

War in the Far North - Murmansk 1943

Finnish Impression Guidelines

12th Brigade/6th Division



The 6th Division was attached to the German XXXVI Corps in Northern Finland in 1941. As part of Operation Arctic Fox, the division attacked alongside the SS Division Nord and German 169th Infantry Division against Salla with the goal of reaching Kandalaksha on the White Sea coast.

The division also fought alongside a small German tank unit, the Panzer-Abteilung 211, which consisted entirely of captured French tanks.

In 1942 the 6th division was reorganized into the 12th Brigade but was later brought back to division strength in 1943.

During the time period being portrayed in this scenario, the 6th Division would have been receiving replacements and being reinforced. It is unclear when the unit designation changed back to 6th Division.

Authenticity Standards for Finnish Infantry

Headgear

Cap

- M36 wool cap
- M31 fur cap
- Captured ushanka (limited)

Helmet

- Swedish M26
- WWI M16 or M18 German
- German M40 or M42 (no decals)
- Hungarian M38
- Italian M33

Uniform

- M36 wool tunic
- M36 wool straight-leg trousers or breeches.

- M36 greatcoat
- Military or civilian shirt

Footwear

- Finnish produced leather jackboots (Soviet or German jackboots can be used as a substitute due to the scarcity of Finnish surplus boots)
- Lapland boots



Field gear

- WWI German or Finnish produced ammunition pouch (only one needed)
- Finn produced bandolier (ONLY if you do not have an ammunition pouch)
- Roller buckle Finn belt (NO German style Finn belts with buckles)
- Finn-produced, WWII German political canteen, or WWI German canteens
- Finn-produced breadbags or WWI German pattern
- Finn-produced gas mask bag (used as general purpose bag)
- Finn-produced square shovel (NO late war d-handle shovels)
- Finn or Norwegian produced rucksack

- Finn, Swedish, or WWII German m31 mess kit
- Soviet plasch palatka shelter halves as shelter or a poncho.

Weapons

- Mosin Nagant models 91/30, m91, m38, m39, m24, m28, m30, m28-30
- SVT 38/40
- Suomi KP-31
- PPSh-41 (limited)
- DP-28
- L26

This is not a comprehensive list of kit options but is the basic guidelines for your average Finnish Infantry Regiment during this period of the Continuation War. Please feel free to message me with questions about this impression.