

**Finnish OB: Elements of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Infantry Regiment 16, Group Talvela** (ELR = 4; SAN = 4) enter on Turn 1 with  $\geq 6$  squad-equivalents entering along the south/west edge(s) of board 62 and  $\geq 6$  squad-equivalents entering along the north/east edge(s) on/ between 74N10 and xH9:

(5-4-8) \* 12; (4-4-7) \* 6; 10-1; 10-0; 8-0; 10 SWPP; 50\* MTR (r)

**Special Rules:**

- 1) EC are Wet with no wind at start. Ground Snow (~~E3.73~~) and Extreme Winter (E3.74) are in effect. The only road runs from 74X9-74N4-62Y2-62FF5-FrFAH6 and is Plowed. Place overlay **B1** on 62U3 and **B4** on xB5-C6.
- 2) Russian Early War Doctrine (A25.212) is in effect. Recalled AFV exit through the nearest Russian reinforcement entry area. Boresighting is NA.
- 3) Finns have Winter Camouflage (E3.712) and MOL (A22.6) capability, but may only make MOL Checks vs AFV.
- 4) DTF Special Rules are in effect.

**Aftermath:** On the 16<sup>th</sup>, a costly engagement was centered near Point 194 on the road to Aglajarvi. The Second Battalion of Infantry Regiment 16 encountered fanatic resistance by 200 recent graduates from the Leningrad officer's school. These well-equipped Russians took a heavy toll of the attackers; First Platoon of Sixth Company had five of its 20 men killed here, including its leader Lt. Rantanen. By 23 December, the Finns halted their offensive. Along the main Tolvajarvi-Aittojoki road alone, the Red Army lost 4,000 dead; 60 tanks and 220 machine guns were left abandoned. Talvela's victory proved that the Red Army was ill-prepared for the war it had started. Hundreds of thousands of Russian soldiers would pay with their lives for that mistake over the next months of the Winter War.

Russian Available SW: DC; 50\* MTR; LMG; MMG; HMG

Finnish Available SW: DC, LMG (2-8); MMG (r); HMG (r)

Balance: Russian: Add a 7-0 leader to the Russian at-start OB

Finnish: Add a Hero to the Finnish OB

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