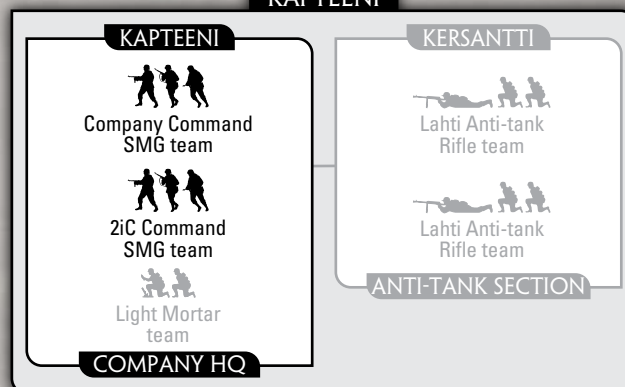
45 points

OPTIONS

- Add Lahti anti-tank rifle teams for +25 points per team.
- Replace all Lahti anti-tank rifle teams with Close-defence Rifle teams at no cost.
- Add Light Mortar team for +20 points.

A *Jääkärikomppania* (Light Infantry Company — pronounced yay-kar-ree komp-pa-nee-a) is led by a *Kapteeni* (Captain) who has been selected for his skill, courage and initiative. The *Jääkäri* provide much of the cutting edge of the Finnish army. Their tactics emphasise speed and mobility.

KAPTEENI



JÄÄKÄRIKOMPPANIA HQ

A high proportion of their leaders are volunteers or former regular army officers.

COMBAT PLATOONS

JÄÄKÄRI PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

4 Jääkäri Squads

170 points

3 Jääkäri Squads

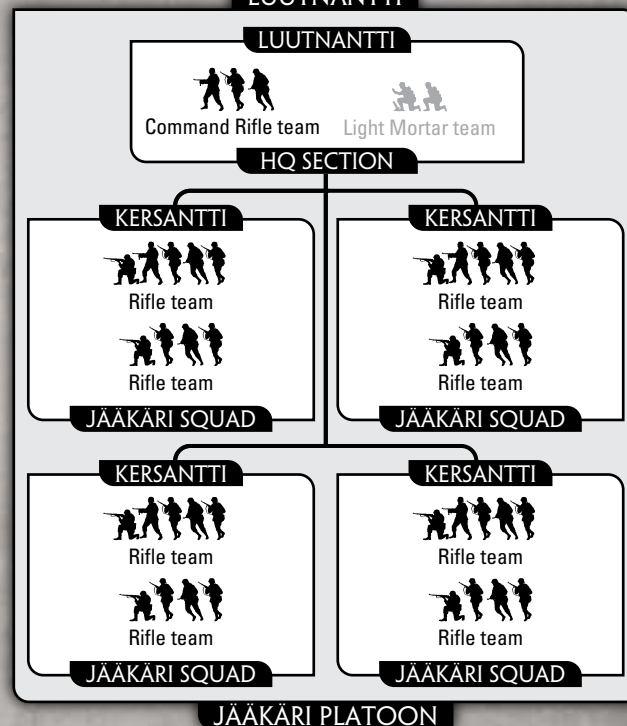
130 points

OPTIONS

- Replace the Command Rifle team with a Command Close-defence SMG team for +15 points.
- Replace all Rifle teams with SMG teams for +20 points per Jääkäri Squad.
- Upgrade a Jääkäri Platoon to be a Reconnaissance Platoon for +70 points for the platoon.
- Add Light Mortar team for +20 points.

Jääkäri (pronounced yay-kar-ree) means hunter as well as scout, and these units perform both roles. Whether they are fighting alongside an infantry unit or a Panssari unit, they are always at the vanguard. Often composed of men from rural areas, they have excellent fieldcraft skills.

LUUTNANTTI



THE JÄÄKÄRI AND THE ARMoured DIVISION

By early 1942 approximately 80 T-26 tanks of various models were in service and the armoured battalion was upgraded to Brigade status. During the summer of 1942 this brigade was combined with an elite *Jääkäri* light infantry brigade to form Finland's first Armoured Division.

WEAPONS PLATOONS

JÄÄKÄRI MACHINE-GUN PLATOON

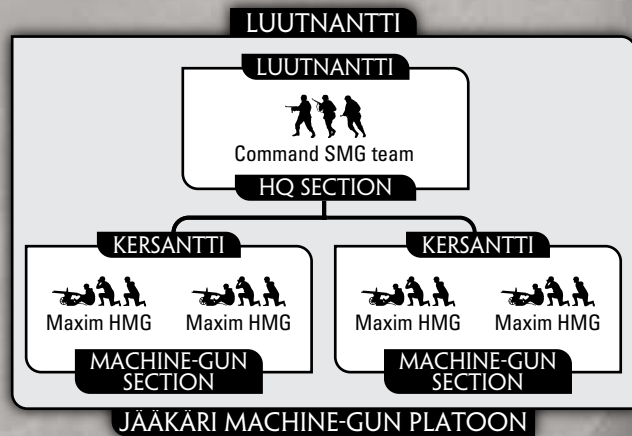
PLATOON

HQ Section with:

2 Machine-gun Sections	150 points
1 Machine-gun Section	85 points

Using surprise and quick repositioning of their machine guns, the Jääkäri are able to make better use of them in mobile battles. The Finns use the Soviet Maxim, a reliable weapon that will keep firing until the job is done.

A Jääkäri Machine-gun Platoon may make Combat Attachments to Jääkäri Platoons.



JÄÄKÄRI MORTAR PLATOON

PLATOON

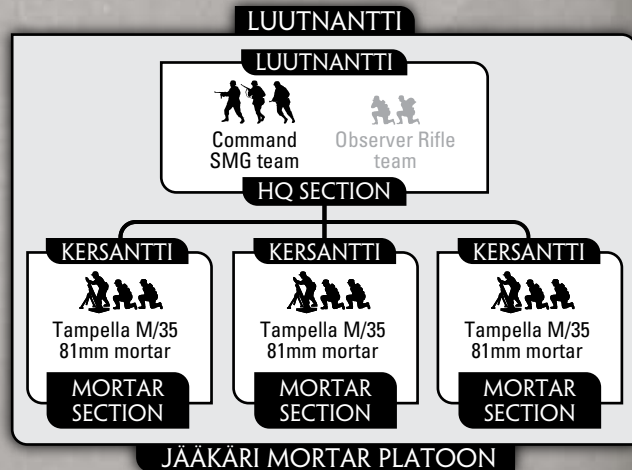
HQ Section with:

3 Mortar Sections	95 points
2 Mortar Sections	65 points

OPTION

- Add Observer Rifle team for +10 points.

The Jääkäri mortar men use the Tampella M/35 81mm mortar, which can fire smoke to assist in attack.



JÄÄKÄRI ANTI-TANK RIFLE PLATOON

PLATOON

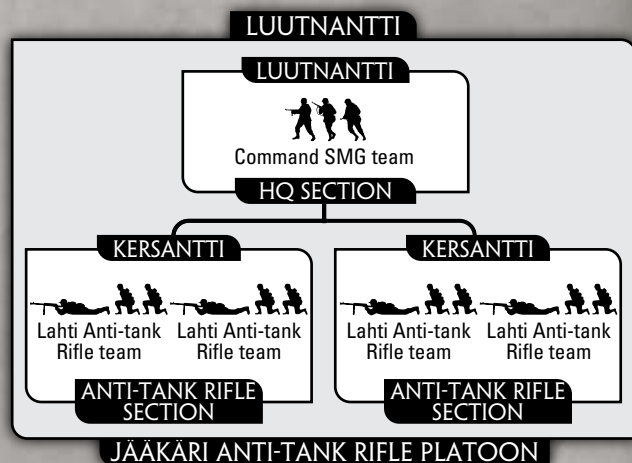
HQ Section with:

2 Anti-tank Rifle Sections	125 points
1 Anti-tank Rifle Section	75 points

OPTION

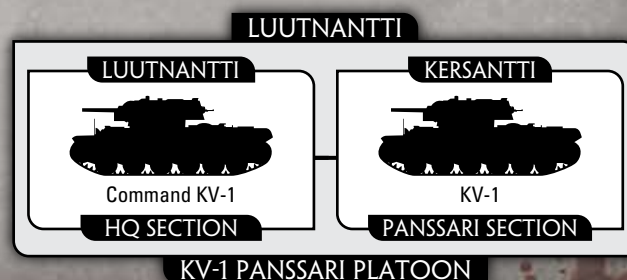
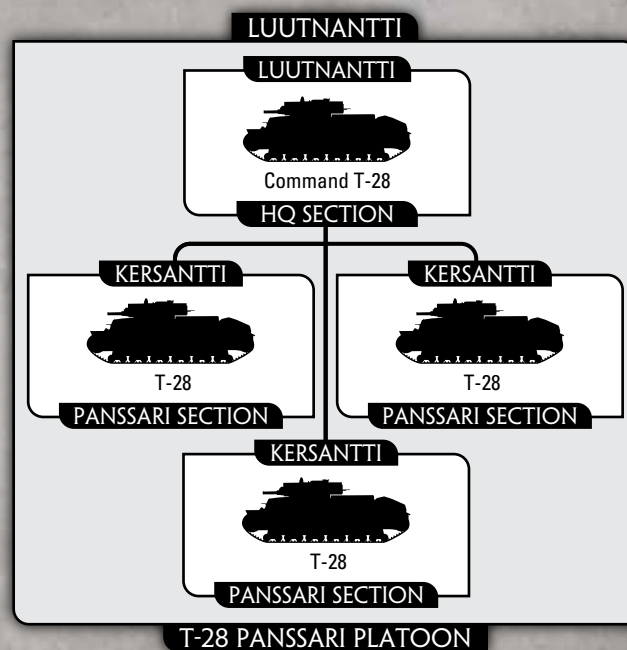
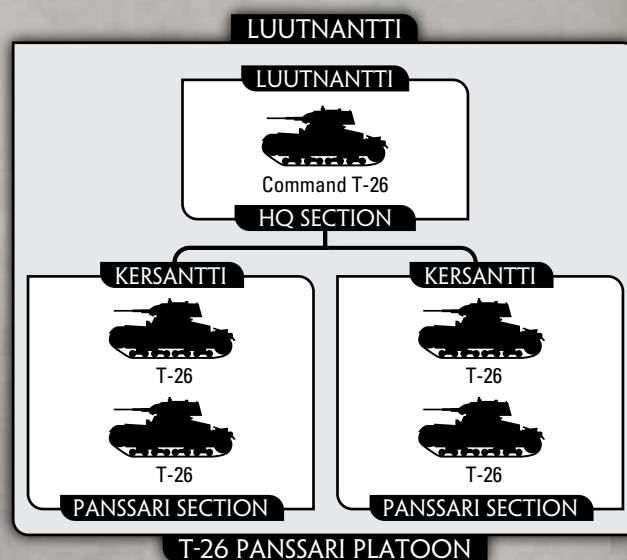
- Replace all Lahti anti-tank rifle teams with Close-defence Rifle teams at no cost.

To keep with their reconnaissance role the immediate anti-tank support for the Jääkäri was the Lahti 20mm anti-tank rifle. This man-portable, hard hitting, anti-tank weapon could be easily moved through the forests by its crew of three.



A Jääkäri Anti-tank Rifle Platoon may make Combat Attachments to Combat Platoons.

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FEARLESS	VETERAN



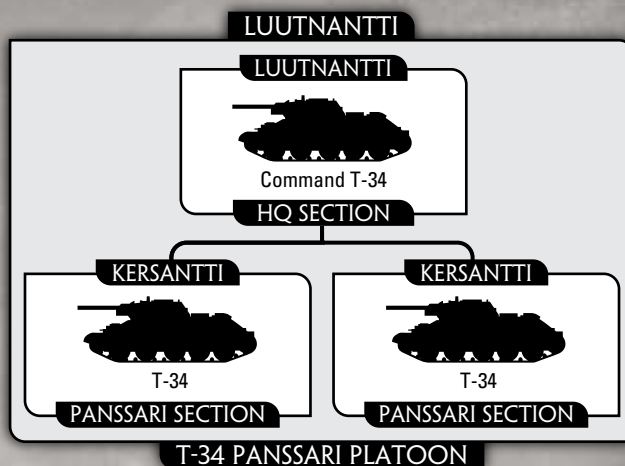
T-34 PANSSARI PLATOON

PLATOON

3 T-34	450 points
2 T-34	300 points

The Finns captured four T-34 medium tanks and two KV-1 tanks between 1941 and 1943. The Finns managed to get three T-34 tanks operational and assigned them to the 3rd Tank Company for use against the Red Army.

With their excellent mobility, good armour and effective gun, the T-34 is perhaps the best tank in the Finnish arsenal. All three were used against their former owners.

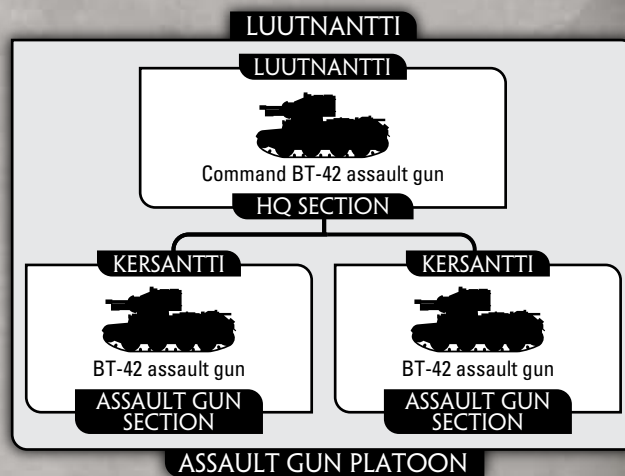


ASSAULT GUN PLATOON

PLATOON

3 BT-42	180 points
2 BT-42	120 points

Our forces captured many Soviet BT-7 tanks in the Winter War and 1941 offensive that were too lightly armoured for service as tanks. Instead they have had howitzers added to form the BT-42, our first assault gun! In the fighting on the Syväri River in the spring of 1943, the conversion proved a little unwieldy for tank combat, but very useful for infantry support.



JALKAVÄKI PLATOON

PLATOON

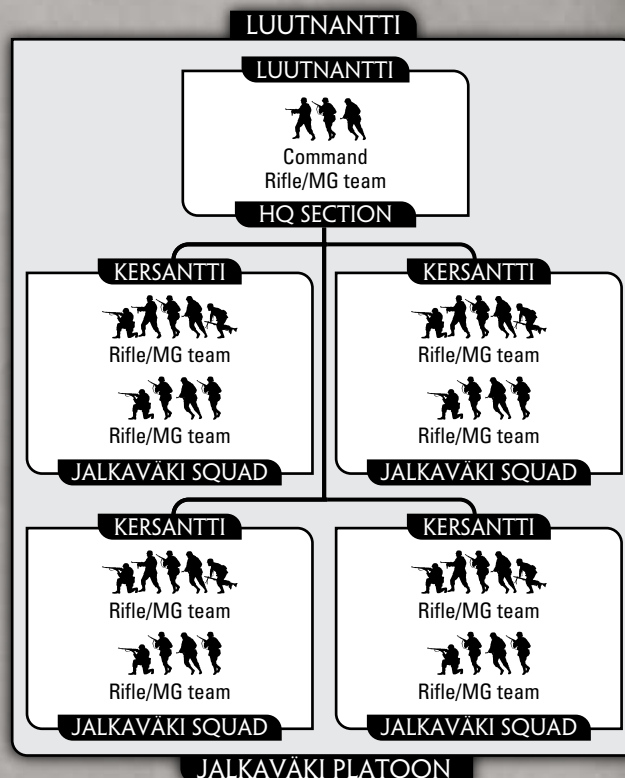
HQ Section with:

4 Jalkaväki Squads	225 points
3 Jalkaväki Squads	175 points
2 Jalkaväki Squads	125 points

OPTION

- Replace the Command Rifle/MG team with a Command Close-defence SMG team for +5 points.

Jalkaväki platoons are the strength of the Finnish Army. The troops were not regular soldiers but all had reserve training before the war. Now three years of combat has made them unmatched fighters. There can be no question of retreat, for they are fighting for their very homes. No other infantry defend better than dug-in *Jalkaväki* as the Soviets have discovered to their cost. In attack they are not afraid to take on any foe, even hunting down the invaders' tanks.



PIONEER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

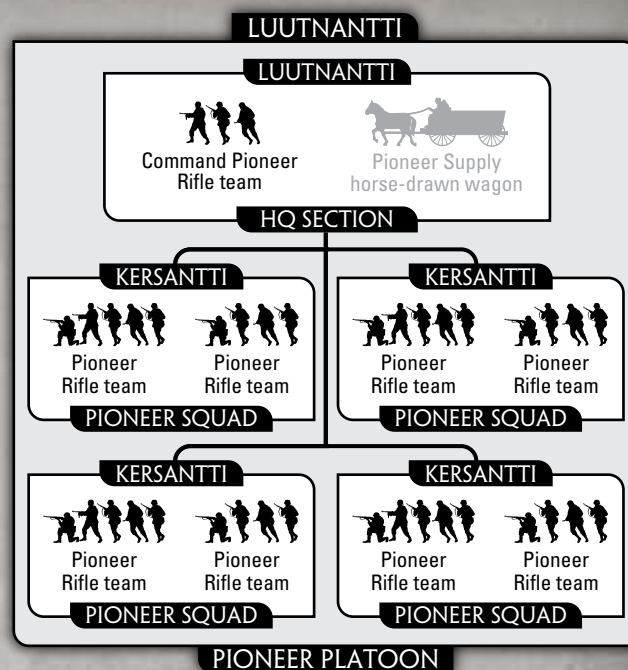
4 Pioneer Squads	235 points
3 Pioneer Squads	185 points
2 Pioneer Squads	135 points

OPTIONS

- Replace the Command Pioneer Rifle team with a Command Pioneer SMG team for +5 points.
- Add Pioneer Supply horse-drawn wagon for +20 points.

The large number of foresters in the Finnish army means there is no shortage of soldiers familiar with explosives and engineering equipment. These units are now amongst the best trained in the whole army, and have the full range of pioneer abilities, as well as satchel charges for use against fortifications or tanks.

You may replace up to two Pioneer Rifle teams with Flame-thrower teams at the start of the game before deployment.



ANTI-TANK PLATOON

PLATOON

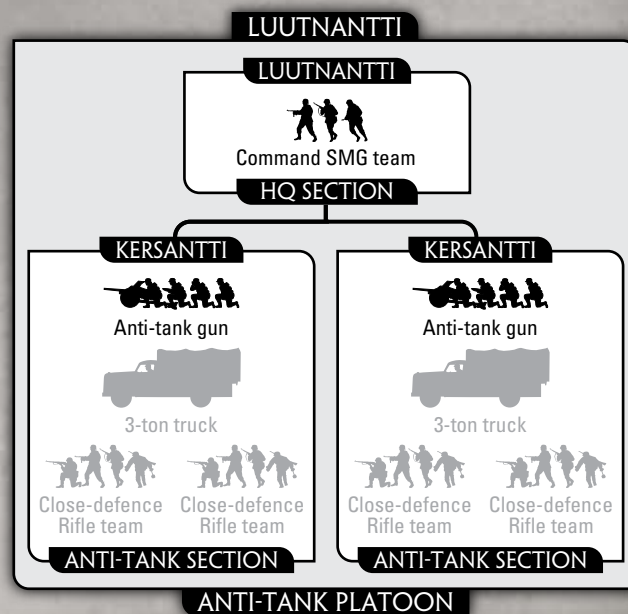
HQ Section with:

2 37 PstK/37 (3.7cm PaK36)	60 points
2 45 PstK/37 (45mm obr 1937)	65 points
2 50 PstK/38 (5cm PaK38)	90 points
2 75 PstK/97-38 (7.5cm PaK97/38)	100 points
2 75 PstK/40 (7.5cm PaK40)	170 points

OPTIONS

- Add up to two Close-defence Rifle teams per section, for +25 points per team.
- Add 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.

Anti-tank guns are precious. In addition to the 37mm and 45mm anti-tank guns, there are now a few heavy 50mm and 75mm guns purchased from Germany. Finland still does not have enough however, and close-defence teams equipped with satchel charges continue to be used to bolster anti-tank defences.



Finnish 37 PstK/37 anti-tank guns are equipped with Stielgranate ammunition.

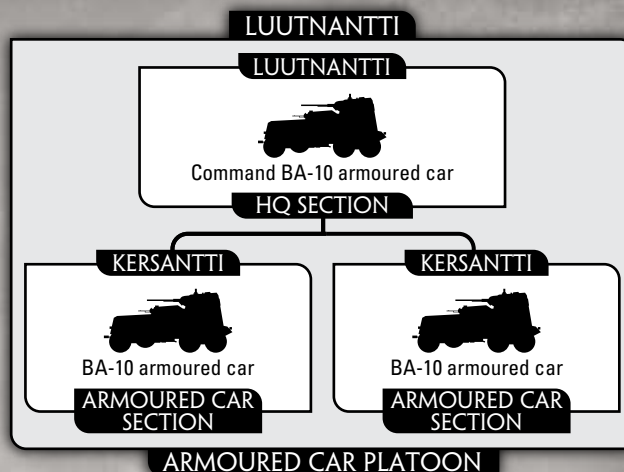
ARMoured CAR PLATOON

PLATOON

3 BA-10	150 points
2 BA-10	100 points

Some of the many Soviet armoured cars captured in the Winter War are now used for reconnaissance in both *Jalkaväki* and *Panssari* units. The BA-10 is the preferred model, with the lighter Soviet vehicles being discarded.

An Armoured Car Platoon is a Reconnaissance Platoon.



ARTILLERY BATTERY

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

4 76 RK/27 (76mm obr 1927)	120 points
2 76 RK/27 (76mm obr 1927)	75 points
4 76 K/02	170 points
2 76 K/02	95 points

4 105 H/33 (10.5cm leFH18)	270 points
2 105 H/33 (10.5cm leFH18)	145 points

4 122 H/38 (122mm obr 1938)	270 points
2 122 H/38 (122mm obr 1938)	145 points

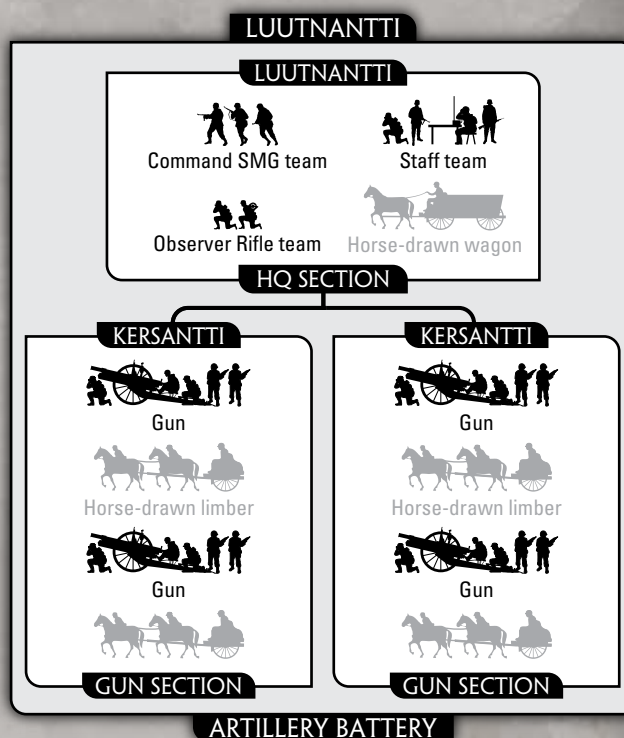
4 150 H/40 (15cm sFH18)	475 points
2 150 H/40 (15cm sFH18)	225 point

4 152 H/43 (152mm obr 1943)	420 points
2 152 H/43 (152mm obr 1943)	220 points

OPTIONS

- Add horse-drawn wagon and limbers at no cost.
- Replace all horse-drawn vehicles with 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the battery.

Artillery Batteries equipped with 122 H/38, 150 H/40, or 152 H/43 howitzers may not be deployed in Ambush.



Reorganised under the brilliant General Vilho P Nenonen, Finnish artillery is now very capable. It is well trained, no longer suffers from the ammunition shortages which plagued it in the Winter War, and has been re-equipped with captured Soviet field guns and modern German howitzers.

HEAVY MORTAR PLATOON

PLATOON

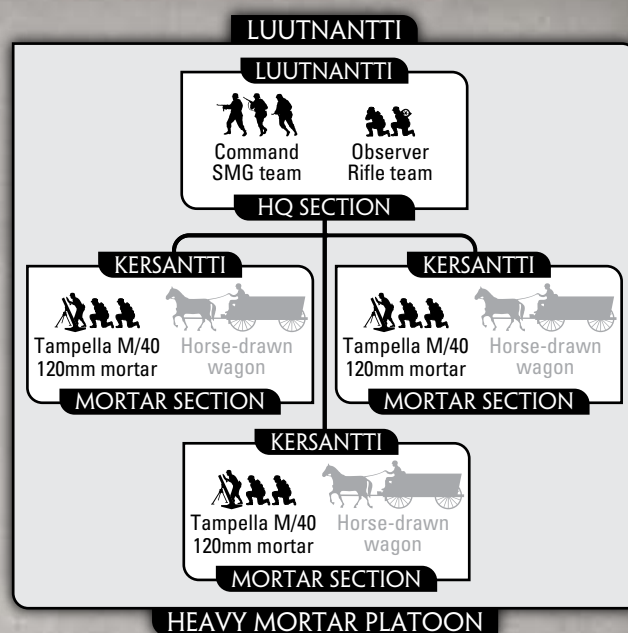
HQ Section with:

3 Mortar Sections	130 points
2 Mortar Sections	95 points

OPTIONS

- Add horse-drawn wagons at no cost.
- Replace all horse-drawn wagons with 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.

The Tampella 120mm mortar put into production after the Winter War, and plenty of captured Soviet weapons ensure that each infantry regiment now has a company of these excellent infantry support weapons.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON

PLATOON

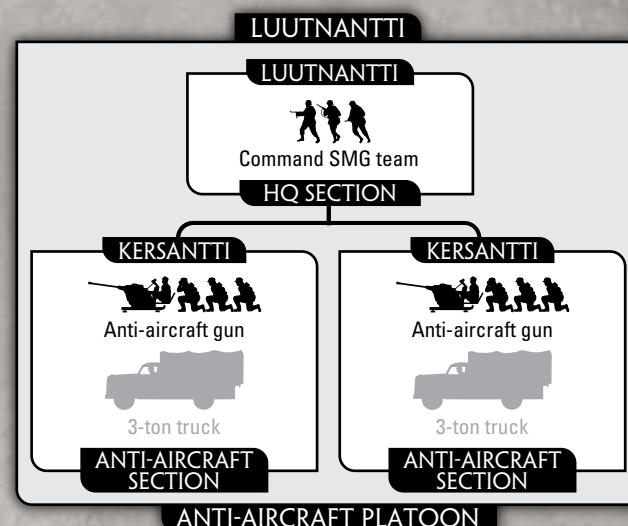
HQ Section with:

2 20 ItK/38 (2cm FlaK 38)	65 points
2 40 ItK/38 (40mm Bofors)	85 points

OPTIONS

- Add 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.

Most Finnish anti-aircraft guns are deployed to defend cities and rail centres, leaving few for the front lines. Fortunately, Finnish woods provide plenty of cover against marauding Soviet aircraft, so their absence is not so important.

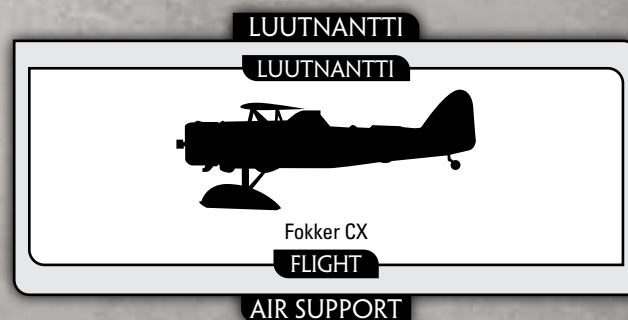


AIR SUPPORT

SPORADIC AIR SUPPORT

Fokker CX	90 points
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The Finnish Air Force has its hands full keeping Soviet bombers from devastating Helsinki and other cities, leaving few resources to support the infantry on the front lines. A handful of outdated Fokker biplanes are all that are available. However, the determination and courage of their pilots allow them to achieve much with so little.



THE HISTORY OF THE FINNISH HAKARISTI

The blue (on aircraft) or black (on armoured vehicles) Finnish hooked cross (*Hakaristi*) was originally the symbol of luck of the family of Count von Rosen, who donated his first plane to the Finnish 'White Army', in 1918 during the War of Independence.

It was adopted as the official national marking of the Finnish Air Forces and later on, the Army. Only after the Nazis adopted a similar hooked cross as their emblem did this ancient symbol acquire political significance. In other words, the Finnish hooked cross had nothing to do with the Nazi party, Nazi ideology or fascism in general.



Finnish Arsenal

TANK TEAMS

Name <i>Weapon</i>	Mobility <i>Range</i>	Front <i>ROF</i>	Armour		Equipment and Notes
			Side <i>Anti-tank</i>	Top <i>Firepower</i>	
TANKS					
T-26 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>24"/60cm</i>	1 2	1 7	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Limited vision, Unreliable.
T-28 <i>76mm L-10 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>24"/60cm</i>	4 2	3 7	2 3+	Two Deck-turret MG, Turret-front MG, Turret-rear MG, Limited Vision, Unreliable, Wide tracks.
T-34 <i>76mm F-34 gun</i>	Standard Tank <i>32"/80cm</i>	6 2	5 9	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Fast tank, Hull MG, Limited vision, Wide-tracks.
KV-1 <i>76mm F-34 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>32"/80cm</i>	9 2	8 9	2 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Turret-rear MG, Limited vision, Unreliable.

ASSAULT-GUNS

BT-42 <i>114 Psv.H/18 howitzer Firing bombardments</i>	Standard Tank <i>16"/40cm 48"/120cm</i>	1 1 -	1 7 4	1 2+ 3+	Limited vision, Unreliable. <i>Breakthrough gun.</i>
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ARMoured CARS

BA-10 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Wheeled <i>24"/60cm</i>	1 2	0 7	0 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Limited vision, Recce.
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VEHICLE MACHINE-GUNS

Vehicle MG	<i>16"/40cm</i>	3	2	6	<i>ROF 1 if other weapons fire.</i>
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INFANTRY TEAMS

Team	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Rifle team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	
Rifle/MG team	16"/40cm	2	2	6	
SMG team	4"/10cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Light Mortar team	16"/40cm	1	1	4+	Can fire over friendly teams.
Flame-thrower team	4"/10cm	2	-	6	Flame-thrower.
Staff team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Moves as a Heavy Gun team.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

Close-defence and Pioneer teams are rated as Tank Assault 4.

GUN TEAMS

Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Maxim HMG	Man-packed	24"/60cm	6	2	6	ROF 3 when pinned down or moving.
Lahti anti-tank rifle	Man-packed	16"/40cm	3	5	5+	
Tampella M/35 81mm mortar	Man-packed	40"/100cm	-	2	6	Smoke bombardment.
Tampella M/40 120mm mortar	Light	24"/60cm	2	2	3+	Minimum range 8"/20cm, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		56"/140cm	-	3	3+	Smoke bombardment.
37 PstK/37 (3.7cm PaK36) gun	Light	24"/60cm	3	6	4+	Gun shield.
Firing Stielgranate		8"/20cm	1	12	5+	
45 PstK/37 (45mm obr 1938) gun	Light	24"/60cm	3	7	4+	Gun shield.
50 PstK/38 (5cm PaK38) gun	Medium	24"/60cm	3	9	4+	Gun shield.
75 PstK/97-38 (7.5cm PaK97/38) gun	Medium	24"/60cm	2	10	3+	Gun shield.
75 PstK/40 (7.5cm PaK40) gun	Medium	32"/80cm	2	12	3+	Gun shield.
20 ItK/38 (2cm FlaK38) gun	Light	16"/40cm	4	5	5+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
40 ItK/38 (Bofors 40mm) gun	Immobile	24"/60cm	4	6	4+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
76 K/02 gun	Heavy	24"/60cm	2	8	3+	Gun shield, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	3	6	Smoke bombardment.
76 RK/27 (76mm obr 1927 gun)	Light	16"/40cm	2	5	3+	Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	3	6	
105 H/33 (10.5cm leFH18) howitzer	Immobile	24"/60cm	1	10	2+	Breakthrough gun, Gun shield, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		72"/180cm	-	4	4+	Smoke bombardment.
122 H/38 (122mm obr 1938) howitzer	Immobile	24"/60cm	1	7	2+	Breakthrough gun, Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		80"/200cm	-	4	3+	
150 H/40 (15cm sFH18) howitzer	Immobile	24"/60cm	1	13	1+	Bunker buster, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		80"/200cm	-	5	2+	Smoke bombardment.
152 H/43 (152mm obr 1943) howitzer	Immobile	24"/60cm	1	10	1+	Bunker buster, Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		80"/200cm	-	5	2+	

TRANSPORT TEAMS

Vehicle	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	

TRUCKS

3-ton truck	Wheeled	-	-	-	
Horse-drawn wagon	Wagon	-	-	-	

TRACTORS

Horse-drawn limber	Wagon	-	-	-	
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AIRCRAFT

Aircraft	Weapon	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Fokker CX	MG	3+	3	6+	
	Bombs	4+	5	2+	

