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**T**he world is at war and the Desert

**Command Force under your**

**direction is on the front lines. As**

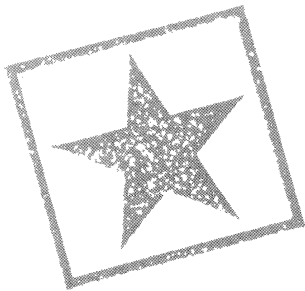
**leader of this crack Force, you alone**

**have the power to determine the**

**course of history.**

**Sure, you've got powerful tanks and**

**artillery and the well trained troops to**



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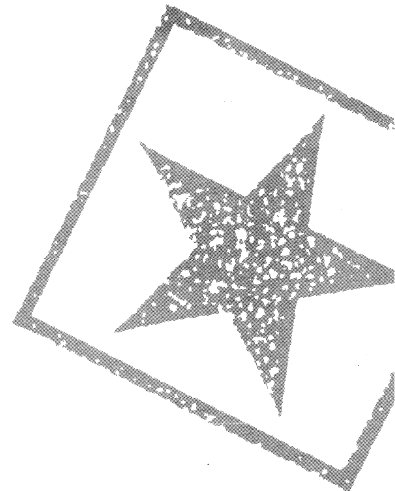
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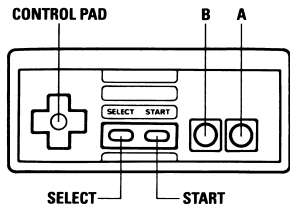
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**use them. But so does your opponent.**

**To be victorious, you must destroy all  
of your opponent's units or capture his  
headquarters. You must rely on your  
military training and instinct to plan a  
brilliant strategy. There is no room for  
mistakes.**

**The troops await your instructions...**





## NAMES OF CONTROLLER PARTS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:

### Controller 1:

Used for player vs. computer and for first player in player vs. player.

### Controller 2:

Used for second player in player vs. player.

### Control Pad:

Used to move the game cursor or menu cursor, and to aim an attack at an opponent's unit.

### SELECT Button:

Used to get a status report on the remaining number of each type of unit.

### START Button:

Used to start the game and to get an overall map during the game.

### A Button:

Used to choose a unit or command.

### B Button:

Used to locate the next available unit or to cancel a command.

## Replenishing Fuel and Ammo:

Ground units can be replenished by moving to a town.



Bombers and fighters can be replenished by landing at an airstrip.



The supply truck can be used to furnish other units with fuel and ammo by placing it next to other units. One supply truck unit can replenish more than one unit at a time.



## Winning the Game:

The game is won by either destroying all your enemy's units or capturing the enemy headquarters. Your success is evaluated based on the number of turns required to achieve victory.



### The Importance of Terrain:

Terrain is important for a number of reasons:

- It determines how far you can move your units on each turn. You can move a ground unit farther on a road than in the desert or in the wilds.
- It helps determine the defensive capability of a unit. Ground units are more vulnerable in the open desert than in an oasis or behind a wall.



### Using the Troop Transport:

The troop transport truck can greatly increase the mobility of your infantry. To use the truck, move your infantry to a square next to the troop transport. You will then be asked if you would like to load the troops onto the truck. Once loaded onto the truck, the infantry now has the increased mobility of the troop transport. After moving the troop transport, you will be given the opportunity to unload the troops.

## HOW TO PLAY:

### Starting the Game:

From the title screen, press START on Controller 1 to begin the game.

### Choosing the Game Mode:

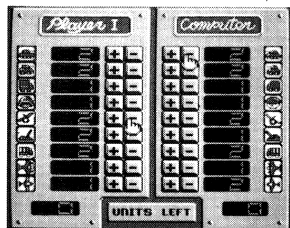
You may then choose to play against the computer (VS COM) or against another player (VS PLAYER). Use the control pad to move the highlighter to the desired mode and press START.

### Choosing the Scenario:

There are five battle scenarios available:

- FIRST BATTLE
- WAY TO VICTORY
- OFFENSE & DEFENSE
- BLOODY BATTLE
- NORTH AFRICAN FRONT

FIRST BATTLE is the easiest and is a good place to learn about the game and develop winning tactics. The remaining scenarios increase in difficulty as you move down the list. Use the control pad to move the highlighter to the desired scenario and press START.



### Modifying Your Force:

You can simply press START to use the default assignment of units. However, you can also customize the game by changing the type of units at your command. This feature lets you create even more challenging variations on the scenarios provided. While you cannot increase the total number of units, you may choose to have fewer armored cars and more tanks for example.

Let's look at how to trade one armored car unit for a tank unit. To decrease the number of armored cars, move the pointing finger to the minus [-] button in the row corresponding to armored cars and press the A button. You will notice that the UNITS LEFT at the bottom of the screen will increase by 1. You may then move the pointing finger to the plus [+] button in the row for tanks and press the A button. You now have one more tank unit and one fewer armored car unit.

Controller 2 can be used to similarly change the type of units for the Computer or the second player.

The following chart summarizes the capabilities of each type of unit:

UNIT	RANGE ON ROAD	RANGE ON DESERT	RANGE IN WILDS	MAX FUEL	MAX AMMO
Tank	16	10	8	100	10
Armored Car	20	13	10	100	10
Troop Transport	16	8	5	100	6
Infantry	12	8	6	100	6
Field Cannon	12	6	4	100	15
Anti-Aircraft Gun	14	7	4	100	15
Supply Truck	16	10	8	100	6
Bomber	20	20	20	100	4
Fighter	20	20	20	100	6
Headquarters	12	8	6	100	16





### Field Cannon:

While not very mobile, field cannons are very effective for attacking enemy tanks. However, they must be protected by other units from enemy attack.



### Anti-Aircraft Gun:

Limited mobility but very effective for attacking fighters and bombers. Can also be used to attack ground units.



### Supply Truck:

Supplies ammo and fuel to other units.



### Bomber:

Very effective in attacking ground units but watch out for enemy fighters!



### Fighter:

Best used to attack enemy bombers and fighters since they are not very effective in attacking ground units.



### Headquarters:

While not very mobile, it is very strong defensively.

### Using the Map:

Press the START button to get an overall map of the battle. This lets you see the position of all units to better plan your strategy.

### Battle Statistics:

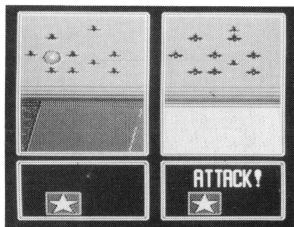
Press the SELECT button to get a summary of the number of each type of unit remaining in battle. From this screen, you may also choose different battle theme music for each player by using the control pad and pressing the A button.

### Commanding the Units:

Each player takes turns issuing commands to each unit. You can issue one command per unit on each turn. To command a unit, position the cursor over the unit and press the A button. You may also press the SELECT button to automatically locate the next available unit.

The top status window shows the type of unit, amount of ammo available, amount of fuel remaining, the number remaining in the unit, and the type of terrain occupied by it. The command window in the lower right lets you issue commands for the selected unit. Use the control pad to move the triangle cursor to the command you wish to issue and press the A button. To cancel a command, press the B button.





### **Movement:**

To move a unit, use the control pad to move the star cursor to the desired destination. Each type of unit has its own range and is affected by the type of terrain covered. If you encounter an enemy unit as you are moving, you will be given the opportunity to attack, but you will not be able to move any farther until the next turn.

### **Attack:**

To attack, use the control pad to position the four dot cursor over the enemy unit you wish to attack and press the A button. The ensuing battle will then take place on your screen.

### **Power:**

This gives a status report on the unit showing its mobility, maximum fuel and ammo, and the range of its weapons.

### **Change:**

You can use this command to stop giving commands and change turns to your opponent.

As leader of the Desert Command Force, you have at your disposal a wide variety of units. Each unit varies in mobility and fire power. The more mobile a unit, the farther you can move it each turn. The fire power is determined by the amount of ammo it can carry and the range of its weapons. In addition, as a unit engages in battle, it gains important experience which increases its offensive capability.

### **Tank:**

Tanks are quite mobile and effective for attacking all types of ground units.



### **Armored Car:**

These extremely mobile units can be used to support tank units when attacking the enemy.



### **Troop Transport:**

Can be used to increase the mobility of Infantry units.



### **Infantry:**

Very limited mobility but are effective in capturing the enemy headquarters.

