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USE A JEEP, APC OR TANK TO INITIATE YOUR SESSION. PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS:

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1 PLAYER: WOPR MISSIONS

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will need to write down this passgrid since it is different for each mission. When you select a new mission, you will have to enter the passgrid for access. To complete a passgrid, simply move around the grid with the direction buttons and press the relevant shaped buttons to fill the grid. If the passgrid you enter is correct, the mission will then be highlighted and you can proceed with mission selection as normal.

# MULTIPLAYER GAME TYPES

# Cooperative

When it comes to battles, two heads are always better than one! The same is true in WARGAMES DEFCON 1. You and a buddy can team up to destroy the WOPR forces or instead help WOPR end planetary warfare by eliminating the puny human NORAD troops. In both cases, you share units and must decide between yourselves who will command which troops and vehicles. One of you might handle initial assaults to wear down the enemy while the other takes a cleanup position. Cooperative play has plenty of variety, but you'll always get the thrill of taking on the enemy as part of a team.

# Competitive

There are three competitive multiplayer games in WARGAMES DEFCON 1. They can be selected once one of 15 battlefields has been chosen and the Briefing Screen has opened. Move left/right with the Directional button to select the game type, and read the instructions for game play. The game will commence when it has finished loading and you press the START button.

# Deathmatch

This is a straightforward "last man standing" type of game in which the objective is to simply wipe out all of the opposing player's vehicles and base.

# Capture the Flare

This game variation adds a new twist to a multiplayer game. The objective is no longer to destroy as many of the opponent's units as possible; instead, the goal is to steat the opponent's flare from his base and get it back to your own base. This sounds simple, but when you add the fact that destroyed vehicles will regenerate, it becomes far more interesting. If a vehicle carrying the flare is destroyed, then the flare will be left there until another vehicle can be sent to retrieve it by either player. If a vehicle of the flare's owner gets to it, the flare will be returned to the corresponding base and the battle starts all over again. Points are awarded for destroying units, but the most points are earned for actually capturing the flare and getting it to your own base. The game only ends when one of the players exits the game. At that point, the debriefing screen opens with the scores for both sides and an announcement of the winner.

# Deathmatch Regeneration

This variation is almost the same as the normal Deathmatch game except that there is no limit on the amount of kills the player can make since all units regenerate back at the player's base when they are destroyed. The game only ends when one of the players gives up. At that point, the debriefing screen opens with the scores for both sides and an announcement of the winner.



# ► E-MAIL AND BRIEFING SCREEN

When the E-mail symbol appears in the bottom left-hand corner of the game screen and you hear a notification that you've got mail, press the SELECT button to open the E-mail page of the Briefing Screen. This will give you information about the next objective of the current mission. This page can be read at any time during the game by pressing the SELECT button to open the Briefing Screen and then using the T button to access the E-mail page.

The game will be paused while the Briefing Screen is open. When you have finished reading the E-mails and other information, press the START button to return to the game. The Briefing Screen will also open as the mission is loading. Here you will be given all the information you need for the current mission.

**The Briefing Page** details the background of the mission, what has triggered the need for your forces to be in this area and possible repercussions.

The Objectives Page offers some brief details of the overall objectives for the current mission. This will include the final goal of the mission, and the completion of this objective is usually critical to the ongoing war effort. The Vehicles Page will tell you exactly which units have been assigned to your command for the duration of the current mission, as well as which enemy units you will encounter.

**The E-mail Page** is where the individual objectives for the mission will be communicated to you. The objectives must be completed in the order they are given, or you will be relieved of command for failing to follow orders.

All of the pages can be read by pressing left or right on the Directional button on the controller or the relevant shaped buttons corresponding to the pages as shown at the top of the screen. You also see the DEFCON meter here. The highlighted number is the current DEFCON status. (Look in the Game Play Functions section of this manual for an explanation of the DEFCON meter.)

In the bottom left-hand corner of the Briefing Screen is a window that shows the battle screen with the camera panning around the unit you are currently controlling and its immediate surroundings.

On the right-hand side of the Briefing Screen is a satellite photo of the area for the current mission. This also acts as your in-game minimap. This will always show your units as blue dots for NORAD and red dots for WOPR. The current unit is shown as a flashing marker at the base of the yellow shape, which indicates the portion of the map being viewed in the battle screen.

# Unit Information Screen

During a battle, information on all the units appearing in the mission can be viewed from the Vehicles Page of the Briefing Screen. Press the X button to view this page and push up and down on the Directional button to cycle through all of the units. Information on the vehicles under your command will appear here, as well as the enemy units patrolling the area and any mission-critical buildings or facilities.



# GAME PLAY FUNCTIONS

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Minimap The minimap in the top right-hand corner of the screen shows an overhead view of the immediate area. All units are shown on the minimap as colored dots, while other indicators represent additional information. Green dots are neutral buildings and structures such as civilian houses, factories and industrial buildings. Red dots are always WOPR units. Large red dots are WOPR facilities. Blue dots are always NORAD units. Large plue dots are NORAD facilities. The flashing dot in the middle of the map is the unit currently being controlled by the player. The yellow shape in the middle of the minimap shows the estimated field of view of the current unit. Letters around the edge of the minimap correspond to North, South, East and West on a compass. Arrows and strobing circles on the minimap correspond to the location of the mission objectives. If the objective is off the visible portion of the minimap, then an arrow will indicate the direction in which you need to travel to reach the objective. The strobing circle indicates the exact location of the current objective.

# ► PAUSE OPTIONS

If the START button is pressed during the game, the game will pause and four options will appear. To select an option, push left or right on the Directional button and then press the X button when the desired option is in front. Exit Mission This option aborts the current mission and takes you to the debriefing screen. From here, you can return to the Title Screen or choose to replay the mission.

Speech Volume Push left or right on the Directional button to adjust the volume of the in-game speech.

Sound Effects Volume Push left or right on the Directional button to adjust the volume of the in-game sound effects.

Music Volume Push left or right on the directional button to adjust the volume of the in-game music.

# ► ADVANCED COMMANDS

The Advanced Commands menu is accessed by pressing the  $\Delta$  button, and the commands are activated using the X button. The top line shows the commands available to the currently controlled unit. The bottom line is a list of the available units with representations of their armor and current status. The  $\Delta$  button can be pressed again to exit the Advanced Commands menu without issuing a command.

Call All Units Similar to the Call Unit command, this selection orders all available units to move to your position. This command is especially useful when you are approaching an enemy base and you need support from other units. Units will stop responding to a Call All Units command if they come under attack since they have to defend themselves. Call Unit This selection will initialize the communications system, and the unit menu below the commands will become active. Select a unit to call by moving left or right with the Directional button and pressing the X button on the desired unit. This unit will then move to your position by the most direct route and will only stop if it comes under attack. Return to Base This command orders the unit currently under player control to head back to the base by the most direct route. The player may switch to another unit after this command has been issued, and the first unit will continue executing the order. This command is especially useful for sending troop carriers back to base for a reload of soldiers. Hack This command orders the current unit to move toward a nearby command center and start a hack. A visible timer will appear over the unit when the hack starts, and a Transport Chopper will be dispatched with Repair Damage and Secondary Weapon Reload power-qus when the hack is accessfully completed. The hack will be



.. aborted if the unit turns or moves away before the hack is complete.

Call Airstrike Only certain units have the ability to use this command. It will appear in the Advanced Commands menu if it is available. Before an airstrike can be called, a Marker Flare must be dropped by a Jeep, Tribike or Scout Drone near the target. Once the target has been marked with the flare, select the Call Airstrike command and withdraw the unit to a safe distance. The airstrike will automatically take place, centered on the area around the flare.

# ▶ DEFCON METER

The DEFCON meter is a timer that counts down from 5 to 1. As this happens, the enemy will become more aggressive. If the DEFCON status reaches 1, then airstrikes will commence on the player's base and units. The player can force the DEFCON status back toward 5 by destroying enemy units and bases. It is important that the DEFCON status is kept as close to 5 as possible, especially when attacking an enemy base.

# ■ ENERGY RING

A colored ring around the unit icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen indicates the current armor strength of that unit. The armor strength will lower when hit by enemy fire or caught in the shockwave of a destroyed building. There are several power-ups that affect the energy ring directly.

1: The Weapon Adrenaline power-up increases the power of the primary weapon system, thus making it more effective. This is shown around the normal armor ring as a set of yellow segments. This only lowers over time and has no effect on the armor of the unit that collected the Weapon Adrenaline power-up.

2 The Shield power-up adds an extra layer of armor to the unit, which is shown as a set of green segments outside the normal armor ring. This depletes slowly over time, but faster when taking hits from enemy fire. When it is completely gone, the normal armor ring will be affected.

3: This corner of the energy ring shows the secondary weapon type and a number that represents either the percentage of weapon strength or number of shots for the ammunition left in reserve.

4: Unit icon

5: The Repair Damage power-up replenishes a percentage of the unit's total armor strength, as indicated by the blue (NORAD) or red (WOPR) segment of the energy ring. As the unit takes damage, the colored segment shrinks. When the segment is almost gone, the unit is in imminent danger of being destroyed.

6: Energy Bar: Unit Status icons - Several colored icons are below the energy ring. These icons represent all of the units in your squad, each along with their status. The order of the icons corresponds to the order of the units shown in the Advanced Commands menu. The colors have the following meanings: Yellow standing by), Green (executing Call command), Red (under attack) and Blue (hacking). Pulsating colors indicate low armor strength.



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There are a number of power-ups that can be collected in the missions. They appear after destroying certain enemy units and facilities. The actual power-ups that appear are assigned randomly, but they are taken from the following four. The power-up collected affects the current unit.

# Repair Damage

This power-up replenishes a percentage of the unit's armor. The percentage replenished depends on the type of unit that dropped the power-up when destroyed. A more powerful unit will release a more potent power-up, which compensates for the higher amount of damage inflicted during the battle with that unit.

# Secondary Weapon Reload

Each collected power-up will reload some of the secondary weapon's ammunition, but will not restore the quantity above the secondary weapon's maximum.

# Shield

This power-up essentially gives the unit a second coat of armor, it acts as a barrier that decreases in power slowly over time, but quickly when taking hits from enemy fire or shockwaves. When the shield has been completely destroyed, the unit's armor will be affected by fire and shockwaves as normal. Shield strength can be seen as a set of green segments around the unit's armor ring.

# Weapon Adrenaline

This power-up increases the strength of a unit's primary weapon. The effectiveness of the power-up slowly decreases over time as the unit uses the primary weapon. The time remaining in the adrenaline boost can be seen as a set of yellow segments around the unit's armor ring.



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LASER DUTPOST

A logical step up from the Guard Tower, the Laser Cutpost offers completely automated ground and airborne defense capabilities. Any enemy units straying into range will be attacked with high-power lasers.



ANTI-MISSILE TURRET

Primarily intended for shooting down 'Cruise' and 'Scur' missile types, the Anti-Missile Turret also does an admirable iob of destroving flying enemy units.



COMMAND CENTER

The Command Center plays a vital role in any campaign. It is from here that battles are coordinated. Hacking for nower-ups is also possible at these facilities.



RADAR STATION

The Radar Station is an early-warning system designed to pick up and track enemy aircraft within a significant radius. The radar station is relatively weak and relies an protective forces.





ROBOT MAINTENANCE FACILITY The Robot Maintenance Facility is where damaged Drones are



LANDING

PAD The Landing Pad is an essential center of activity for any base. It is around here that any ground units will gather.



HANGAR The aircraft Hanga serves as a base for airborne units.



DOCKS The Docks are where the majority of sea-based vehicles can

be found.



DEFENSE POST

Defense Posts are often constructed as an initial line of defense. for a base or other battlefield structure.



brought for repairs.

LASER TURRET

The Laser Turret offers completely automated ground and airborne defense capabilities. It will automatically attack any enemy units within range with its high-power lasers.



SAM TURRET

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Armed with high-velocity, multiple-launch SAM missiles, this automated defense system is invaluable against enemy aircraft.



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The Command Center plays a vital role in any compaign. It is from: here that battles are coordinated, Hacking for power-ups also takes place at these facilities.



LISTENING POST

The Listening Post is an early-warning system designed to pick up and track enemy aircraft within a significant radius. However, it is relatively weak.



MISSILE SILO

The Missile Silo gives WOPR forces longrange ground-attack capabilities. These missiles are relatively slow, but if they hit the target unit, it has little chance of surviving.

# LEGAL