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Note on the back of the photo states »Our M.G. position on the Narva«. The frozen river can be seen in the background, including the opposite bank and Soviet positions; however, there is no sign of the machine gun. Several canisters that might be ammunition boxes and spares are scattered around. The photo is believed to have been taken in the swamps south of the main Tallinn-Narva railroad in the Norwegian sector. (MD)



The photograph is a recent view of the swampy regions of the Norwegian sector. The swamps south of Narva proved exceedingly difficult for Soviet troops to penetrate. (PE)

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A machine gun crew has set up on a bridge with the Hermannsburg in the background. The model MG 34 being used in the photo, and the number of spent cases on the ground, indicate that the crew is encountering Russian resistance. The picture was taken during the 1941 campaign in Estonia, not the late-war 1944 defense. Pictured to the right is the same position nowadays. Evidently, the bridge in front of the position in the river was destroyed during the battle and rebuilt in later years. (TV)



A Danish Waffen-SS volunteer in a trench outside the city of Narva. The soldier's name is Carl Nielson and he was a tailor in Freikorps "Danmark" before transferring to the SS-Panzer-Grenadier-Regiment 24 "Danmark". He is seen on combat duty with a captured Russian PPD40 sub-machine gun. German troops frequently used captured Soviet weapons because of their reliability in cold conditions, in contrast to some German machine pistols. (SN)