

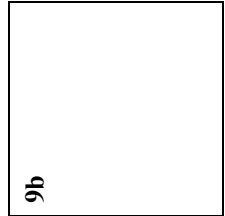
# “The Death of Tranquility”



## Liesksa-Joensu-Pyhaselka Road — December 12th, 1939

In mid-December 1939, Soviet forces consisting of the 139th Rifle Division and containing roughly 20,000 troops and 300 tanks, was tasked with securing the Liesksa-Joensu-Pyhaselka road. The early objective of this effort was the village of Tolvarjarvi. Confronting the Russians was the 16th Infantry Regiment together with ad hoc groups of other composite forces. 4000 Finns would face off against five times their number while also going on the attack. The Russians moved forward and secured villages along the road. The Russians were taken in by the tranquil, attractive villages and had grown lax to the dangers ahead. This seeming tranquility would soon be shattered.

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Russians win immediately upon controlling all building hexes or at game end by accumulating more victory points than the Finns. At game end, the Russian Player receives 1 VP for each Building Hex controlled. At game end the Finns are awarded victory points as follows: 3 VP each for the following Building Hexes: U14, V13, V14, W17, X17, Y16, Z17 & AA15, 2 VP each for Building Hexes W9, W10 & W11 and 1 VP each for Building Hexes Y5, Z2 and Z3. The side with the most VP at game end is declared the victor.



**Board Configuration:**

Russian Player moves First	★	1	2	3	4	5
Finnish Player sets up First						

**Elements of the 16th Infantry Regiment (ELR 5) (SAN 5) (Set up: HIP in Building Hexes)**

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**Elements of 139th Rifle Division (ELR 2) (SAN 2) (Set up: Enter Turn 1 on the east board edge)**

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**Special Rules/Notes:**

1. EC are are Wet, with no wind at start. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect.
2. Russian Early War Doctrine (A25.212) is in effect.
3. Bore Sighting (C6.4) and Kindling (B25.11) are NA.
4. The Finns have MOL (A22.6) capability, but may only make MOL Check drs vs AFV.

**Aftermath:** Early in the campaign, the Russians had not yet learned the dangers of walking into Finnish ambushes. The quiet Finnish villages had lulled them into a relaxed posture. This behavior would grow with each undefended village they secured. But then, the Finns began their relentless ambushes. Village buildings would be turned into strongpoints as Finnish riflemen picked off unsuspecting Russians advancing in extended order. Russian tanks would be the singled out targets for clusters of Finns armed with demolition charges and Molotov cocktails. Boobytraps and mines would also make their appearance from time to time. As the campaign progressed, the Russians would adopt changes and soon all Soviet advances would be covered by combat pioneers.

