



Panssarikomppania



(TANK COMPANY)

The Finnish army now has enough captured tanks to assign you the command of a complete Panssari komppania (pronounced pahns-sahr-ee-komp-pahn-ee-ya) or Tank Company. You will be at the forefront of the offensive to recapture Finnish territory taken in the Soviet invasion. Your men have had time to become familiar with their tanks and are now expected to operate with the same high degree of efficiency as our infantry.

A force based around a Panssarikomppania must contain:

- a Company HQ, and
- two or three Panssari Platoons.

Weapon platoons available to a Panssarikomppania are:

- two Jääkäri Platoons.

Support platoons for a Panssarikomppania can be:

- an Armoured Anti-aircraft Platoon, and



- Divisional Support Platoons.

You may have up to **one** Support Platoon for each Panssari Platoon in the Company.

Motivation and Skill

The Finnish tank units have spent the time since the end of Winter War in 1940 in constant training. The bitter lessons of the Winter War have been well learned and with some of the hardest fighting of autumn 1941 behind them the tank troops are rated as **Fearless Veteran**.



HEADQUARTERS



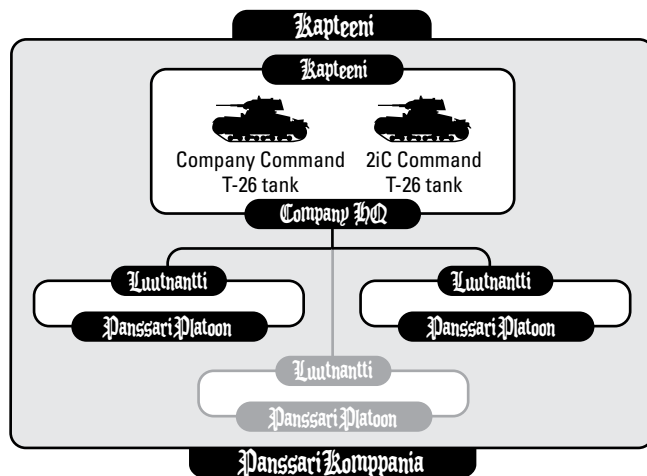
1 Company HQ

Headquarters

Company HQ

100 points

Soviet T-26 tanks that have been repaired and put back into Finnish use formed the bulk of Finnish armoured companies. The tanks are obsolete by current standards, but aggressive tactics and skilful use means good results can still be obtained from them. The commanders are drawn from the ranks of the pre-war Finnish armoured company, and from *Jääkäri* units used in offensive operations.



Mixed Model T-26 Tanks

The Finn's captured T-26 tanks of every model, from the early model 1931 to the later model 1939 and everything in between.

Most of the T-26 tanks were refurbished and standardised, to represent this in your force you may field any mix of T-26 models in your platoons, but they all count as being the later T-26 obr 1939.

The History Of The Finnish Hakaristi

The blue 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.

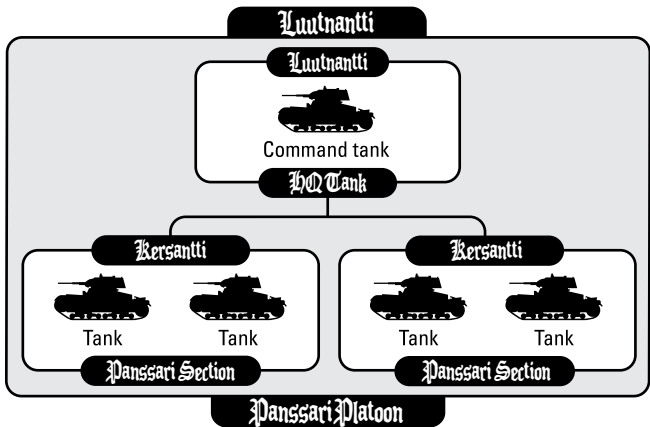




COMBAT PLATOONS



2 or 3 Panssari Platoons



Platoon

5 T-26	250 points
4 T-26	200 points
3 T-26	150 points

Captured Soviet armour has been used to equip the Finnish tank battalions. We have managed to press 167 tanks into service, unfortunately mostly obsolete T-26 light tanks of various models.

Captured Tanks

The Finnish army was vastly under-equipped in the face of the mighty Red Army and had to press into service any piece of equipment they could capture or find. Although the tank forces were primarily made up of the light Soviet T-26 tank, other captured Soviet tanks appeared in some formations.

Instead of the normal organisation you may field your Panssarikomppania as either the 3rd Tank Company or the 6th Tank Company, but not both in the same force.

3rd Tank Company

The Finnish 3rd Panssarikomppania had 3 T-34 tanks that were purchased from the Germans and some T-28 tanks captured from the Soviet Union.

One Panssari Platoon is equipped with 3 T-34 tanks for 475 points and one Panssari Platoon is equipped with 4 T-28's for 310 points. The remaining Panssari Platoon is equipped with T-26 light tanks as shown above.

6th Tank Company

The Finnish 6th Panssarikomppania had 2 KV-1 tanks and 4 T-28 tanks captured from the Soviet Union.

One Panssari Platoon is equipped with 2 KV-1 tanks for 420 points and one Panssari Platoon is equipped with 4 T-28's for 310 points. The remaining Panssari Platoon is equipped with T-26 light tanks as shown above.



WEAPONS PLATOONS



0 to 2 Jääkäri Platoons

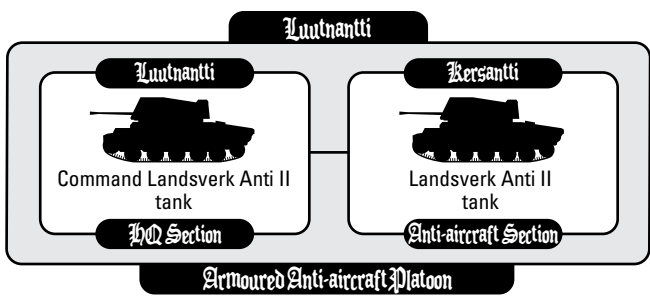
This is organised and equipped like the Jääkäri Platoon shown on page 76.



SUPPORT PLATOONS



0 to 1 Armoured Anti-aircraft Platoon



Platoon

2 Landsverk Anti II	180 points
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Finland purchased six *Landsverk Anti II* anti-aircraft tanks from Sweden, and formed a Armour AA-Battery in May 1942 as part of the *Panssari Divisioona*, the Armoured Division. They were highly effective both in air-defence and in support of ground operations.





Jalkaväkikomppania



(INFANTRY COMPANY)

The main strength of the Finnish army remains its well-trained and skilfully-led Jalkaväkikomppania (pronounced yahl-kah-vae-kee-komp-pahn-ee-ya) or infantry company, now well tested in battle. These are now fully equipped with heavy weapons, thanks to some purchased from abroad, and many others captured from the Soviets. Earlier losses from the Winter War and the demands of the wartime economy mean that manpower is in short supply, so companies now only have three rifle platoons each. But that should still be enough to stop any invader.

A force based around a Jalkaväkikomppania must contain:

- a Company HQ, and
- two or three Jalkaväki Platoons.

Weapon platoons available to a Jalkaväkikomppania are:

- a Jääkäri Platoon,
- two Machine-gun Platoons, and
- a Mortar Platoon.

Support platoons for a Jalkaväkikomppania can be:



- a Panssari Platoon, and
- Divisional Support Platoons.

You may have up to **one** Support Platoon for each Jalkaväki Platoon in the Company.

Motivation and Skill

The Finns fight hard against a numerically and technologically superior enemy, much to the dismay of the Soviet Red Army. The Finnish Jalkaväki are rated as **Fearless Veteran**.



HEADQUARTERS



1 Company HQ

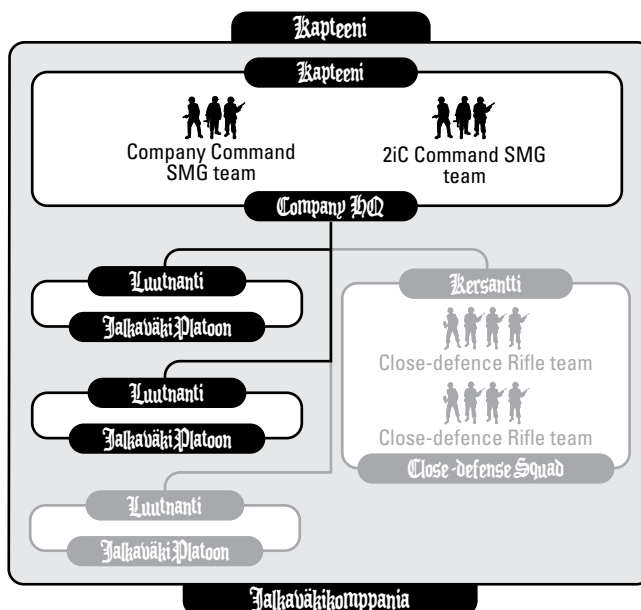
Headquarters

Company HQ 50 points

Options

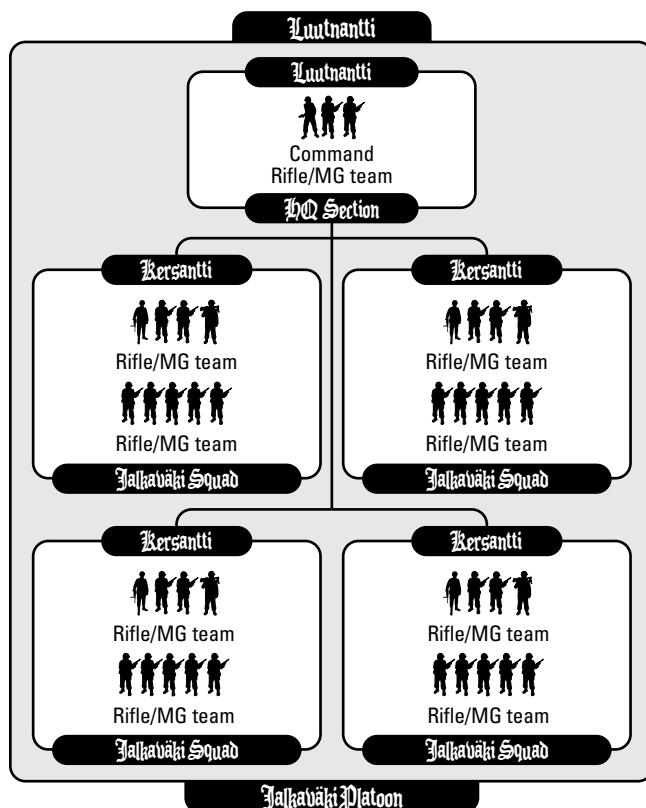
- Add Close-defence Squad for +25 points per team.
- Replace all Close-defence Rifle teams with Lahti anti-tank rifle teams at no cost.

A *Kapteeni* (Captain) leads an infantry company of three platoons. Finnish infantry companies are organised along German lines. A cadre of Finnish field officers fought as a *Jäger* battalion in the German Army in World War One. They returned to teach German *Jäger* tactics to all of our officers. As a result Finnish field officers are very well trained and after three years of war, highly experienced. Finnish infantry companies are well-balanced teams with infantry, *Jääkäri* units, and machine-guns and mortars able to see off any enemy infantry assault. With the attachment of divisional assets such as anti-aircraft and anti-tank platoons, and perhaps even some captured *Panssari*, they have made the forests of Finland a death trap for enemy tanks. In attack their superior fieldcraft gives our troops the ability to advance quickly and use 'motti' tactics—first encircling and then assaulting and destroying the enemy.



COMBAT PLATOONS

2 to 3 Jalkaväki Platoons



Platoon

HQ Section with:

4 Jalkaväki Squads	215 points
3 Jalkaväki Squads	165 points
2 Jalkaväki Squads	115 points

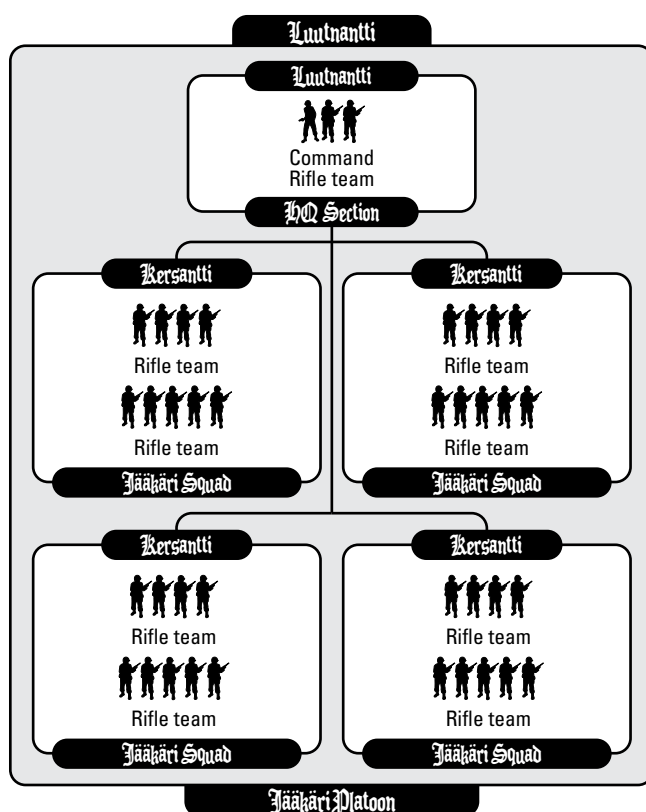
Options

- 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.

WEAPONS PLATOONS

0 to 1 Jääkäri Platoon



Platoon

HQ Section with:

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

Options

- Replace the Command Rifle team with a Command Close-defence SMG team for +10 points.
- Replace all Rifle teams with SMG teams for +20 points per Jääkäri Squad.

The *Jääkäri* (yay-kah-ree, or hunters) scout ahead and provide flank security. Many Finnish soldiers are hunters and woodsmen, familiar with the country and completely at home in it. Their ability to advance silently and undetected is remarkable. They are aggressively led and their role is as much assault as reconnaissance.

A Jääkäri Platoons are Reconnaissance Platoons



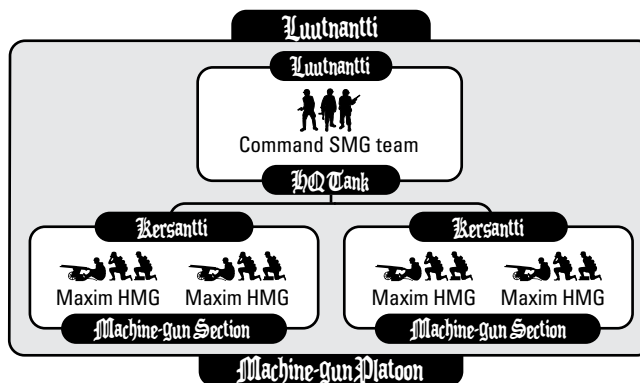
0 to 2 Machine-gun Platoon

Platoon

HQ Section with:

2 Machine-gun Sections	155 points
1 Machine-gun Section	90 points

Heavy machine-guns are the mainstay of Finnish defences against enemy infantry. The Finns use the Soviet Maxim with the bulky gun shield removed. It is a reliable weapon that will keep firing until the job is done and Soviet companies contain plenty of targets.



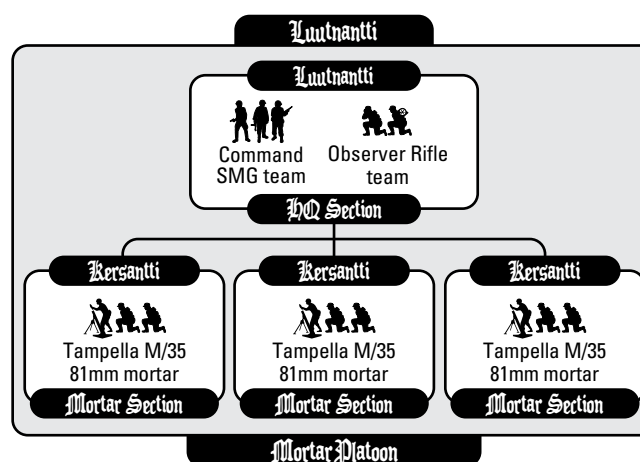
0 to 1 Mortar Platoon

Platoon

HQ Section with:

3 Mortar Sections	125 points
2 Mortar Sections	95 points

Every Finnish battalion has a light mortar unit to provide immediate fire support to front-line infantry. They can fire smoke to assist in attack and there rapid-fire missions break up the enemy in defence. Their light weight enables them to be brought forward quickly to keep up with an advance.



SUPPORT PLATOONS



0 to 1 Panssari Platoon

This is organised and equipped like the Panssari Platoons shown on page 74. This includes the variant Panssari Platoons of the 3rd and 6th Tank Companies.





Divisional Support



Any Panssarikomppania or Jalkaväki Komppania may have the following Support Platoons:

- an Anti-aircraft Platoon,
- Anti-tank Platoons,
- an Armoured Car Platoon,
- an Assault Gun Platoon
- Field Artillery Platoons,
- a Heavy Mortar Platoon, and
- a Pioneer Platoon

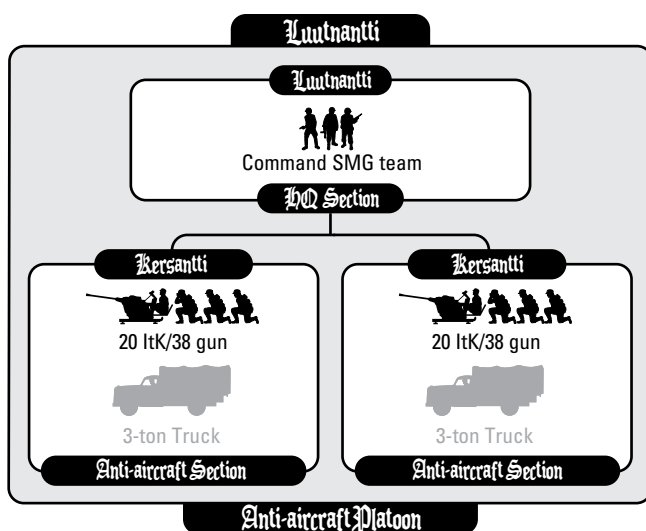
Motivation and Skill

Like the troops they support, the Divisional Support Platoons are hardened from battle and show the fervour of a people defending their country and way of life. Divisional Support Platoons are rated as **Fearless Veteran**.

Air Support

You may request Sporadic Air Support at a cost of +90 points. Sporadic Air Support will provide you supporting Fokker CX ground-attack aircraft.

0 to 1 Anti-aircraft Platoon



Platoon

HQ Section with:

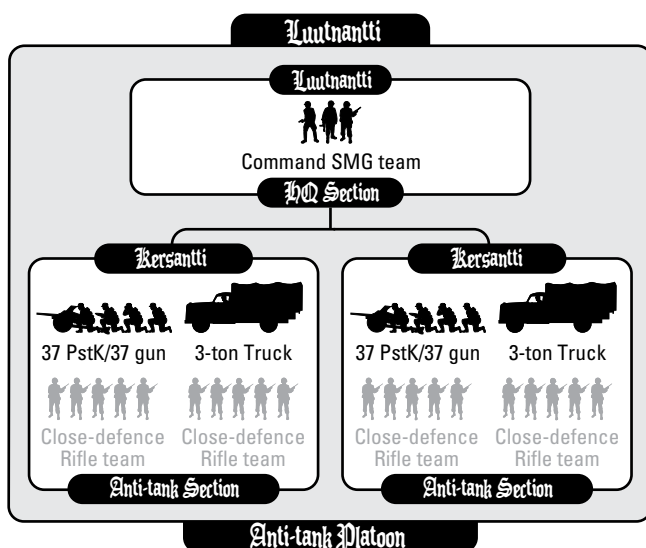
2 Anti-aircraft sections 80 points

Options

- Replace both 20 LtK/38 (2cm FlaK 38) anti-aircraft guns with two 40 LtK/38 (40mm Bofors) anti-aircraft guns for +15 points.
- Add one 3-ton truck to each Anti-aircraft Section for +5 points for the platoon.

Every division now has integral anti-aircraft platoons, armed mainly with the 40mm Bofors imported from Sweden or 20mm guns purchased from Germany. These protect the troops against the swarming Red Air Force.

0 to 2 Anti-tank Platoons



Platoon

HQ Section with:

2 Anti-tank Sections 90 points

Options

- Add up to two Close-defence Rifle teams per section, for +25 points per team.
- Replace all 37 PstK/37 (3.7cm PaK36) anti-tank guns with 45 PstK/37 (45mm obr 1937) anti-tank guns for +10 points for the platoon, with 50 PstK/38 (5cm PaK 38) anti-tank guns for +30 points for the platoon, with 75 PstK/97-38 (7.5cm Pak 97/38) anti-tank guns for +40 points for the platoon, or with 75 PstK/40 (7.5cm PaK 40) anti-tank guns for +115 points for the platoon.

Your force may not contain more than one Anti-tank Platoon armed with 75 PstK/40 (7.5cm PaK 40) anti-tank guns, even if it has more than one Panssarikomppania or Jalkaväkikomppania.

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.



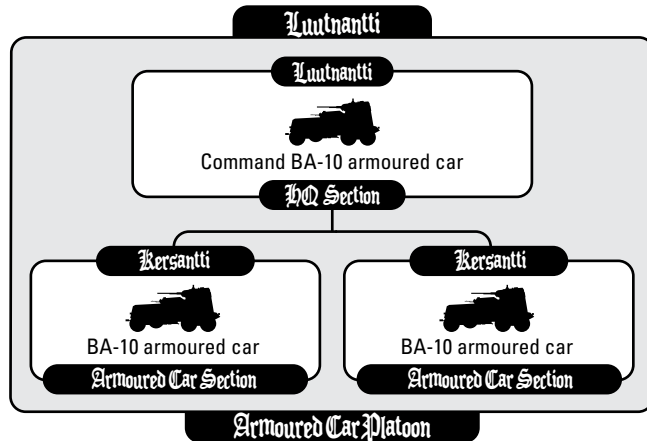
0 to 1 Armoured Car Platoon

Platoon

3 BA-10	180 points
2 BA-10	120 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 Platoons

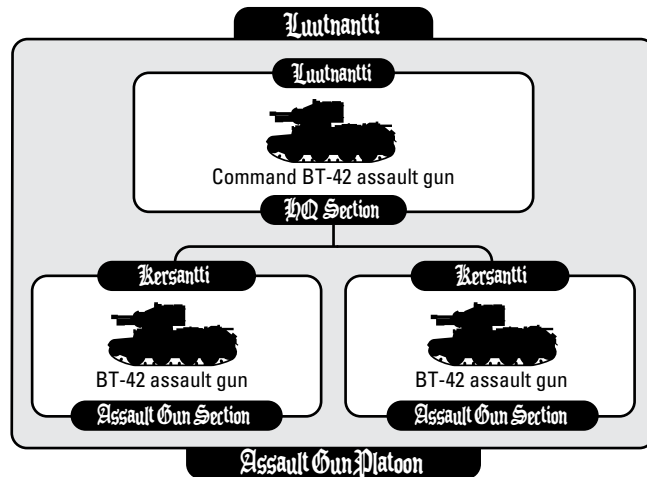


0 to 1 Assault Gun Platoon

Platoon

3 BT-42	220 points
2 BT-42	145 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! The conversion has proved a little unwieldy for tank combat, but they are useful for infantry support.



Field Artillery Platoon

Platoon

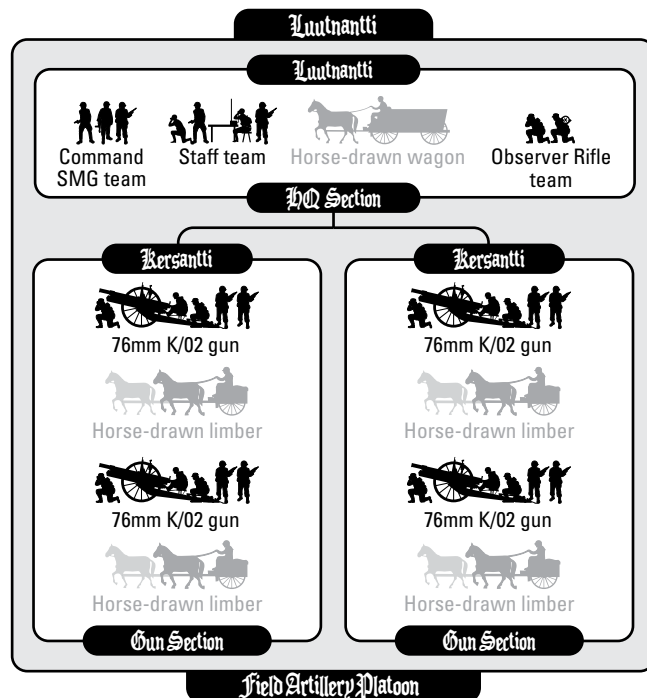
HQ Section with:

2 Gun Sections	190 points
1 Gun Section	115 points

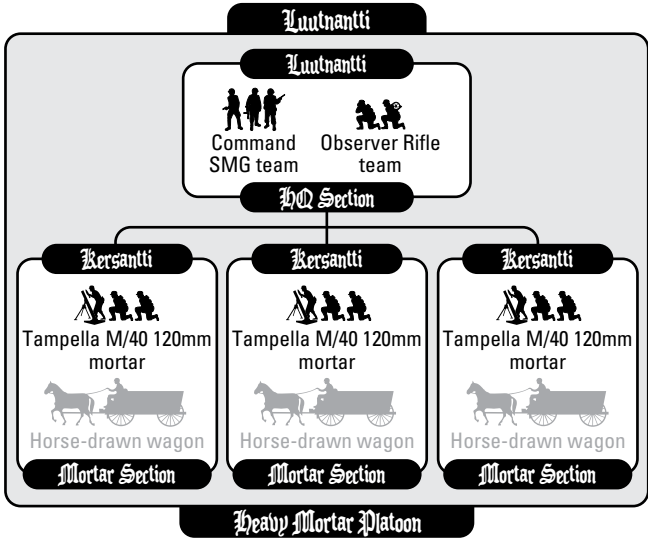
Options

- Replace all 76mm K/02 guns with 105 H/33 (10.5cm leFH18) howitzers for +35 points per Gun Section.
- Add horse-drawn limbers to each Gun Section and a horse-drawn wagon to the HQ Section at no cost.
- Replace all horse-drawn vehicles with 3-ton trucks for +5 points per Gun Section.

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.



0 to 1 Heavy Mortar Platoon



Platoon

HQ Section with:

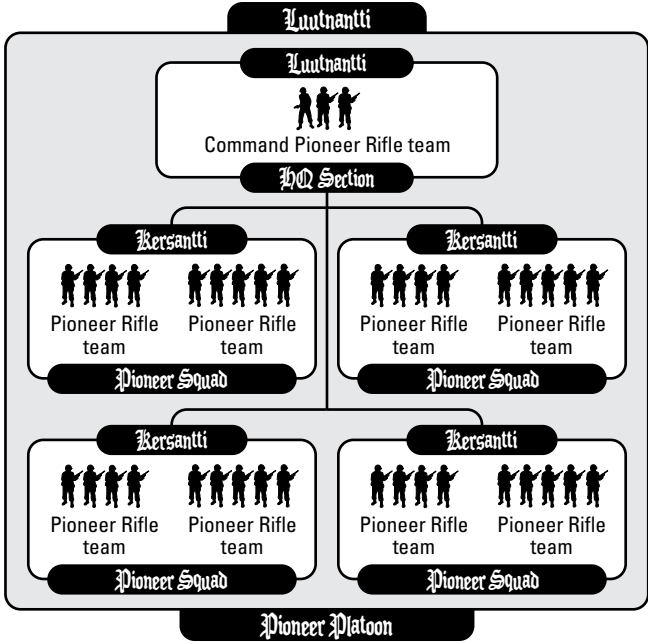
3 Mortar Sections	180 points
2 Mortar Sections	130 points

Options

- Add one horse-drawn wagon to each Mortar Section 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.

0 to 1 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.

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.





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 from the rule book.

Ski-equipped

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 treat deep snow as Cross-country Terrain, allowing them to move At the Double.

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.

Finnish forces gain the British Bulldog special rule when fighting against any Soviet force.



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.

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*.

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 with Satchel Charges counts as having **Anti-tank:** 3 in assaults.

Special Rules

Implacable: Lauri and the *Jääkäri* platoon he is leading pass all Motivation Tests on a 2+.

Skilled Soldier: Lauri and the *Jääkäri* platoon he is leading may re-roll any failed Skill Tests, applying the new result instead.





Finnish Arsenal



Tank Teams

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

Self-propelled Anti-aircraft

Landsverk Anti-II <i>40 ItK/38 gun</i>	Fully-tracked <i>24"/60cm</i>	2 4	1 6	0 4+	<i>Anti-aircraft.</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.
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Assault Guns

BT-42 <i>114 Psv.H/18 howitzer firing bombardments</i>	Fully-tracked <i>16"/40cm 48"/120cm</i>	1 1 -	1 7 4	1 2+ 4+	Limited vision.
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Gun Teams

Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Maxim HMG	Man-packed	24"/60cm	6	2	6	ROF 2 when pinned down.
Lhati anti-tank rifle	Man-packed	16"/40cm	3	5	5+	
Tampella M/35 81mm mortar	Man-packed	40"/100cm	-	1	6	Smoke bombardment.
Tampella M/40 120mm mortar	Light	56"/140cm	-	3	3+	Smoke bombardment.
37 PstK/37 (3.7cm PaK36) gun firing Stielgranate	Light	24"/60cm 8"/20cm	3 1	6 12	4+ 5+	Gun shield.
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 LtK/38 (2cm FlaK38) gun	Light	16"/40cm	4	5	5+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
40 LtK/38 (Bofors 40mm) gun	Immobile	24"/60cm	4	6	4+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
76 K/02 gun firing bombardments	Heavy	24"/60cm 60"/160cm	2 -	8 3	3+ 6	Gun shield, Smoke. Smoke bombardment.
105 H/33 (10.5cm leFH18) howitzer firing bombardments	Immobile	24"/60cm 72"/180cm	1 -	10 4	2+ 4+	Gun shield, Smoke. Smoke bombardment.



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.
Flame-thrower team	4"/10cm	2	-	6	Flame-thrower.
Staff team	cannot shoot			Moves as a Heavy Gun team.	

Additional Training and Equipment

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

Transport Teams

Name	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	
Trucks					
3-ton truck	Wheeled	-	-	-	
Horse-drawn wagon	Wagon	-	-	-	
Tractors					
Horse-drawn limber	Wagon	-	-	-	

Aircraft

Team	Weapons	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Fokker CX	Machine-guns	3+	3	5+	
	or Bombs	4+	5	2+	

