

# Thunder Blade™



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You are the Gunship Gladiator. In minutes you will fly the world's most advanced fighting helicopter into battle against rebel forces.

Your mission: Save your country by destroying the rebel's gigantic mobile fortresses! It's a battle you will fight over land and sea . . . in cities, caves and refineries.

This time it's you . . . against all of them!

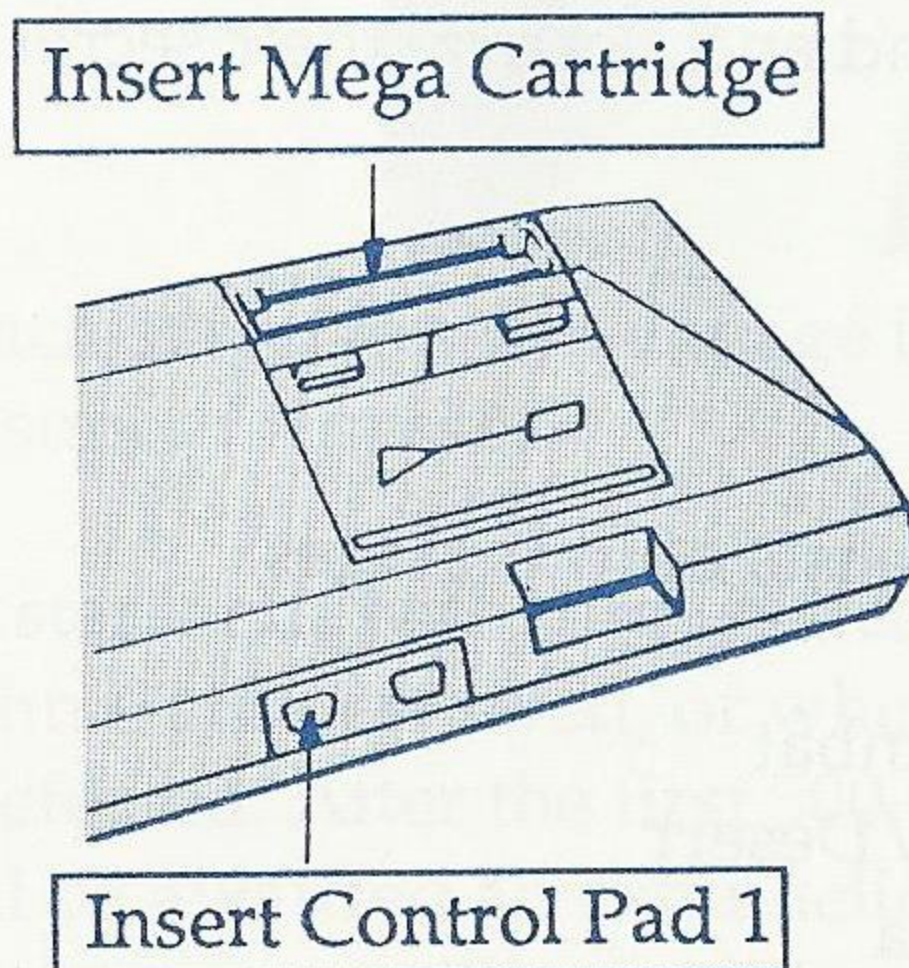


# Loading Instructions:

## Starting Up:

1. Make sure the power switch is OFF.
2. Insert Control Pad 1 into the "Control 1" input.  
THUNDER BLADE™ is a one player game.
3. Gently insert the THUNDER BLADE™ game cartridge into the Power Base. If the cartridge is properly aligned, it will easily slip into place.
4. Turn the power switch ON. If nothing appears on the screen, check the cartridge insertion and the Power Base connection to the TV.

**IMPORTANT:** Always make sure the Power Base is turned OFF when inserting or removing your Sega Card/Cartridge™.





## Mission Profile

Rebel forces have invaded your country. Their plan is to overthrow the government and replace it with their cruel and corrupt dictator . . . who will stop at nothing to get what he wants!

The rebels have won battle after battle, rolling over your country's troops with superior forces of tanks, helicopters, and huge mobile bases that act as nerve centers from which they crush your country's defenses. In only a matter of days, the invaders will be knocking at your capitol's doorstep. But there is one last ray of hope. You.

You are the finest helicopter pilot alive, a battle-scarred veteran of countless skirmishes; the one they call the Gunship Gladiator. Your mission: pilot "Thunder Blade," an advanced attack helicopter . . . in a you - against them battle to rid your homeland of the invading hoards.

You must single-handedly blast your way through the enemy's defenses. To rid your country of the rebel menace once and for all, find and destroy their secret mobile strongholds.

## Object

Thunder Blade consists of four stages:

Stage 1: Urban Combat

Stage 2: Mountain/Desert

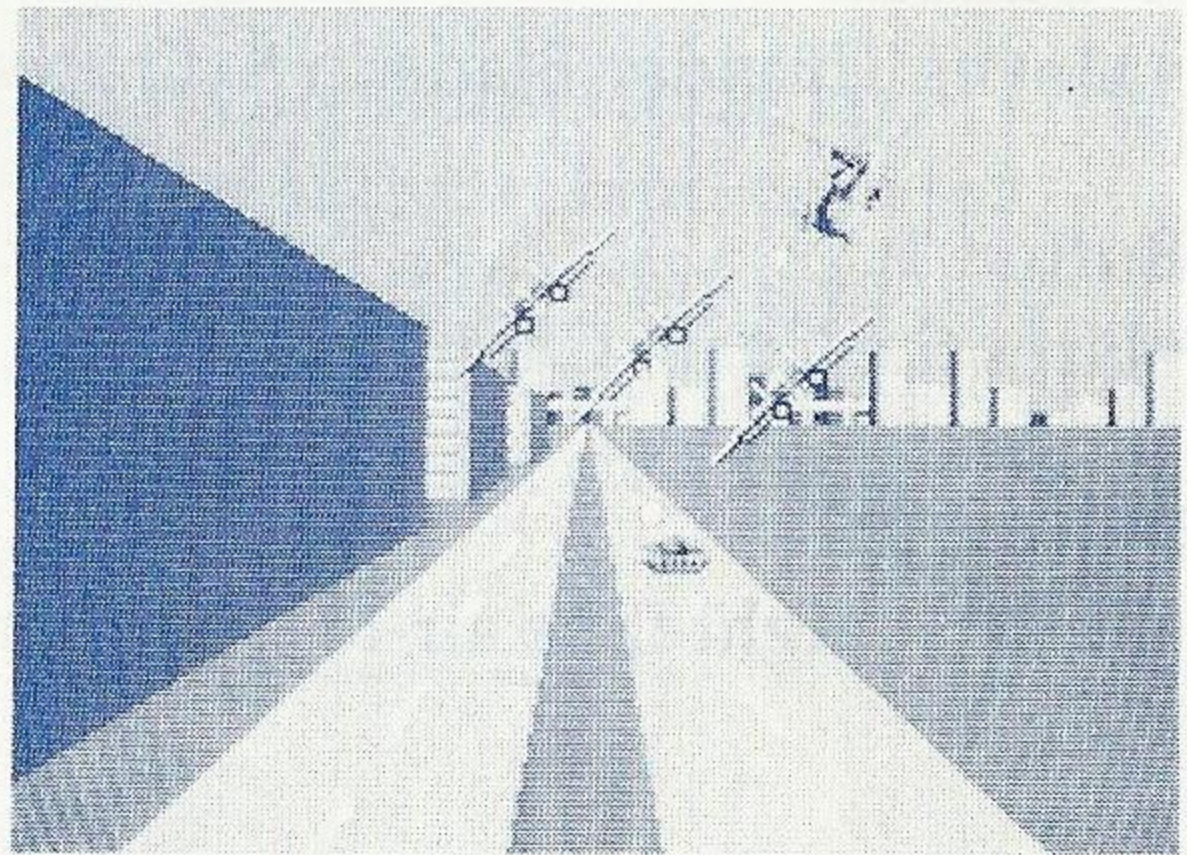
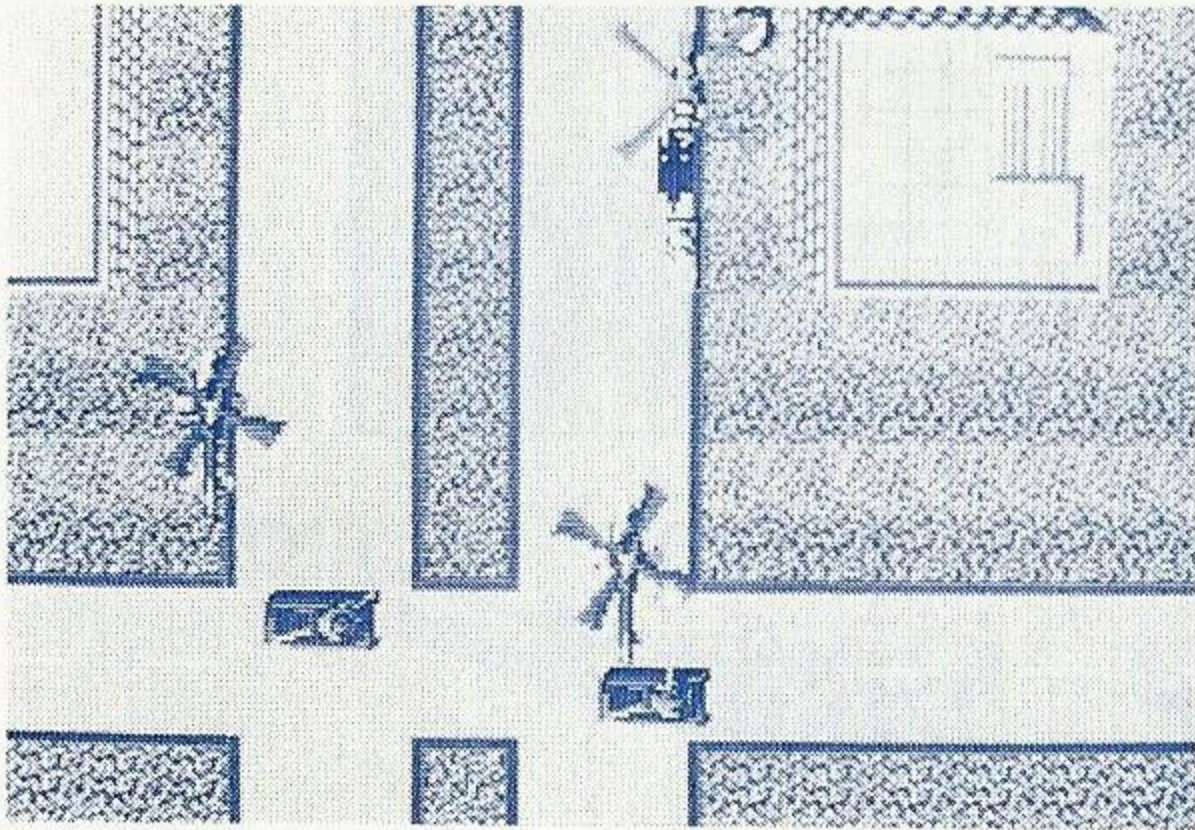
Stage 3: River Delta

Stage 4. Refinery



In each stage, you will do battle with both ground and air forces.

Scenes are presented in two fashions: vertically and horizontally.



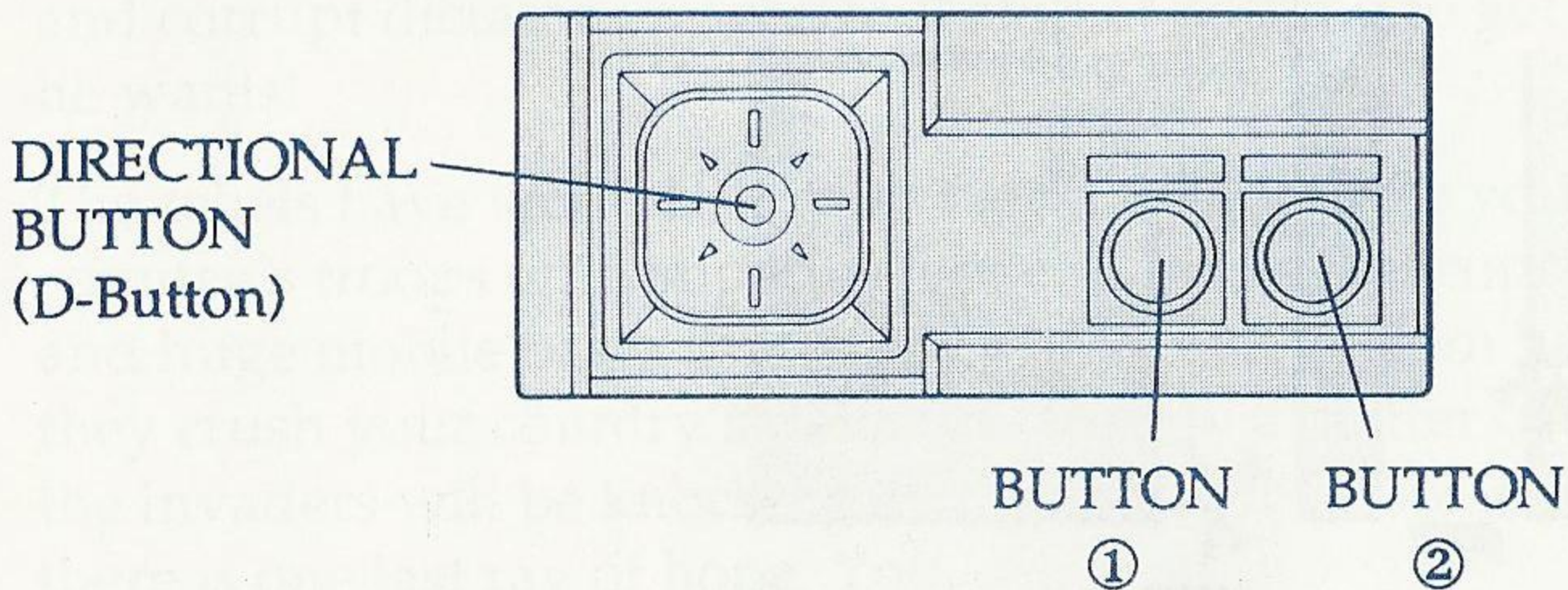
At the end of each stage you will engage in combat with one of the enemy's super fortresses.

Thunder Blade starts out with three helicopters. The game is over when all three are destroyed, or when the enemy's last stronghold is defeated. After the first 500,000 points are scored, you will be awarded an extra helicopter, plus one extra helicopter for every million points scored after that.



# Taking Control

Thunder Blade is a one-person game. Press Button 1 on the Control Pad to start the action.



## D-Button:

- Moves Thunder Blade in 8 directions.

## Button 1:

- Fires the Chain Cannon.

## Button 2:

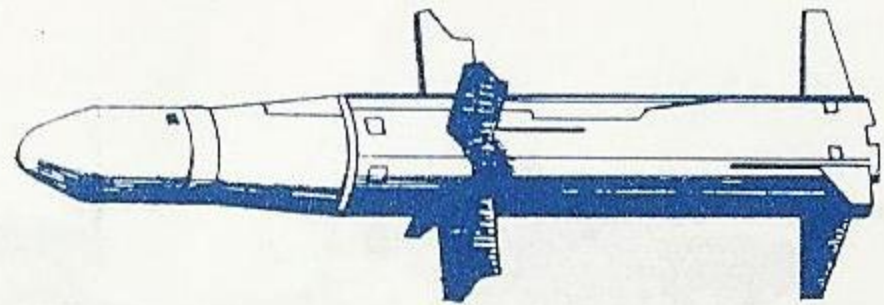
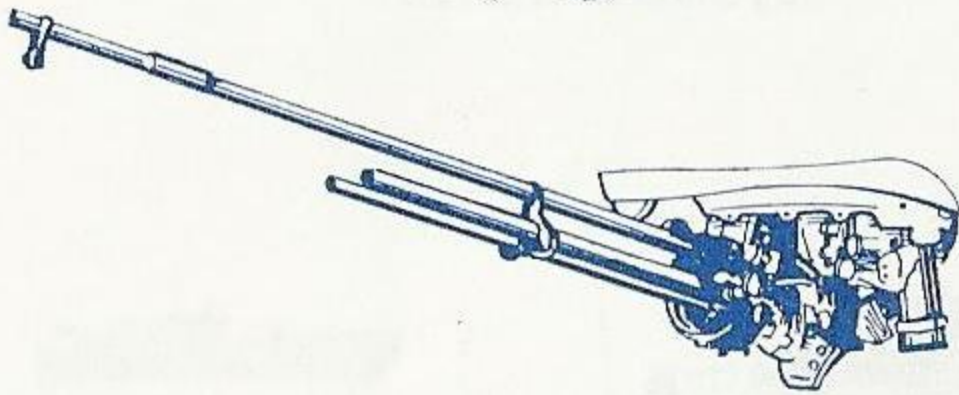
- Fires Straight Line air-to-ground missiles.



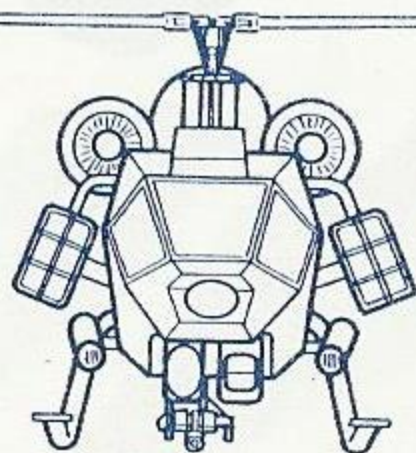
# Your Gunship



Thunder Blade's Chain Cannon is a rapid-fire 30 mm automatic weapon of frightening destructive power. It can demolish an enemy helicopter or airplane with one quick burst.

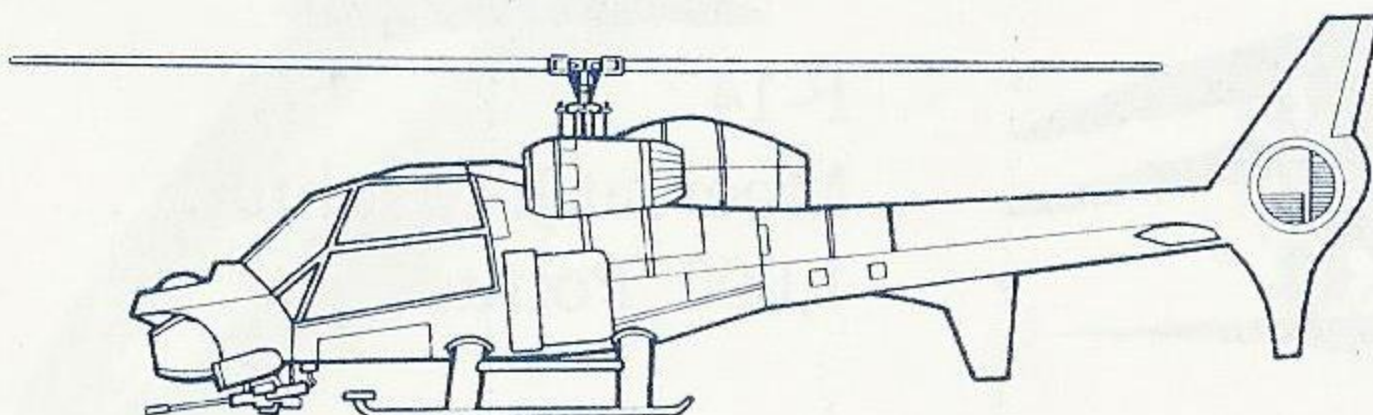


Thunder Blade is also supplied with unlimited Straight Line air-to-ground missiles. To strike a target at land or at sea, position yourself in a direct line with the enemy's vehicle and press Button 2. Missiles aren't well suited for rapid fire, so timing is of the essence. Missiles cannot shoot at enemy aircraft . . . only ground craft.



The most effective method of destroying the enemy is to use the Chain Cannon on flying

objects and Straight Line missiles on the enemies on land or sea.





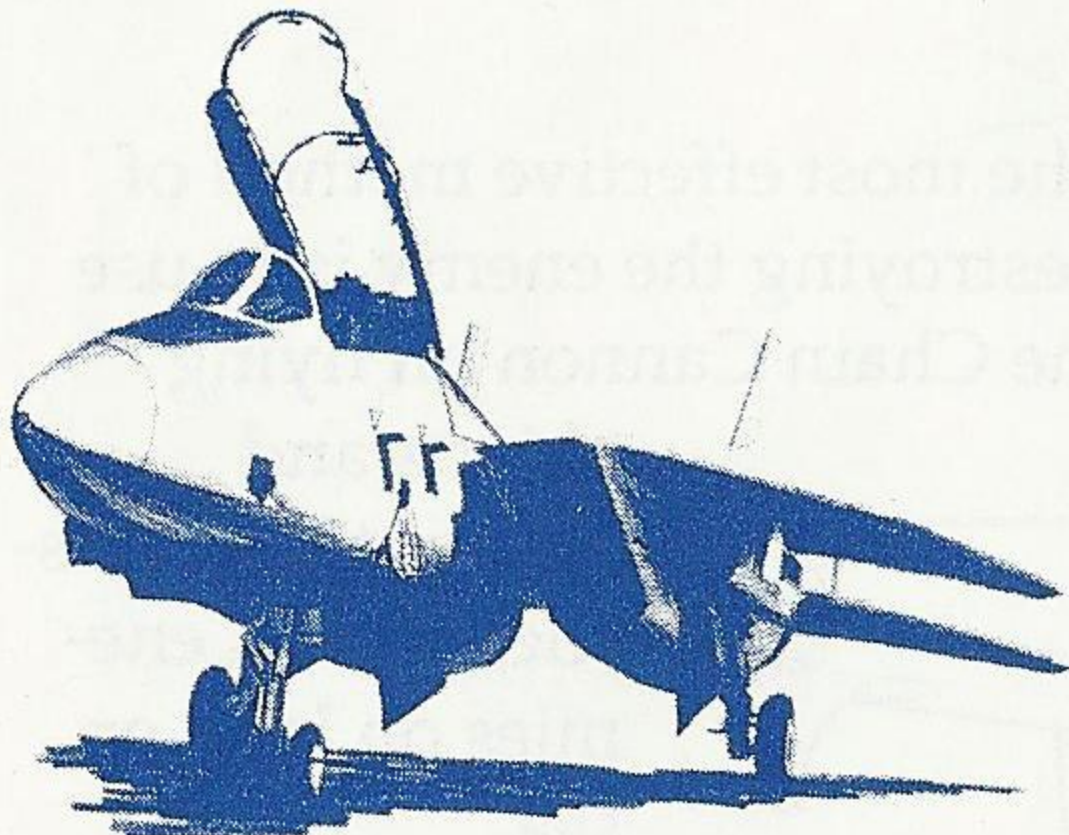
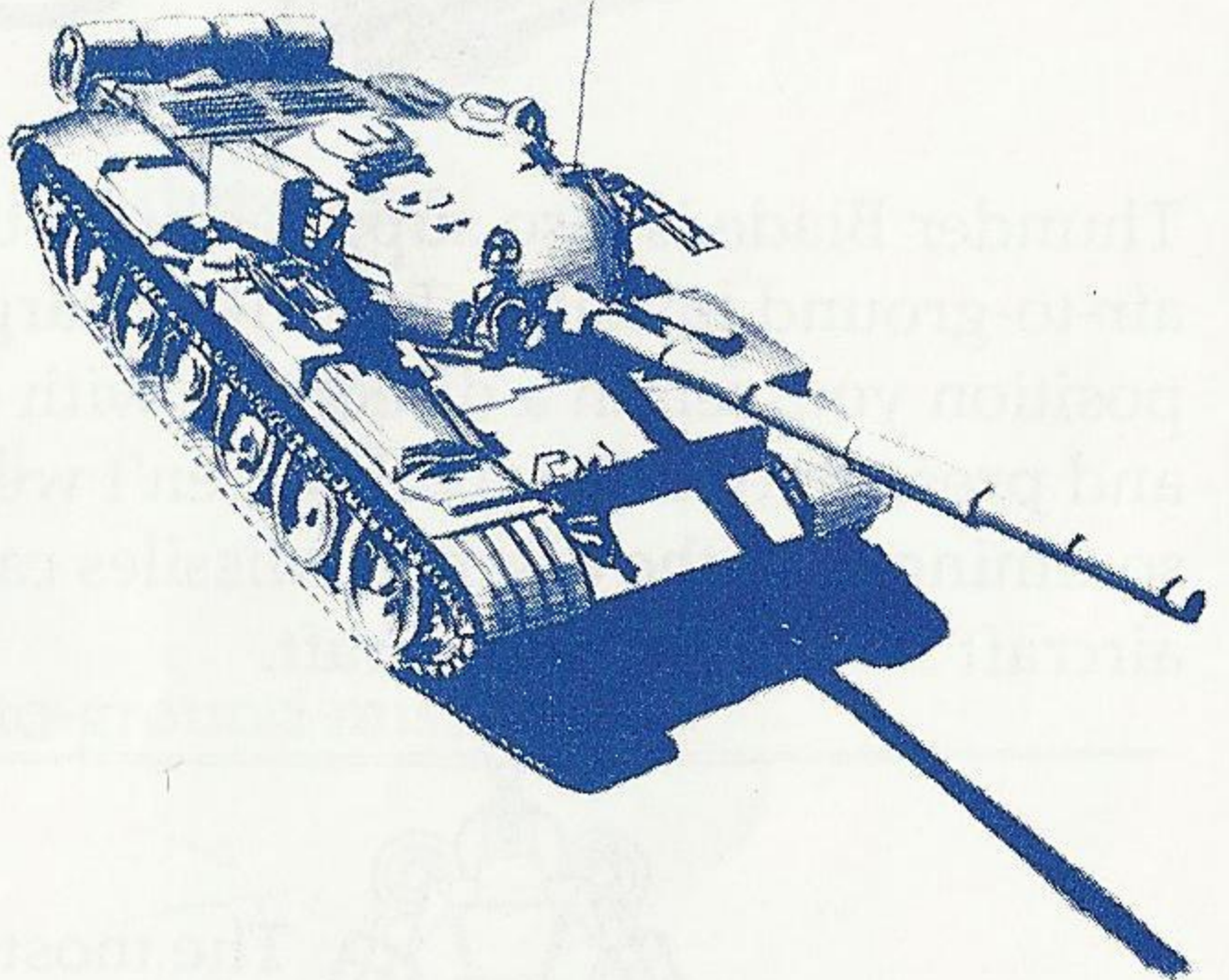
# Know the Enemy:



AH-64  
Sparrow Hawk Attack  
Helicopter . . . .  
1,000 Points

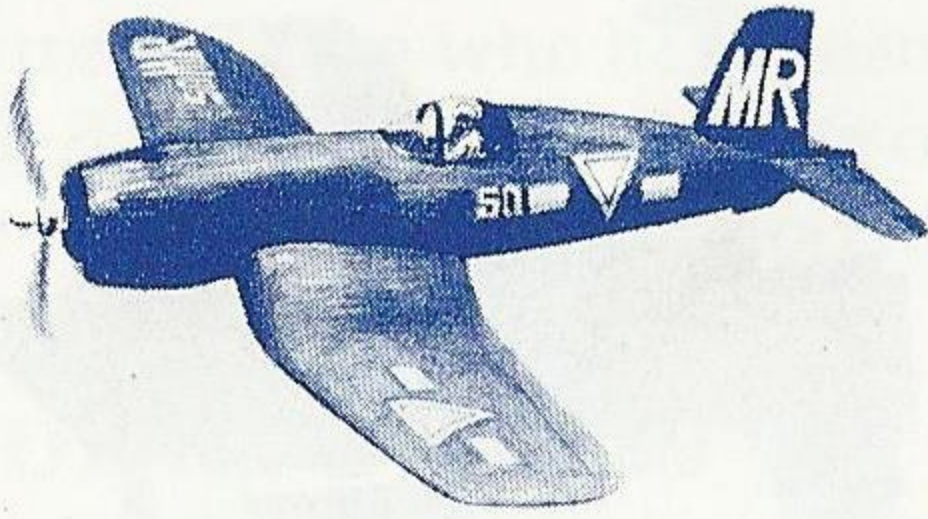


Type-74  
Bengal Tiger Tank . . . .  
2,000 Points



F-14  
Meercat Jet Fighter . . . .  
1,000 Points

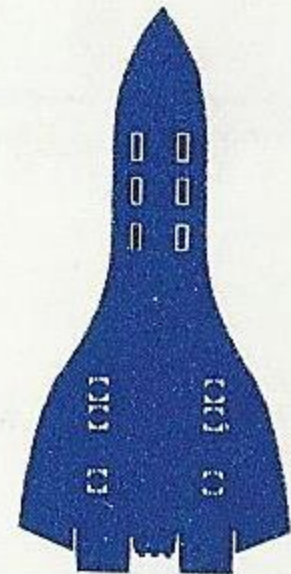
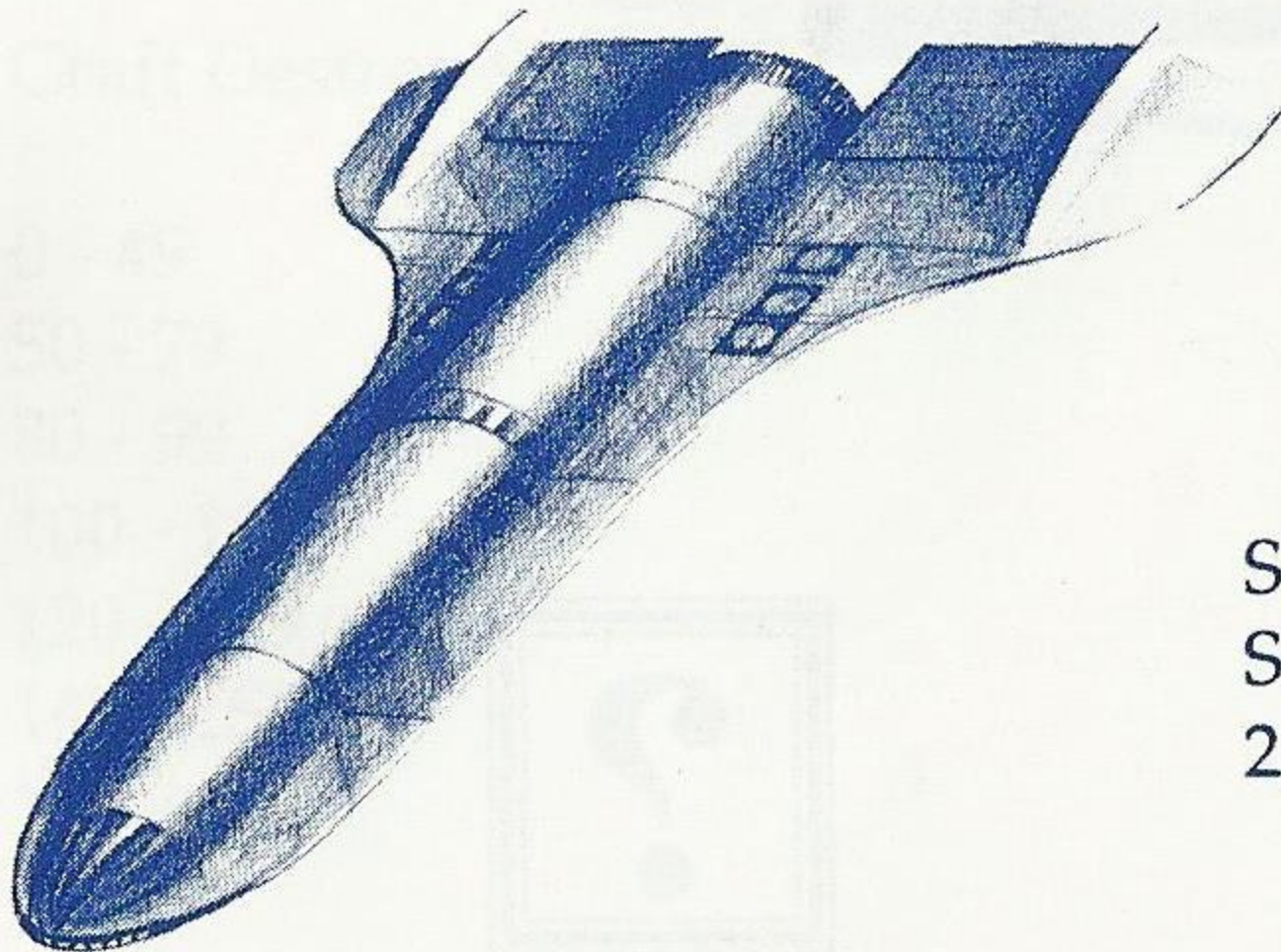
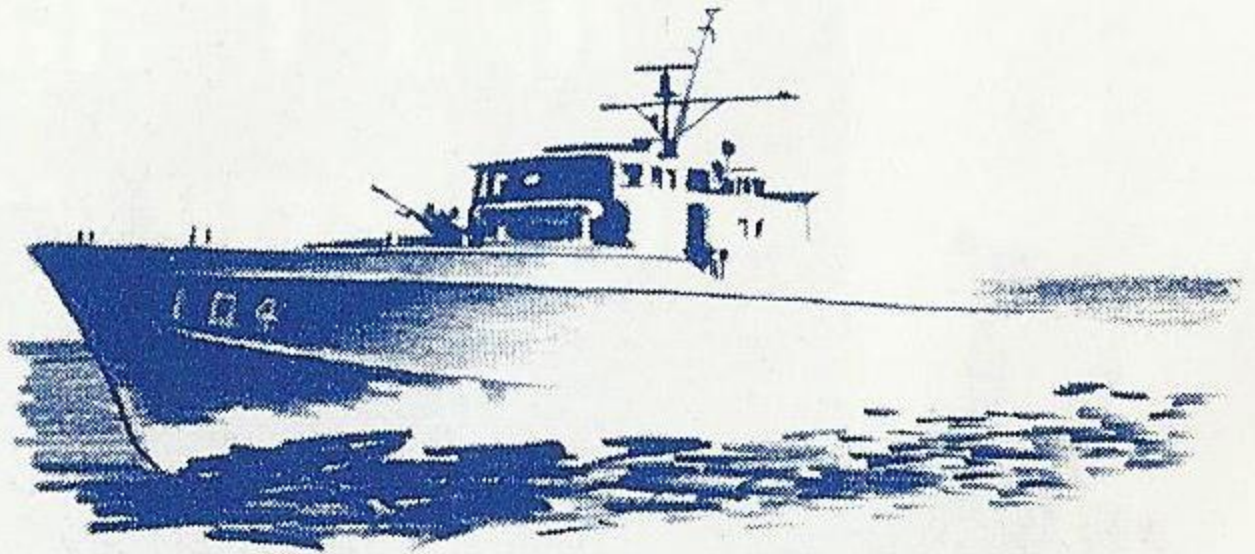




A4U-N2  
Corsair Fighter Aircraft . . .  
1,000 Points



ASH-07  
Barracuda  
Torpedo Cruiser . . .  
2,000 Points

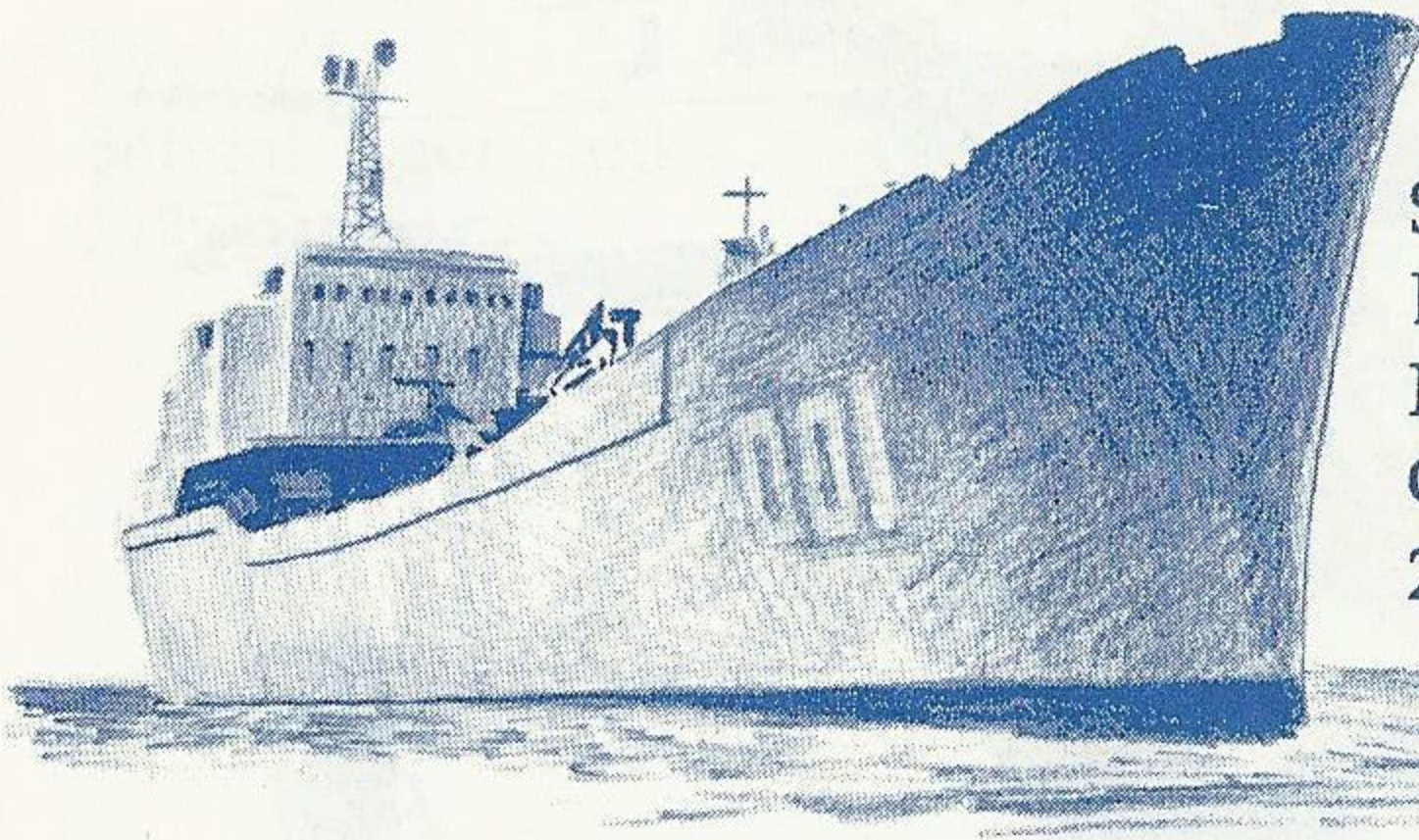


Stage 1 Mobile Fortress:  
SRS-78A1 Blackbird . . .  
2,000 Points





Stage 2  
 Mobile Fortress  
 Marauder Troop Carrier . . .  
 2,000 Points



Stage 3 Fortress  
 BA-001  
 Mermaster Invasion  
 Craft . . .  
 2,000 Points

Stage 4  
 Command Fortress . . . . .  
 2,000 Points.

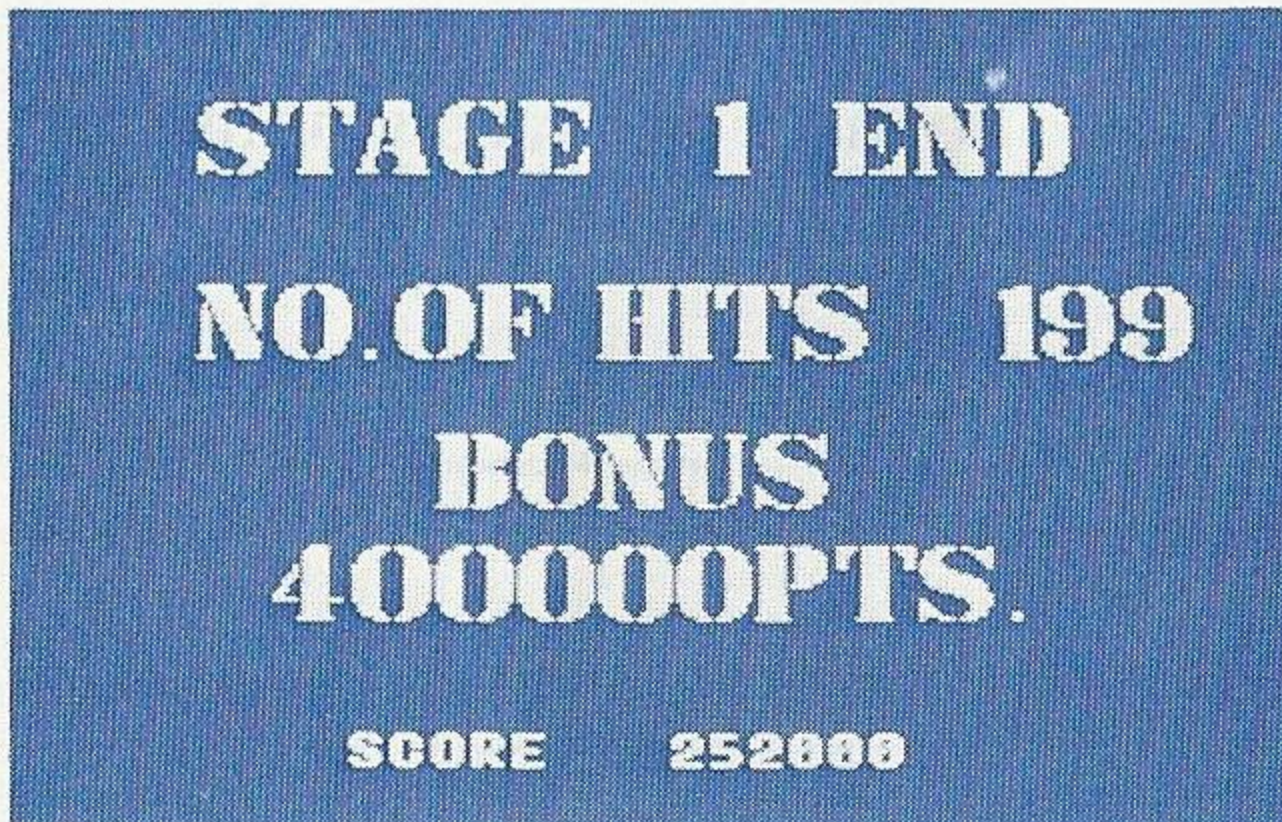




No one knows the identity of this monstrous command fortress. Those who have seen it seldom live to tell the tale. If you destroy this rebel nerve center, you will save your country from almost certain doom.

## Bonus Points

As you clear each stage, you earn bonus points depending on the number of rebel craft destroyed. A screen at the end of the round will let you know how many bonus points you received.



Craft Destroyed	Bonus Points
0 - 49	0
50 - 79	10,000
80 - 99	20,000
100 - 119	50,000
120 - 139	100,000
140 - 159	200,000
160 +	400,000



## Helpful Hints

- **CONTINUE MODE:** When the "Game Over" sign appears, push the D-Button **DOWN** and to the **RIGHT** and push Button 2 at the same time. The game will start from the beginning of the scene where you left off.
- In every scene, the enemy will attack in patterns. If you learn these patterns, you'll know where to move and where to fire . . . and when!
- Some of the enemy will not fire at you. Shoot all of them down if you can! The more enemies you hit, the faster you will earn bonus points and extra lives!



# Scorebook

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# Handling The Mega Cartridge™

- The Mega Cartridge is intended exclusively for the Sega System™
- Do not bend, crush or submerge in liquids.
- Do not leave in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.



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