

A WEDGE IN THE ICE



SCENARIO BB9



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russians win at game end if they have exited ≥ 20 VP (excluding prisoners) off the west edge of board 18 and there are no Good Order Finnish MMC in the three pillboxes on board 19.

Near VIIPURI, FINLAND, 11 February 1940: After a week of forceful probes and measured attacks, General Timoshenko's major offensive against the Mannerheim Line was finally ready. The 123rd Division and 35th Tank Brigade were to spearhead the offensive, having undergone intensive training behind the lines. After a massive two-hour artillery bombardment, the Russian forces plunged headlong into the Finnish positions.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

18	19

HANDICAPS:

F3: Use F2, and the Russian OBA receives one Pre-Registered hex.

F2: Use F1, and the Russian reinforcements enter on Turn 1.

F1: Add one 8-1 and one Russian HMG to the Russian OB.

R1: Increase the Finnish SAN to "6".

R2: Use R1, and increase the number of Mine factors in the Finn OB to 60.

R3: Use R2 and in the VC, change "the three pillboxes on board 19" to "four of the five pillboxes."



TURN RECORD CHART

	FINN Sets Up First [181]	1	2★	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
★	RUSSIAN Moves First [135]										

Elements of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment [ELR: 3] set up on/west of any board 19 hexes numbered ≥ 6 (See SSR 2): {SAN: 4}

5	6	4						2	2	9	

5	13	4	4

Advance elements of the 123rd Rifle Division [ELR: 3] set up on board 19 in hexes numbered ≤ 3 : {SAN: 2}

18	3						2

Elements of the 35th Tank Brigade enter on Turn 2 along the east edge of board 19:

2	3

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Weather is Falling and Ground Snow (E3.71-72), with no wind at start. All building and Orchard hexes are Open Ground.

2. One trench counter must be placed in each of the following hexes: 19H10, 19I10, 19J10, 19K10, 19L9, 19M9, 19N8, 19O8, 19P8, 19Q9, 19R9, 19S10, and 19T9. One pillbox must be set up in each of the following hexes (use any convenient counter for the extra pillbox needed): 19O8, 19T9, 19H10, 18Y7, and 18G8. At least one MMC and one SW must set up inside each of the three pillboxes on board 19.

3. After the Finns set up, the Russians may place up to six shellhole counters anywhere within the Finnish set up area; then for each counter, a Random Location DR (C1.31) is made, with the extent of error halved [FRD], to determine that counter's final location. All mines in a shellhole hex are eliminated, after which all shellholes in Woods/Trench/Pillbox hexes are removed.

4. The Finns may use MOL (A22.6). To simulate the Finns' use of *Klorihartsit* pipe grenades, Finnish units may utilize ATMM (C13.7); however, placement of one adds only a -2 DRM to CC resolution.

5. The Russians receive one module of 100+mm OBA (HE and Smoke), directed by an Offboard Observer at Level 2 in an east edge hex of board 19 secretly recorded prior to Finnish setup. Prior to scenario start, remove one black chit from the Russian OBA draw pile; the Russians begin their Turn 1 PFP having already gained Battery Access.

AFTERMATH: Directly behind the curtain of falling steel came the Russian infantry and tanks. Despite facing a well-rehearsed attack spearheaded by confident troops, the stalwart Finnish defenders halted the Russian advance. Grimly determined to protect their country, the Finns held off attack after attack, strewing the snow with dead Russian soldiers until the late afternoon. Then, with their support weapons knocked out and their bunkers smashed, the 2nd Battalion finally fell back.