

# SWEDISH INFANTRY PLATOONS 1940 TO 1945



During the hostilities of WW2 the Royal Swedish Army was undergoing a number of changes and the most significant at the Platoon level was the 43M reorganisation. This organisation was ordered for the Army in 1940. The objective was that all units would have completed this reorganization by 1943. This re-organisation introduced more fire power to the Rifle Section by equipping the NCOs with SMGs and adding 2 No. Semi-Automatic rifles to each section. Further firepower was also provided by the introduction of a fifth Specialist Section with a 47mm Mortar team and an Anti-tank rifleman to each Platoon. In addition, a rifleman per section was a designated Sharpshooter and had a scoped rifle.

These lists allows you to field a normal Rifle Platoon (Skyttepluton) or a Ranger Platoon (Jägarpluton). The latter was more than often used to do specific recon missions and to distress the enemy.

These platoons would most often march onto to the battlefield, with a platoon cart and a horse. Some platoons may be equipped with bikes and

some may even be driven to the battlefield in a truck.

The changes were gradual, and we suggest that the player can choose to play either the 1940 to 1943 or the 1943 to 1945 Rifle Platoon for the 1943 campaign.

## RIFLE PLATOON 1940 TO 1943

**Force Rating:** Inexperienced -4 /Regular +1

**Command Dice:** 5

1940 - 1943 Platoon HQ	
Löjtnant, Senior Leader, with Pistol	
Sergeant (Platoon), Senior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
1940 - 1943 Section (Grupp) One	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	7 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle 1 Sub-machine Gunner (SMG, Kpist m/37-39 / m/39) * <i>*SMG allocation was aspirational.</i>
1940 - 1943 Section (Grupp) Two to Four	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	7 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle

# RIFLE PLATOON 1943 TO 1945

**Force Rating:** Inexperienced -3 / Regular +3  
**Command Dice:** 5

1943 - 1945 Platoon HQ	
Löjtnant, Senior Leader, with Pistol Sergeant (Platoon), Senior Leader with SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)	
1943 - 1945 Section (Grupp) One to Two	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	1 Sub-machine Gunner (SMG, Kpist m/37-39 / m/39) 2 Riflemen with m/42 Semi-Auto Rifle 2 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle 1 Marksman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle with Telescopic Sight
1943 - 1945 Section (Grupp) Three to Four	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	1 Sub-machine Gunner (SMG, Kpist m/37-39 / m/39) 2 Riflemen with m/42 Semi-Auto Rifle 1 Rifleman with m/96 Mauser Rifle 1 Marksman with 6.5mm m/1941 Sniper rifle.
1943 - 1945 Specialist Section	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser	
Mortar Team	ATR Team
Mortar Operator, m/40 47mm and pistol Assistant mortar operator, 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle.	Anti-tank gunner with Pansarvärnsgevär m/42 Assistant Anti-tank Gunner, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle.

# RANGER PLATOON 1940 TO 1943

**Force Rating:** Regular -2 / Elite +2  
**Command Dice:** 5

1940 - 1943 Platoon HQ	
Löjtnant, Senior Leader, with Pistol Sergeant (Platoon), Senior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
1940 - 1943 Section (Grupp) One	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	7 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle 1 Sub-machine Gunner (SMG, Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)*  * SMG allocation was aspirational
1940 - 1943 Section (Grupp) Two to Three	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	7 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle



# RANGER PLATOON 1943 TO 1945

**Force Rating:** Regular +0 / Elite +5

**Command Dice:** 5

1943 - 1945 Platoon HQ	
Löjtnant, Senior Leader, with Pistol Sergeant (Platoon) , Senior Leader SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)	
1943 - 1945 Section (Grupp) One to Three	
Sergeant, Junior Leader, with SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39)	
LMG Team (Kgomgängen)	Rifle Team (Gomgängen)
LMG m/37 Automatic Rifle (based on the American BAR), 2 crew 1 Rifleman with 6.5mm m/96 Mauser Rifle	2 Riflemen, with SMG (Kpist m/37-39 / m/39) 2 Riflemen with Semi-Automatic Rifle m/42 1 Riflemen with m/96 Mauser Rifle 1 Marksman with 6.5mm m/1941 Sniper rifle.

Support List
List One
Medical Orderly
Engineering Mine Clearance Team
Engineering Wire Cutting Team
Engineering Demolition Team
Minefield
Barbed Wire
Runner (works as adjutant)
Entrenchment for one Section
Car, no crew
Additional Submachine Gun (mid-1942 forward, and some exceptions)
List Two
Roadblock
ATR Pansarvärnsgevär m/42 (from 1943)
Pre-game Barrage
m/40 47mm mortar team, 3 crew (from 1941)
List Three
MMG Ksp m/1914-29, Ksp m/36 or Ksp m/42, with

5 man team
Sniper Team
List Four
A regular section of Infantry with Junior Leader
Engineer Squad with Junior Leader
Forward observer and 81.4mm Mortar (m/29)
Forward observer and 120mm Mortar (m/41, from 1943)
37mm Bofors m/38 AT gun, 5 crew with Junior Leader
Engineer Flamethrower Team, 3 men (mid-1943 forward)
Pbil m/41 Armoured Car, Junior Leader (from 1941)
Terrängbil m/42 KP Armoured Car, Junior Leader (from 1944)
Pbil m/39 or m/40 Armoured Car, Junior Leader
Strv M/38 Light Tank with Junior Leader
Strv m/41 Medium Tank with Junior Leader (from 1942)
Strv M/37 Tankette, with MGs, Junior Leader
List Five
75mm m/02-33 Infantry Gun, 5 crew with Junior Leader (m/40 after 1941)
Strv m/42 Medium Tank (75mm) with Junior Leader

Most of the support options on the list will be self-explanatory and their qualities covered by the National Arsenal Table. All tanks and armoured cars come with a Junior Leader. Transport only vehicles, such as the car are simply vehicles which come with no crew. Remember you need to allocate men to drive these.

## Satchel Charge

The satchel charge is shown on Table Seven, Hand-Held Anti-Tank Weapons. The charge may be used once by any Section on the table when commanded by the Senior Leader commanding the platoon who is, we assume, carrying it with him up to that point.

How the charge works is detailed in Section 9.3.4, Tank Hunters. A maximum of two satchel charges may be selected by a Swedish force.

## **SWEDISH NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS (WIP)**

### **CRACK SHOTS**

Although not as drilled as the British Infantry man in keeping a rapid firing going, the large amount of good shots from a nation of hunters would prove useful in the fighting against Germans. A JL could use a CI to command a the section marksman to shoot at a target as per the Sniper rules.

Or

A leader could use 2 CI to add +1 to any rolls to see if a leader has been hit is one or more men in the target unit is killed.

### **GÅ-PÅ**

“The assault should be characterized by a determined effort to get close to the enemy and eliminate him”. Infantry Regulations 1942 (InfR II). When the Swedes attack in close combat they add another dice per three men in the assault.

or

Use Russian Hurraah! rule

### **Notes on the Swedish Uniform:**

In 1938 it was decided that a modern type uniform (with anklets) should be introduced. It was first used by some of the Finnish Volunteers to Finland in 1939-40 and was rolled out to the rest of the Army from 1940. In 1943 all soldiers would be using this Uniform.

The Swedish helmets used were mainly the M/26 and M/37 helmets.

Jacket and Trousers – Vallejo German Field Grey 70830

Helmet – Vallejo 70895 Gunship Green

Bread bag – Vallejo 70886 Green Grey

Leather / Belt – Vallejo 70875 Beige Brown

Water Bottle / Gaiters – Vallejo 70988 Khaki

# SWEDISH ARSENAL TABLE

For infantry weapons, consult the Chain of Command rulebook Table Four, the Master Arsenal Table.

SWEDISH ARSENAL TABLE ARMoured VEHICLES					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
Strv M/37 Tankette <sup>1</sup>	2	-	MG	Fast	Low Profile. Small, twin MG
Strv M/38 Light Tank <sup>2</sup>	4	4	6	Fast	-
PBil m/39 / m/40 Armoured Car <sup>3</sup>	3	5	4	Wheeled	-
PBil m/41 Armoured Car <sup>4</sup>	3	5	4	Wheeled	-
Strv m/41 Medium Tank <sup>5</sup>	5	5	3	Average	-
Strv m/42 Medium Tank (75mm) <sup>6</sup>	5	5	6	Average	-
Terrängbil m/42 KP <sup>7</sup>	3 (2)	0	-	Fast	2 crew and 16 passengers. No weapons.
SWEDISH ARSENAL TABLE ANTI-TANK WEAPONS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
Pansarvärnsgevär m/42, <i>Recoilless rifle firing solid AP rounds and high explosive.</i>	4		2		
37mm Bofors m/38 AT gun	5		3		
75mm m/02-33 Infantry Gun	7		-		

Stats based on similar vehicles from other lists from Too Fat Lardies rulebook or lists on their webpage.

1. Based on Polish TKS Tankette with MGs (Polish 1939 list)
2. Based on PzII (German 1940 list)
3. Based on the Russian BA-10 (Russian 1939-40 list)
4. Based on the Russian BA-10 (Russian 1939-40 list)
5. Based on the Panzer 38(t) (German 1940 list)
6. Based on the Panzer 38(t), A.P. and H.E. based on Early PzVI (German 1940 list)
7. Normally only used by the mechanized infantry attached to the tank units. Initial production run in 1943 was rejected due issues with the armour plating, for a say 1943 campaign these may be pressed into service - assuming they would have an Armour of 2.