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For natural numbers m and n , an $n \times n$ chessboard is called m -deficient if m divides $n^2 - 1$. A chessboard is called *mutilated* if a single square is removed from the board. We analyze tiling m -deficient mutilated chessboards with m -polyominoes where an m -polyomino is a geometric figure with m congruent squares placed edge to edge. An m -polyomino arranged such that $m - 1$ squares are placed in a straight line with the last square perpendicular to a square on the end, making an L-shape, is called an *L-polyomino of order m* . As long as $n \geq 2$ and $n \neq 5$, every 3-deficient mutilated chessboard can be tiled with L-trominoes. We also discuss our recent work with tiling m -deficient mutilated chessboards with L-polyominoes of order m and with general m -polyominoes. (Received September 13, 2013)