

“Brothers at the Crossroad”

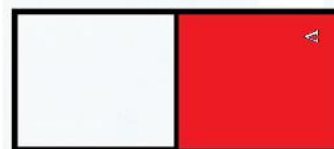


Avinurme, Estonia — September 20th, 1944

With the breakthrough at Narva, the Soviets began to drive deep into Estonia. Their goal was the capital of Tallinn. Operating closely with the 11th SS Nordland were the Estonians of the 20th Estonian Division. The retreat from Narva would result in a dispersion of the Estonian troops, some of which the Estonian Government would connect with near Porkuni. In the vicinity of Avinurme, a platoon of the 20th SS Estonian would ambush advancing Soviet forces advancing on the local road.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Soviet Player wins immediately upon exiting 21 VP off the west edge. The German Player wins immediately upon destroying all three T-34/85's. Or the side with the most CVP at game end is the victor. CVP are awarded only for SMC's and MMC's.

Board Configuration:



Board v (only Rows R-GG are playable)

German Player Sets up first	★	1	2	3**	4	5
Soviet Player moves first						

3rd Platoon, 9th Co., 3rd Batt., 47th Regt., 20th SS Estonian (ELR 5) (SAN 5) (Set up: HIP at level 1 on or east of Hex Row Z)

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916th Regiment, 249th Rifle Division, 8th Estonian Rifle Corps (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 as riders/passengers on the R6 Road)

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Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are moderate with no wind.
2. Kindling is N.A.
3. Bore Sighting is N.A.
4. No Quarter is N.A.
5. Soviet units must enter the board as riders/passengers and all AFV's and Trucks must remain mounted and on the road until fired upon or see a known German unit.
6. Estonian SS may set up entrenched in suitable terrain.
7. **RECOGNITION: Beginning on Turn 3 At the start of any Advance Phase, if German and Soviet Units are adjacent, the player whose turn it is, rolls a dr. On a 1-3, both sides have recognized each other as brother Estonians, at which point the game ends immediately. CVP are calculated and the player with the most CVP is declared the winner.

Aftermath: The ambush would be a short and brutal fight as the Estonian SS laced the advancing Soviet column with an MG42 and Panzerfausts. Caught in the ambush were fellow Estonians of the 8th Estonian Rifle Corps, 249th Red Army Rifle Division. Having a lost a T-34/85, the Soviet Estonians rallied and pushed up the grassy hill and quickly overwhelmed the rifle pits of the Estonian SS Grenadiers. Having engaged a close range, both sides realized the other were brother Estonians. A truce resulted and the Estonian SS departed the battlefield and into the adjoining woods...much to the displeasure of Soviet Red Army Commanders.

