

Finland and Siilinjärvi in World War 2



Finland as a part of the World War

- Finland was a part of the World War II in the years 1939-1944. Finland battled against the Soviet Union.



vs.



- Consequences:
 - > Karelian Isthmus
 - > Laatokka
 - > Massive war reparations
 - > Germans out of the Lapland
 - > Evacuees

Winter War

30.11.1939 – 13.3.1940

Reasons

- Molotov-Ribbentrop – contract
 - > Spheres of influence
 - > Finland didn't agree

Mainila shootings

- 26.11.1939
- Soviet Union engineered it



Mainila

"The spirit of Winter War"



- Red and white on the same side
- Common morale
- Finland was always on the defensive side, and they never tried to attack.



Soviet Unions overpower

Finland	Soviet Union
346 000 soldiers + 12 000 volunteers	1 000 000 soldiers
32 tanks	3 000 tanks
114 planes	3 900 planes



Continuation War

25.6.1941-19.9.1944



- Finland allied with Germans



- Moscow's truce
- Final terms of peace in Paris
10.2.1947.

Lottas

- ◉ Society working with Finnish White Guard society.
- ◉ Helped battlefield soldiers for example by:
 - > knitting socks
 - > cooking
 - > nursing the sick wounded
 - > working at the air surveillance
 - > managing message traffic

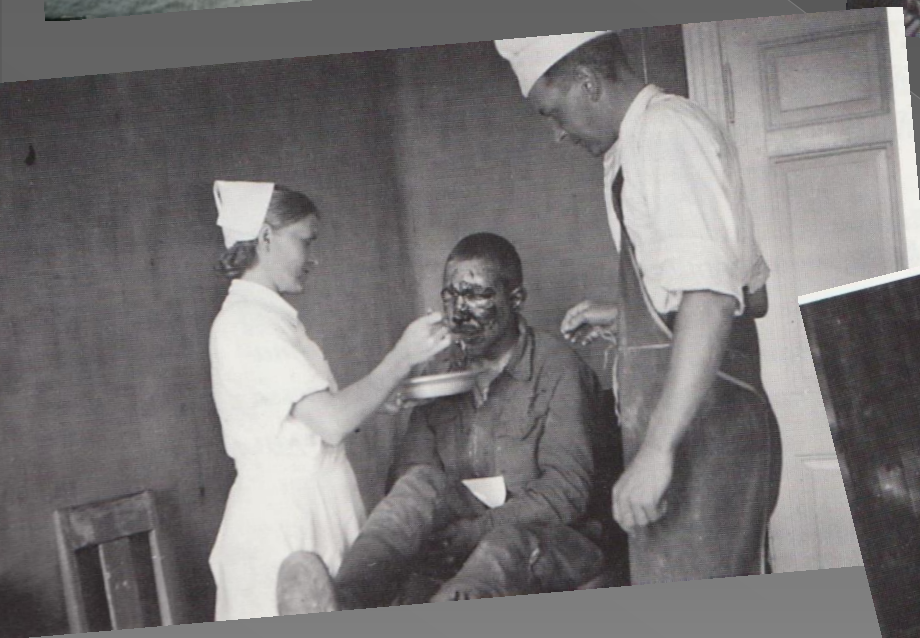


Lottas in Siilinjärvi



- Based in Siilinjärvi at 1920.
- Lottas' crash course.
- Worked for example at:
 - > Guarding the Toivala's telephone exchange
 - > Migrants' service and accommodation
 - > Accommodation of evacuees
 - > Working at the air surveillance
- Battlefront lottas





Savos district

- Bombings
- National defence's highest administration in Mikkeli



Kuopio bombings



- 6. January, 2. February, 3. February and 5. March 1940.
- The most destructive bombing was 3.2
- About 40 victims and 116 damaged buildings.
- 24 air alarms.

Rissala airport's construction

- The construction started at 14 march 1939.
- Airport area was 162 hectares large.
- Three parts : Jälänniemi, Vossikkala and Uus-Rissala.
- 345 men, 51 horsemen, 1 car and 2 tractors.
- Germans were big part of the construction



Rissala bombing



- Rissala was bombed once, at 6. October 1944.
- Their own plane dropped the bomb!

Germans in Siilinjärvi

- ◉ Germans were a daily sight in Toivala.
- ◉ Less in the village center.
- ◉ Toivala's train station
- ◉ Germans coated the area with planks.



Evacuees



- ◉ Soviet Union demanded to empty the areas they got.
- ◉ About 500 000.
- ◉ People came to Siilinjärvi from Salmi village.
- ◉ Evacuees were provided with livelihood.
- ◉ Siilinjärvi got a bank and a secondary school.

After the wars



- ◉ Emergency period and regulation of groceries.
- ◉ Massive war debt to Soviet Union.
- ◉ "Years of danger"
- ◉ Gun stashes
- ◉ Reconstruction

Tarina hospital



- Opened in the year 1913.
- Worked as a consumption sanitarium.
- It's orthopedic hospital nowadays.
- It's one of the Savo's war hospitals.



Tarina hospital



Harjamäki hospital



- It was a mental hospital from 1926 to 1997.
- One of the biggest mental hospitals in Finland.
- Works as a museum and daycare center nowadays.



Harjamäki mental hospital

