

**TEAM  
YANKEE**

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## PROLOGUE

The background for the scenarios of the computer game *Team Yankee* lie in the book of the same name by Harold Coyle. A New York Times Number 1 best-seller, *Team Yankee* is *the* definitive tank warfare novel. It is the story of a U.S. Army tank unit in Germany during the opening days of a third world war fought with conventional weapons. The hero of the book is an Army captain called Sean Bannon, who commands a reinforced tank company with two tank platoons and a mechanized infantry platoon assisted by anti-tank vehicles. The name of that company is *Team Yankee*.

At the start Bannon and his men are put on alert after a clash of warships in the Persian Gulf - a chilling echo of the current world political climate. Hostilities begin when the Russians strike across the German border. Bannon's wife and children are hurriedly evacuated back to the United States amidst confusion and danger. Nobody really believed that this could happen:

Both Colonel Reynolds and Captain Bannon stood there transfixed, staring at the point where the two Russian jets had disappeared up the valley. Bannon's mind was almost numb. He kept trying to convince himself that maybe he hadn't really seen two Russian jets. Maybe he was mistaken. It had to be a mistake. The thought, "We can't really be at war. That isn't possible," kept running through his mind.

After a long day and night of waiting, the second day of war sees the Russian first echelon forces break through and enter the valley which Bannon and his troops are defending. At the start of the first battle there has been a sudden detonation in the village at the centre of the valley:

"ROMEO 25 - THIS IS MIKE 77 - SPOT REPORT - 5 T-72 TANKS MOVING WEST - GRID 190852 - CONTINUING TO OBSERVE - OVER." Bannon snapped his head to the left. There was no need to use a map. There was only one place the Russians would be, and that was between the forests 2200 meters away .....

Team Yankee acquires itself well in the following action and the Russian attack is repelled. The Team is now relieved from its position, so that it can spearhead an offensive to the north which will take it into the flank of 28th Soviet Guards division. The move up north, a few miles to the rear of the line, is performed in the dark. All of the supporting C company gets lost on the way, so Bannon and his men are forced to launch an attack through the woods towards Arnsdorf with no support at all.

As the Team passed between the two tree lines and crested the small hill, the terrain beyond opened up before it. The hill that was Objective LOG was directly in front about four kilometres away. As the Team moved out from its last cover, all eyes for kilometres around were

turning on it. The other people, the Soviets, also watched. Reports flashed to their commanders. Gunners threw down their mess tins and slid into position. Loaders and ammo bearers prepared to load the next round.....

After frantic action, Team Yankee runs through Objective Log, and rushes onwards to Hill 214 overlooking Arnsdorf. Bannon desperately tries to call his team to a halt over the radio - but it is out of action - and he then loses his tank as well.

Finally, he makes it up to Hill 214 on a PC to discover that the rest of the team has successfully taken it. Bannon decides that this hill, won at such cost, would be defended from any Russian attempts to retake it until support arrives. As the light falls, the Team sees a Russian motorised rifle company arrive in Arnsdorf. The defence of Hill 214 has begun. Close on midnight the Russians start a three-pronged attack on the hill:

Two of the BTR's were starting to fire at Bannon's tank. Bannon decided to take them out first. Grabbing the override, he slued the turret to the left. "GUNNER - HEAT - TWO BTR'S - LEFT BTR!" "FIRE!"

The first HEAT round found its mark just below the small turret on the BTR. The impact and the internal explosions caused

the BTR to swerve to the left and out of the battle.....

Kelp watched as a figure came up out of the T72's hatch and looked to the rear. The turret began to traverse round. "SHIT! HURRY OR WE'RE DEAD MEAT!" yelled Kelp.....

After a close-fought night encounter Team Yankee succeed in repulsing everything the Russians can throw at them. As the dawn of the next morning breaks they are relieved by A company of the 78th Mechanized Infantry. Team Yankee are now the prestige group of the battalion. After a few days rest behind the lines Bannon is informed that his team is to spearhead an advance of the entire brigade deep into enemy territory. Initially this was to take them up a tree-lined valley past the town of Issel, onto Korberg:

The sudden realization that he was running side by side with a Polish tank was numbing. It was the sensation of urine running down his leg that galvanised Avery into action.

He began to slew the turret and issue his fire command. "GUNNER - BATTLESIGHT - TANK!" The target was so near and the thermal sight so uniformly green that Tessman didn't recognize the object in his sight as a tank.... Avery fired the main gun from his override without bothering to

go down to his sight. The report of 21's gun and the impact on target were as one. The T-55 veered off to the left, and began to burn.

After some vigorous fighting and attacks from deep inside the forest, Team Yankee make it up to the top of the first valley, where it turns eastwards past Langen. It becomes clear that they have met only the lead elements of an entire tank brigade. Major Jordan and Bannon sit down to discuss how they can possibly hold their position:

After studying the terrain, they discussed the various ways the Soviets could come. Both were in agreement that they probably would not try sneaking through the woods again. Odds were, they would try to bull through this time. Hence division's and brigade's belief that they would use the Langen Gap.....

The problem is, **you** won't have Major Jordan to help decide on your strategy. In *Team Yankee* the computer game, you will never be sure whether the Russians are going to play by the book or not. All of the above scenarios form the game you are going to have to master. There is only one way to find out whether or not you're up to it .....

## SETTING UP

### CD ROM INSTALLATION

Log onto your CD-ROM drive and type 'GO' R

#### To create a boot disc for TEAM YANKEE CD-ROM

If you are unable to run TEAM YANKEE CD-ROM due to 'insufficient memory', you will need to create a Boot Disc. Insert a blank disc to be formatted into drive A & type 'Format A: /S' R at the C: prompt. This will create a system disc. Having made a system disc create a CONFIG.SYS file & an AUTOEXEC.BAT file referring to the suggestions below, using the Ms Dos EDIT command.

#### CONFIG.SYS

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dos=high,umb
files=15
buffers=20
devicehigh=c:\cdrom\cdrom.sys /d:cdrom01 /p:340 ①
devicehigh=c:\dos\dblpspace.sys /move ②
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#### AUTOEXEC.BAT

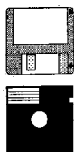
```
lh c:\dos\mouse.com ③
lh c:\dos\mscdex /d:cdrom01 ④
d: ⑤
go
```

Note: ① Replace this line with your specific CD-Rom Driver line (check CONFIG.SYS)

- ② You will only need this line if you use Dos 6 with Dbospace.
- ③ Change this according to where your mouse driver is.
- ④ Modify this line according to your present autoexec.bat on your Hard Disc or system Disc.
- ⑤ This should be your CD log drive.

## MAKING A BACKUP COPY - PC & AMIGA

Make a copy of your Game Disk before you attempt to play the game. Before you make a copy, ensure that the **game disk** is write protected by either attaching a write protect strip (5.25" disk) or opening the write protect notch (3.5" disk). Use your **copy** while playing the game (ensuring that it is write enabled, since information is written to the disk during play) and only use the original disk for making further copies. If you are unsure of how to copy a disk, read the manual for your computer.



Write Protect Tabs

## PC INSTALLATION

Insert your operating system disk and wait until you see the **a>** prompt on your screen. **This game will perform better if you reduce to a minimum the amount of unnecessary software installed with the system.** Now insert your **copy** of the *Team Yankee* game disk and type **TY** followed by a

carriage return. After a few moments the loading sequence will commence. If you wish to skip this at any time then press the space bar. Once the loading sequence has completed you will be presented with a filing screen. Read about how to proceed in Chapter 3.

## AMIGA INSTALLATION

**Performance will be enhanced if you disconnect all external disk drives and peripherals and ensure no other software is running.** Turn on your computer and insert your **copy** of the *Team Yankee* game disk at the **Workbench** prompt. (**A1000** users should insert their **Kickstart** disk first.) After a few moments the loading sequence will commence. If you wish to halt this at any time then hold down the left mouse button. Once loading has been completed you will be presented with a filing screen. Read about how to proceed in Chapter 3.

## USING HARD DISK DRIVES

### IBM PC and Compatibles

For details on hard disk installation and game loading look at the **READ.ME** file on the game disk which can be read by typing **type a:read.me** or printed out by typing **copy a:read.me prn.**

### Commodore Amiga

For details about hard disk installation look at the **Read.Me** file on the game disk. To do this, boot with your normal Workbench disk and then insert the game disk and double click on the **TY** disk icon and then double click on the icon labelled **Read.Me**.

## CONTROLS

The game is designed to run using keyboard, analogue joystick or microsoft compatible mouse on the **IBM PC**. On the **Commodore Amiga**, the game may be run using either mouse or keyboard, although mouse control is recommended. In the following documentation the phrases "click on icon X" and "press fire with the pointer over icon X" are synonymous and should be taken to mean either:

- [a] Place the pointer over icon X and press the return key.
- [b] Place the pointer over icon X and press the fire button of the joystick (IBM PC only).
- [c] Place your pointer over icon X and press the left mouse button.



*Team Yankee  
Pointer*

### Keyboard Short-cuts

Using certain keyboard short-cuts instead of directly using the pointer can become a quick way to perform certain actions, especially when you are not using a mouse.

Key	Action
F1 or 1	Choose Platoon 1
F2 or 2	Choose Platoon 2
F3 or 3	Choose Platoon 3
F4 or 4	Choose Platoon 4
F7 or 7	Select map view for chosen platoon.
F8 or 8	Select 3D view for chosen platoon.

F9 or 9

Select status view for chosen platoon.

F10, F0, or 0

Toggle between map, 3D and status view for chosen platoon.

Escape

Toggle between "Quadrant" and "Full screen" views

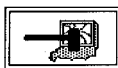
Delete (Amiga only)  
Help

Quit Game  
Pause Game

### Note

There are other IBM PC keyboard short-cuts and these are listed in the READ.ME file contained on the game disk.

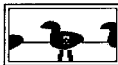
## THE START-UP SCREEN



*Quit Game Icon*



*Credit Icon*



*Practice Game Icon*

The first screen of the game resembles an open filing cabinet for the simple reason that all of the information about your performance can be accessed from here. Figure 3.0 shows a representation of this screen. On the front of the filing cabinet there are three icons which look like labels. The leftmost icon is the **QUIT GAME** icon. If you click on this icon then you will be asked to verify whether or not you wish to quit the game. The middle icon is the **CREDIT** icon, which provides information on the game's designers. You are also able to choose the desired language for play,



by clicking on the **language** icon at the lower part of the credit window. The rightmost icon is the **PRACTICE** icon, which allows you to play a practice scenario.

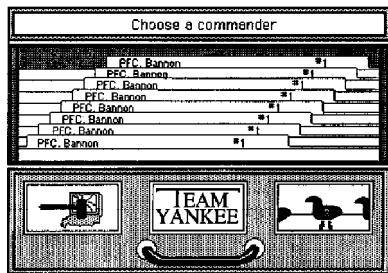


Figure 3.0 - The Start-up Screen

This scenario will familiarise you with the control of the game, without stretching your tactical expertise. It is highly recommended that you attempt to master this scenario before you pitch yourself into full-scale war. If you wish to practise, then go to chapter 5, which details the next portion of the game. There are also details about the practice scenario in chapter 10 - **How to play Team Yankee**.

There are eight files available in the filing cabinet, and each one can hold information about your exploits. When You first start to play the game you will hold the rank of private, and the default name on the left hand side of each file marker is **PFC. Bannon**. Sean Bannon is the major character in the book *Team Yankee*. On the right hand side of each file marker you will see the characters #1. This represents the

first scenario or 'chapter' of the game. The game has a total of five chapters. You must start at the first and you will only be allowed to progress to the next chapter if you are victorious in the previous one. If you wish to start playing the game proper, then you must register yourself as a new player. To do this, locate the pointer over one of the eight file markers and press fire. The relevant file will now spring up from the cabinet, and you will be presented with all of the file contents. See Figure 3.1 below.

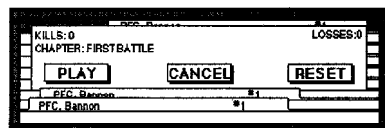
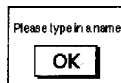


Figure 3.1 - Player Registration Menu

You may now type in the name you wish to use in the area at the top of the registration menu. The program will automatically append all of your combat records under this name in the filing cabinet. Underneath your name you will see your strike rate under **KILLS** and **LOSSES**. This details the number of Soviet vehicles you have disabled and the number of your own vehicles which have been lost, respectively, under your command. In the middle of the file is detailed the name of the scenario, or 'chapter' which will take place if you proceed into the game. At the bottom of the file there are three icons. If you select the **PLAY** option before a name has been entered a confirmation box will appear requesting you to register your name.



Registration request box

The leftmost icon is the **PLAY** icon which takes you into the briefing screen for the first scenario, described in Chapter 5, once you have successfully passed the vehicle identification stage, detailed in Chapter 4. You will not be allowed to play the game until you have typed in your playing name. The middle **CANCEL** icon causes the current file to go back into the filing cabinet. The rightmost **RESET** icon causes all of the campaign information under the current filename to be erased, in case you wish to start your campaign over again.

You may have the information for up to eight different campaigns stored in your filing cabinet. We have made life easy for you by writing all of your campaign information to the filing cabinet automatically at the end of each scenario you successfully complete. You may only play a particular scenario at any one time as **one** of the characters in your filing cabinet. If you succeed in your first battle, then your scenario chapter will increment by 1 and you will be able to proceed to the next battle.

There are five separate chapters to the *Team Yankee* campaign. If you manage to succeed in the whole campaign then you will be rewarded with a promotion to the next rank of Corporal. You will then have to replay each of the five chapters under your new exalted position. But beware, because as you progress, so the tactical skills you will have to deploy become more complex and demanding. It will take total success in a further four ever more draining campaigns until you can attain the highest rank of Captain. Victory in *Team Yankee* is not going to be simple!

## VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

If you are playing the full game rather than the practice scenario, then you will have to suffer the rigours of a vehicle identification class before you are allowed near a tank. The screen will show the profile of a particular NATO or Warsaw Pact vehicle, which you must identify by clicking on the correct vehicle name on the right of the screen. You will be shown three screens with the profiles of three different vehicles. You must identify all three correctly to proceed.

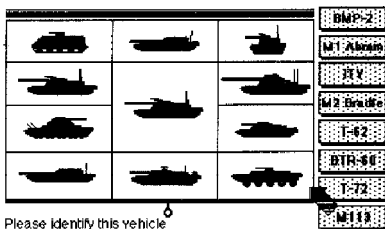


Figure 4.0 - Vehicle Identification Screen

In the mayhem of battle it is imperative that you can tell at a glance the difference between an M113 and a BMP-1, if only because if you shoot the wrong one you will be killing men who are on your own side! If you study the section in the manual on **vehicle types**, you should be able to graduate through vehicle identification school with flying colours!

**Note:** The vehicle identification screen will show 10 different views of the vehicle you must identify together with a rotating view in the centre.

## THE BRIEFING SCREEN

The briefing screen, shown in figure 5.0, presents all of the information which is available from intelligence for your forthcoming scenario, and also allows you to set up artillery bombardments where applicable. The name of the forthcoming engagement is shown at the top centre of the screen.

In the central part of the screen, to the left, you will see a full map of the battlefield. This displays all of the major features, forests, roads, rivers and villages. It also shows the disposition of your forces for the start of the battle.

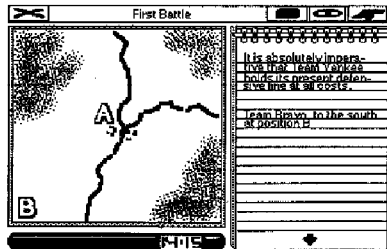


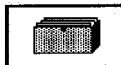
Figure 5.0 - The Briefing Screen

Each platoon of *Team Yankee* is represented by an American flag. There is also an overlay on the map which is referred to in the briefing text. To the right of the map is a notebook, which details all of the important information which intelligence can provide before the battle. You may flip through this notebook by clicking on the arrows at the bottom or top of each page, where applicable. There is

nothing to prevent you from reading through the notebook as many times as you wish. Beneath the map you will see displayed the battle start time on an LCD display at the bottom of the screen.



Cross Swords Icon



Notebook Icon



Information Icon

The **cross swords** icon will take you into the full battle. After you have clicked on this you will be asked to confirm that you wish to go into battle. Make sure that you are fully prepared!

The **notebook** icon reactivates the notebook if you have previously activated one of the next two icons. This contains your briefing from Company HQ based on all known information before your engagement.

The **eye** - or **information** - icon is a special feature which allows you to glean further information from the map. When you are in **information** mode place your pointer over the map, and you will notice that it changes shape into a cursor. If you click at any point you will notice that a flashing box will appear on the map. This box appears at the closest point of special interest relative to your cursor position. The notepad will now display the particular information about this position on the map. You will find out important facts relating to your platoon and local topography when you use this feature. Alternatively, now that you are in information mode, you can look at all the

special points of interest simply by clicking up or down through the notepad. When you get to a new page, the new point of interest will flash on the map.



*Cannon Icon*

The **cannon** icon allows you to set up artillery barrages in advance of the battle. You are not able to access artillery during the battle itself. You will be allowed to create a number of separate barrages of **HE** (High Explosive), **DPICM** (Dual-Purpose Improved Conventional Munitions) and **SMOKE** shells. See figure 4.1

The precise availability of artillery will depend on your scenario and rank. The precise details of each barrage that you set up for the battle may be varied on the overlays which appear on the notepad once you have clicked on the cannon icon.

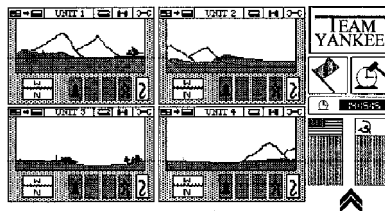
By pressing either of the two arrows next to the timer on the overlay you may alter the start time for a particular barrage. Clicking on the red cross stops that barrage from taking place. The location for a particular barrage is shown by a flashing yellow square on the map. This location may be changed by moving the cursor over the map and clicking at the desired position. At lower levels of rank you will often find that artillery is either not available or is preset to a useful value.



*Figure 5.1 The Artillery Overlay*

## THE GAMEPLAY SCREENS

*Team Yankee* is unique, since the game not only allows the player full control over each of the four platoons in the Team, but can display the actions of all four platoons simultaneously! This means that you have access to all 16 vehicles in the Team, and you are going to have to become proficient at managing all of them. *Team Yankee* is designed to test your leadership and tactical skills to the quick. You can display in either “**quadrant mode**”, shown in figure 6.0, where all four platoons may be controlled at once, or “**full-screen mode**”, shown in figure 6.3, where the display homes in on just one platoon.



*Figure 6.0 - Quadrant Mode Screen*

You have the flexibility to display either an overhead map view of the surrounding area, a simulated 3D view of the battlefield, or a status screen showing the performance of all vehicles in a platoon. Irrespective of which screen mode you choose during battle, there is a constant column of information to the right of the screen.



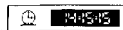
*The Quit Game Icon*

Just beneath the *Team Yankee* logo there is a white flag, or game **QUIT** icon, which allows you to exit the battle. You will be asked to confirm this decision before you can quit.



*The Pause Icon*

To the right is the game **PAUSE** icon, which allows you to take a break or take your breath during battle.



*The Time Display*

Underneath you will find the **TIME** display, which gives the time in hours, minutes and seconds on a 24 hour clock. You should keep an eye on this to note forthcoming artillery attacks or when your scenario involves a deadline. Beneath the clock there are two **STRENGTH** histograms topped by Russian and American flags. These show the **relative** strengths of the two sides, calculated according to casualty and morale factors. At the bottom of this column you will see your **RANK** displayed graphically, this obviously differs according to the rank you



*The Strength Histograms*

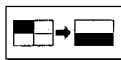


*Rank*

have reached. Along the bottom of the screen there is a single text line which will display any vitally important information. You will be told about forthcoming artillery strikes, casualties in your team or hits on opposing cavalry.

## QUADRANT VIEW

When you first enter the game you will be in "quadrant mode", where the active part of the screen is split up into four sections relating to each of the four platoons of *Team Yankee*. The upper row of icons in each quadrant allow you to alter what is viewed on the screen - see figure 6.0. The



*The Expand View Icon*

leftmost icon will **expand** the view of that particular platoon to occupy most of the screen - in this "full screen mode" you will be offered extra features - but you will not be able to see all of the action. In the middle the name of the platoon is displayed. To the right there are three icons. The **map** icon changes the view to a map quadrant with a plan view of the battlefield. The **3D view** icon changes the view to a 3D simulation of the battlefield. The **status** icon changes the view to a status screen. The icon corresponding to the current viewing mode is shaded in yellow. Chapter 2 details how to access these features by using the keyboard.



*The Map Icon*



*The 3-d View Icon*



*The Status Icon*



*The Rotation Icon and Compass Display*

## QUADRANT 3-D VIEW

When the view in a quadrant is the 3D display, then underneath you will see the following icons: Two red arrows which form a **rotate** icon, allowing the player to rotate the view

clockwise or anticlockwise through 360°. This is equivalent to rotating the gun turret - IT DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO ALTER THE DIRECTION IN WHICH YOU ARE TRAVELLING. Between the two rotate arrows lie two compasses: the upper (red) compass shows the direction in which you (i.e. the gun turret) are facing; the lower (green) compass shows the direction in which the vehicle is facing. If you click on the central part of the compass, then your view will rotate towards the direction in which you are travelling.

To the right of the compasses are five icons which represent the various types of **weaponry** available to the unit. Clicking on any of these is equivalent to a command to the loader to load a particular shell. When the shell is selected the icon clicks in (like a button) and when it is loaded the icon lights up. You will also hear a signal when the weapon is available for firing. The weapon loading times accurately reflect the time taken for a vehicle to re-arm itself in battle. See Chapter 8 for more details. Once a weapon is fully loaded, the pointer becomes a set of sights when moved over the 3D display. Clicking at a particular point on the landscape leads to the shell being aimed at that point (with some predetermined inaccuracy factors). The five available weapon types, from left to right, are:



*HEAT Icon*

**HEAT** - a high explosive anti-tank round (see glossary);



*SABOT Icon*

**SABOT** - an armour-piercing tungsten shell (see glossary);  
**TOW** - a high-range anti-tank missile (see glossary, and note in particular that this may only be fired when your vehicle is **STATIONARY**);  
**SMOKE** - a smoke grenade which allows enemy vision to be obscured (see glossary);  
**MACHINE GUN** - which is always available to the player and has an 'infinite' number of rounds (see glossary).



*TOW Icon*



*Smoke Icon*

Most platoons will not have all weapon types available (for instance, the M1 Tank does not carry TOW missiles). If a weapon is not available then that particular icon will not be displayed.



*Machine Gun Icon*

Once the platoon has no more loaded shells of a particular type there will be a delay before it is possible to use them again, according to the reload times of your weapons. The operation of all these screens is "non-modal". This means, for instance, that while you are waiting for one platoon to load its weaponry, you are free to do anything you wish with any other platoon.

## Mouse Short-cuts

If the player depresses the RIGHT mouse button while the pointer is on the 3D view, then the view will rotate at a rate relative to the distance of the pointer from the centre of the view. (The further the pointer from the centre, the faster the rotation.)

## MAP QUADRANTS

The major capability on the quadrant map screen (see figure 6.1) is to alter the movement and formation of any platoon. The whole of the map may be viewed at once, or you may zoom into any portion of the battlefield using the icons to the right of the map. All of the major features of the battlefield are displayed on the map - roads are light grey, rivers are blue, forests are green shaded clumps, and buildings are marked as red and white boxes.



*The Zoom  
Magnify Icon*



*The Zoom  
De-Magnify Icon*

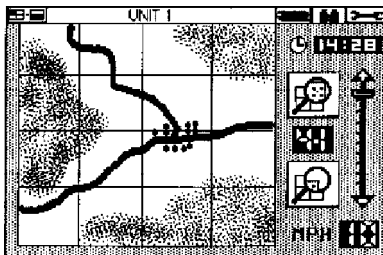
There are two **zoom** icons represented by magnifying glasses. Clicking on the upper zoom icon magnifies the resolution of the map. Clicking on the lower zoom icon demagnifies the map. There are seven levels of magnification. On the lowest level the whole width of the battlefield - 4 miles across - is displayed. On the highest magnification the width of the map is 0.2 miles across.



*The Map Width  
Display*

The full width of the map in miles is displayed as a number between the two zoom icons. If you have a mouse, and you are not viewing the whole battlefield, you may scroll the map in any direction by locating the

pointer over the map and depressing the right mouse button. The map will then scroll at a speed and direction relative to the position of the cursor from the centre of the map.



*Figure 6.1 - The Map Quadrant Screen*

In order to **move** your platoon you have to provide information about the destination and the speed of the platoon. Place the pointer over the map, locate the desired location to which you wish to move to, and press fire. A crosshair will be left on the screen which shows the end point of the current movement. Now go to the **slider bar** and set the desired speed of travel. You may do this either by clicking on the arrows at the top or bottom of the slider bar, to increase or decrease the platoon speed respectively, or



MPH

*The Slider Bar*

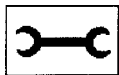


*The ETA Icon*

by clicking the pointer at the point on the slider you wish the bar to reach. The current speed is displayed, in miles per hour, under the bottom arrow of the slider bar.

The expected time of arrival, or ETA, at the present destination is printed at the top of the right hand side of the map quadrant. Note that only one destination is allowed for any platoon at any time.

This destination may be altered at any time, irrespective of whether or not the platoon has reached its destination. The maximum speed of any of your vehicles is 50 miles per hour. The maximum speed you may achieve depends on the **terrain** type across which you are travelling. The fastest terrain type is road, followed by cross country, forest and then river, which is the slowest terrain type. If you wish to travel by the fastest possible means, try to find a suitable road.

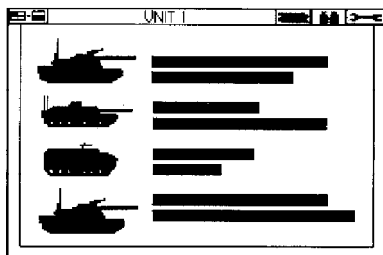


*The Status Icon*

## STATUS QUADRANT

The Status Quadrant (Figure 6.2) is accessed by clicking on the status icon. Each of the four vehicles in each unit will then be displayed on this "status" screen. (By now you will, hopefully, be able to recognise and identify the profile of all of your

vehicles!) To the right of each vehicle are two bars. The length of the **upper bar** represents the **morale** of the personnel in the vehicle. Morale is improved when the vehicle achieves a hit on a Warsaw Pact tank, and decreases when the platoon is fired at, or when there are losses on the American side.

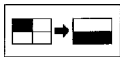


*Figure 6.2 - The Status Quadrant Screen*

The **lower bar** represents the **efficiency** of the vehicle and its personnel. The efficiency decreases when the vehicle has suffered some damage from opposition fire power.

The values of morale and efficiency affect the ability of your platoon to strike the opposition accurately and swiftly when a command to launch a weapon is raised. If a vehicle is terminally damaged it will turn red on the status screen. That vehicle and any remaining personnel will be left behind when the platoon moves on. War is no place for the faint hearted! If all of the vehicles in a platoon are disabled, that platoon becomes ineffective, and a red status screen will be displayed permanently.



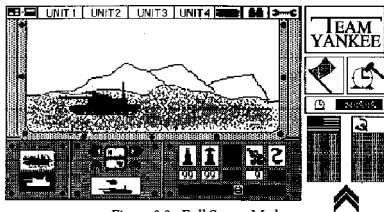


*Expand View Icon*

## FULL SCREEN MODE

It is possible to concentrate your view on just one single platoon by clicking on the top left icon of any of the

quadrants. This will take you into "full screen mode" for that platoon (see figure 6.3). The top row of icons in this mode are identical in function to those in quadrant mode. The only difference you will note is that all of the platoons are named, and the current platoon in view is highlighted in yellow. If you click on any platoon name then the screen will change to a full screen view for that platoon. The game remembers what type of view was last displayed for that platoon, and this same type of view is displayed for the platoon in full screen mode.



*Figure 6.3 - Full Screen Mode*

## FULL SCREEN 3D VIEW

The type of view is identical to the quadrant 3D view, only it is larger, and there are additional facilities available for use. The control panel underneath the view has the following icons:

**Engine smoke.** Clicking on this icon causes your platoon to produce engine smoke. This will prove very useful in confusing your enemy if you find yourself in a tight corner.

**Infra-red (or thermal) imaging.** This system will be vital to see what is happening when it is dark, or when Russian forces are covered by smoke. Anything which produces heat can be imaged using a thermal sight - you will soon get used to identifying vehicles by their thermal image. This feature is very useful for identifying vehicles camouflaged on the edge of forests. Contrary to popular belief the thermal image generated in a modern tank is green and not red.



*Engine Smoke Icon*



*Infra-red Imaging Icon*



*The Rotation Icon & Compass Display*



*The Zoom Icon*

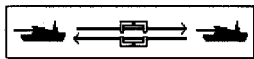
## Rotation icon and compass display.

These work in the same way as in the quadrant view, and the mouse short-cut still applies.

**Zoom.** When this icon is accessed the central portion of the screen is magnified by a factor of 10. You will find the zoom facility essential for spotting vehicles which are over 500m away. Since the range of some of your (and the enemy's) weapons is over 2 km, using the zoom feature may save your life. Note that when you are in zoom mode your speed of rotation is slower than in normal viewing mode.

**Weapons.** These icons work in identical fashion to the quadrant weaponry icons. The only difference is that the number of remaining missiles for each type is displayed underneath each icon. If you have 100 or more of a particular weapon, the number displayed will be 99.

**Laser range finder.** Underneath the weapon displays you will find the laser range finder, which lights up red when in use. The range finder will lock on to a reflective target (such as an armoured vehicle) if the firing cursor is placed directly over the object. You will know that the system has locked on because the cursor changes shape to a rectangle. The range finder, however, will not keep a moving object permanently locked - so it is easiest to use on a stationary target when you are stationary. Remember, though, that when you are stationary you present an easier target for your opponents if they have spotted you. Although using the range finder will increase your shooting accuracy, it does not provide a 100% hit rate. Clicking on this icon will toggle range finding on and off.

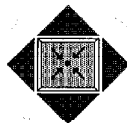


*The Laser Range Finder*

## FULL SCREEN MAP VIEW

The full screen map for a particular unit has all the capabilities of the quadrant map as mentioned earlier, with some additional features. On the map itself you will see that the flags relating to each Team Yankee platoon have a number next to them - these relate to the platoon number of

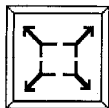
that unit. The extra icon features to the right of the map are as follows:



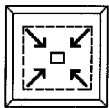
*The Scroll Icon*



*The Dead Stop Icon*



*The Wide Formation Icon*



*The Narrow Formation Icon*

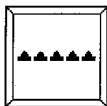
**Scroll icon.** The four arrows underneath the ETA display allow you to scroll your map in any of the four directions. If you click on the region in the centre of the arrows the map will automatically centre on your platoon position.

**Dead Stop icon.** This red icon, just to the bottom left of the speed slider bar, causes your platoon to come to a dead halt when clicked.

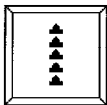
**Wide formation icon.** This increases the spacing between vehicles in your platoon to 100 metres. You might wish to increase your formation spacing if you are travelling in file through a narrow gap. If you are spotted while you go through the gap, then you will have more time to react, since your spacing is greater.

**Narrow formation icon.** This reduces the inter-vehicle spacing in your platoon to 50 metres.

The bottom six icons allow you to change the formation type of the vehicles in your platoon:



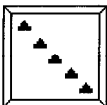
*Inline Formation Icon*



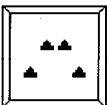
*Column Formation Icon*



*Right Echelon Icon*



*Left Echelon Icon*



*Wedge Formation Icon*

**In line** - places your vehicles in a line abreast relative to your direction.

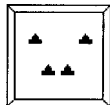
**Column** - places your vehicles in a line ahead relative to your direction.

**Echelon right** - places your vehicles on a left to right diagonal relative to your direction.

**Echelon left** - places your vehicles on a right to left diagonal relative to your direction.

**Wedge** - places your vehicles in a wedge formation.

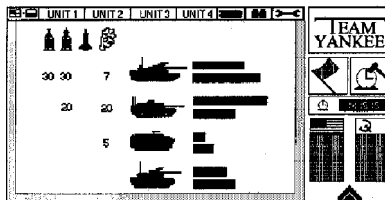
**Vee** - places your vehicles in a vee formation.



*Vee Formation Icon*

## FULL SCREEN STATUS VIEW

As in the quadrant status view, the morale and efficiency of each vehicle in a platoon is displayed. The extra information provided in full screen view shows the number of each weapon type each one of your vehicles has remaining. All vehicles in *Team Yankee* are armed with an 'infinite' number of machine gun rounds. Particular damage to any vehicle is displayed in red. See figure 6.4



*Figure 6.4 - Full Screen Status Mode*

## THE DE-BRIEFING SCREEN

A scenario in which you are involved may end for a number of reasons. You may have won because you have reached a desired attacking position, held a defensive position for enough time, or destroyed the majority of the opposing forces. You may have lost because you have not gained a desired attacking position, held a defensive position for long enough, or lost too many of the vehicles of *Team Yankee*. The victory criteria alter according to your rank, so your game performance will have to improve as your rank increases.

When the end of the scenario has been reached you will be told the outcome in the text line at the bottom of the gameplay screen. You then have the option to click on this line in order to view the **de-briefing screen**, or to quit the game using the **white flag icon**. The reason we have provided this option is for the case when you have **WON** a scenario, but have lost so many vehicles that you would rather retry the scenario again. Remember that if you win a scenario and complete by moving onto the debriefing screen then all of your gameplay information is written to disk for the start of the next scenario. You may review the status of all of your platoons before making your decision. Note that if you have **LOST** the scenario, then you will have to replay the scenario again and no information is written to your game disc.

If you move to the debriefing screen, then you will receive a summary of what your campaign has achieved. Once you have noted the comments on this screen then press fire to return to the start-up filing screen.

## VEHICLE TYPES

### VEHICLE TYPES - TEAM YANKEE

#### M-1 Abrams Main Battle Tank



The M-1 Abrams is the fastest and best protected main battle tank in service with any army in the world today. Its 105mm gun is extremely effective and, while it does not have the muzzle velocity of the 125 mm hypervelocity smoothbores of Soviet tanks, its advanced ammunition and very effective ballistic computer combine to give comparable or superior performance.

New SABOT ammunition (see glossary) has recently increased this effectiveness. The thermal sights, allowing the gunner improved visibility through smoke and darkness, give the vehicle a unique combat advantage over its adversaries.

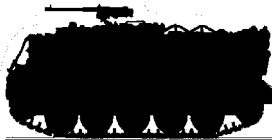
The M-1 uses 'Chobham' composite armour, which contains an large outer layer of hard steel, with successive inner layers of other metals and ceramics. This type of armour very effectively absorbs the heat from the hot gasses of HEAT ammunition. The cost of each M-1 tank is in the region of \$2,500,000.

### Specifications

Crew	4	Main Gun	Smooth
Weight (Tonnes)	54.5	Calibre (mm)	105
Full Length (cm)	977	Effective Range (m)	2500
Engine Type	Turbine	Maxrate (round/min)	8
Road Range (km)	498	Total Rounds	55
Max Speed (km/h)	72.4	HEAT Rounds	Yes
Max Speed Off-road	48.3	SABOT Rounds	Yes
Frontal Armour (mm)	380	TOW Rounds	No

## VEHICLE TYPES - TEAM YANKEE

### M-113 Armoured Personnel Carrier



The M-113 is the basic armoured troop carrier in the U.S. Army, and has been since the Vietnam War. It was designed 'to provide a lightweight, armoured personnel carrier for armour and infantry units capable of amphibious and air-drop operations, superior cross-country mobility and adaptations to multiple functions'.

The all-welded aluminium hull protects the crew from small arms fire and shell splinters. It is fully amphibious, being propelled in water by its tracks. Successful adaptations include the M 163 Vulcan self-propelled anti-aircraft gun, the M577 Command Post and the M901 Improved TOW Vehicle.

The M-113 is going to be replaced by the M-2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, but the slow procurement rate means that many US mechanised units will continue to use the M-113 into the 1990's.

#### Specifications

Crew (+Squad)	2 (+11)	Max Speed (Water)	5.8
Weight (Tonnes)	11.2	Frontal Armour (mm)	38
Full Length (Cm)	486	Main Gun	Machine

Engine Type	Diesel	Maxrate (round/min)	N/A
Road Range (km)	321	Total Rounds	1200
Max Speed (km/h)	64.4	HEAT Rounds	No
Calibre (mm)	12.7	SABOT Rounds	No
Effective Range (m)	500	TOW Rounds	No

## VEHICLE TYPES - TEAM YANKEE

### M-2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle



The Bradley is a reasonably protected infantry carrier and is extremely mobile and well armed. The hull of the M-2 is of welded aluminium armour with additional laminate fitted to the hull front, sides and rear. It is fully amphibious, being propelled through water by its tracks.

By 1987 only 3000 Bradleys had been delivered to the US Army out of a procurement of nearly 7000 vehicles. The M-2 has come under considerable fire from critics due to its expense and slow delivery. Critics also suggest that its inferior armour protection will hamper its ability to operate with the M-1 tank. An effort is being made to equip battalion scout platoons with Bradleys, however, and this is the case in the novel Team Yankee.

The M-2 has extra firing ports to side and rear and can carry a full rifle squad. It is worth noting that the M-2's TOW missiles may only be launched when the vehicle is stationary.

## Specifications

Crew (+Squad)	3 (+6)	Main Gun	Cannon
Weight (Tonnes)	22.7	Calibre (mm)	25
Full Length (cm)	645	Effective Range (m)	1000
Engine Type	Diesel	Maxrate (round/min)	100
Road Range (km)	483	Total Rounds	900
Max Speed (km/h)	66	HEAT Rounds	No
Max Speed (Water)	7.2	SABOT Rounds	No
Frontal Armour (mm)	60	TOW Rounds	2+5

## VEHICLE TYPES - TEAM YANKEE

### M-901 Improved TOW Vehicle (ITV)



This is a variant of the M-113, mounting the 'hammerhead' armoured TOW launcher in an overhead mount.

The launcher assembly contains twin TOW launch tubes, with another 10 launch missiles carried in the hull. This gives the ITV the ability of to park with the entire vehicle behind cover and only the missile launcher exposed. The

launcher can also be reloaded from inside the vehicle.

A major disadvantage is that the armoured TOW launcher and ammunition carried internally have badly overloaded the chassis and reduced its mobility significantly. Also, remember that a TOW missile can only be launched from a stationary vehicle.

The ITV is the standard anti-tank missile carrier of the U.S. Army, having first entered service in 1979.

## Specifications

Crew	4	Main Gun	None
Weight (Tonnes)	11.2	Calibre (mm)	-
Full Length (cm)	486	Maxrate (round/min)	-
Engine Type	Diesel	Total Rounds	-
Road Range (km)	321	HEAT Rounds	No
Max Speed (km/h)	55	SABOT Rounds	No
Max Speed (Off-road)	N/A	TOW Rounds	2+10
Frontal Armour (mm)	38	Effective Range TOW	4000m

## VEHICLE TYPES - WARSAW PACT

### T-62 Main Battle Tank



First fielded in the 1960's, the T-62 was the first major tank to use a smooth bore gun.

There were severe limitations due to engineering design, which for example, meant that reloading could only occur at a set turret angle and barrel elevation.

The T-62 has now been superseded in front line service by more modern types, such as the T-72. It is still found in second line Soviet units and in the armed forces of the other Warsaw Pact nations.

## Specifications

Crew	4	Main Gun	Smooth
Weight (Tonnes)	37.5	Calibre (mm)	115
Full Length (cm)	933	Maxrate (round/min)	3-5
Engine Type	Diesel	Effective Range	1500m
Road Range (km)	450	Total Rounds	40
Max Speed (km/h)	50	HEAT Rounds	Yes
Max Speed (Off-road)	N/A	SABOT Rounds	Yes
Frontal Armour (mm)	200	Anti-Tank Rounds	No

## VEHICLE TYPES - WARSAW PACT

### T-72 Main Battle Tank



The T-72 is one of several modern tanks that equip the Red Army, and was its main battle tank throughout the 1970's.

It is a logical, progressive development of the T-62, incorporating a larger gun, improved fire control system,

better protection and a more powerful power plant. The strange drums on the back of the T-72 are long range fuel tanks.

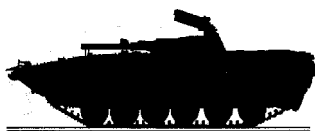
In the late 1980's a new model was spotted, which had a bulging turret front, known colloquially as the 'Super Dolly Parton'.

## Specifications

Crew	3	Main Gun	Smooth
Weight (Tonnes)	41	Calibre (mm)	125
Full Length (cm)	953	Maxrate (round/min)	6-8
Engine Type	Diesel	Effective Range	2000m
Road Range (km)	450	Total Rounds	39
Max Speed (km/h)	70	HEAT Rounds	Yes
Max Speed (Off-road)	N/A	SABOT Rounds	Yes
Frontal Armour (mm)	250	Anti-Tanks Rounds	No

## VEHICLE TYPES - WARSAW PACT

### BMP-2 Infantry Fighting Vehicle



BMP is an abbreviation for Bronevaya Mashina Pickhota, or "Armoured Vehicle, Infantry".

The BMP-1 was the first infantry fighting vehicle in the world to mount a cannon and antitank missile armament,

thus giving the rifle squad the ability to engage enemy armour at substantial ranges with a reasonable prospect of success.

The newly-introduced BMP-2 is an improved version with a larger turret which mounts a 30 mm autocannon, and an AT-5 'Spandrel' anti-tank missile.

### Specifications

Crew (+Squad)	3 (+6)	Calibre (mm)	30
Weight (Tonnes)	14.5	Effective Range	1000M
Full Length (cm)	674	Maxrate (round/min)	N/A
Engine Type	Diesel	Total Rounds	40
Road Range (km)	500	HEAT Rounds	No
Max Speed (km/h)	70	SABOT Rounds	No
Max Speed (Off-road)	N/A	Anti-Tank Rounds	Yes
Frontal Armour (mm)	19	Anti-Tank Range	4000m
Main Gun	Auto-cannon		

### VEHICLE TYPES - WARSAW PACT BTR-60 Armoured Personnel Carrier



The BTR-60 is a wheeled armoured personnel carrier which equips many Soviet motorised rifle units.

The advantage of a wheeled vehicle is a higher road speed,

lower manufacturing costs, and generally increased ease of maintenance and mechanical reliability.

The main disadvantage is that a wheeled vehicle loses more of its road speed when travelling cross country - however, it is sufficiently fast on the road that it can keep up with most tracked vehicles cross country.

### Specifications

Crew (+Squad)	2 (+12)	Main Gun	Machine
Weight (Tonnes)	10.2	Calibre (mm)	14.5
Full Length (cm)	722	Maxrate (round/min)	N/A
Engine Type	Petrol	Effective Range	500m
Road Range (km)	500	Total Rounds	500
Max Speed (km/h)	80	HEAT Rounds	No
Max Speed (off-road)	N/A	SABOT Rounds	No
Frontal Armour (mm)	9	TOW Rounds	No

## U.S./SOVIET ORGANISATION

### U.S. ORGANISATION

The largest unit in the U.S. Army with a fixed organisation is the **division**, which is normally either deployed as a mechanized or armoured division. The basic building blocks of these divisions are battalions. An armoured division will have six armoured battalions, five mechanized battalions, three artillery battalions, and one battalion each of armoured cavalry (reconnaissance) and attack helicopters. Mechanized divisions are similar, but have six mechanized battalions and four armoured battalions.

Each armoured **battalion** consists of four tank companies



and a headquarters (HQ) company. The HQ company consists of 331 officers and men - more than twice as many is in an entire Soviet tank battalion. In addition to extensive command, control and support elements, the HQ company includes a heavy mortar platoon of six 4.2 inch self-propelled mortars and a scout platoon of six M-3 Bradley cavalry fighting vehicles.

The four tank **companies** are the heart of the battalion's combat power. **Team Yankee** is organised around one such company. At full strength the company has 62 officers and men and 14 M-1 Abrams tanks. The company is divided into three platoons of four tanks each. There are also two extra tanks which are commanded in battle by the CO and the XO.

Although the U.S Army organises its battalions as pure tank or pure infantry, in practice combined arms combat together at much lower levels. Standard practice in the field is to have an armoured battalion and a mechanised battalion swap one platoon with one of the other companies in the battalion, giving a battalion two pure companies, one tank-heavy company team and one mech-heavy company team.

This is exactly the procedure that has been followed in the novel *Team Yankee*. Bannon's company has been attached to the 1-78 Infantry Battalion in exchange for its own A company. This leaves the 1-78 battalion with its own B, C, D companies, its anti-armour company, headquarters company and Bannon's tank company. Lieutenant Colonel

Reynolds, the battalion commander, then removed one of Bannon's tank platoons (1 platoon) and gave it to his own B company in return for one of its mechanised infantry platoons. (The resulting B company is known as *Team Bravo*.) In the novel *Team Yankee* Bannon's team therefore consists of 2 and 3 Platoons (containing 4 M-1 tanks each), Mech Platoon (containing 4 M-113 armoured personnel carriers) and HQ Platoon (containing 2 M-1 tanks and 2 ITV's). In the game *Team Yankee*, in the interests of playability, we have replaced 2 of the M-113's in Mech Platoon with 2 M-2 Bradley vehicles. Hence, at the start of the game, you will have at your disposal the following:-

Unit 1	HQ Platoon	2 x M-1 Tanks and 2 x ITV's
Unit 2	2 Platoon	4 x M-1 Tanks
Unit 3	3 Platoon	4 x M-1 Tanks
Unit 4	Mech Platoon	2 x M-113 APC's and 2 x M-2 Bradley's

## SOVIET ORGANISATION

Soviet mechanised infantry is called Motor Rifle troops. They are carried either in armoured personnel carriers (e.g. BTR-60's) or in infantry fighting vehicles (BMP's). The principle differences between these two are that the BTR is wheeled, lightly armed and armoured, and designed for cheap mass production, while the BMP is tracked, heavily armed, and considerably more expensive. The shock troops of a division will be mounted on BMP's while the bulk of the motor rifle troops are carried in BTR'S.

The largest formations in the **Red Army** with a fixed

organisation are **divisions**. There are three principle types of combat divisions: tank divisions, motor rifle divisions, and air assault divisions.

**Tank divisions** consist of one motorised rifle regiment in BMP'S, three tank regiments and one artillery regiment. The tank **regiment** of the tank division consists of three tank battalions, one motorised rifle battalion in BMP'S, one artillery battalion, one reconnaissance company, one anti-aircraft company and one engineer company. The tank **battalion** of a tank regiment has only 135 officers and men. It consists of three tank companies and a small battalion headquarters. Each tank company has three platoons of three tanks each plus a company commander's tank, giving a total of 31 tanks.

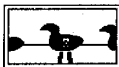
**Motor rifle divisions** are composed of one tank regiment, two motor rifle regiments in BTR'S, one motor rifle regiment in BMP's and one artillery regiment. Each motor rifle regiment consists of three motor rifle battalions, one tank battalion, one artillery battalion, and one company each of antitank missiles, air defence guns and missiles, reconnaissance troops and mortars. A motor rifle **battalion** based on BMP infantry fighting vehicles consists of three motor rifle companies, one mortar company, one anti-aircraft platoon, one automatic grenade launcher platoon and various small non-combat support units. The motor rifle **company**, with over 100 men, consists of a company headquarters, three motorised rifle platoons and one fire support platoon. Each motorised rifle **platoon** consists of 29 officers and men, divided into three rifle **squads**, each of which is carried in a single BMP.

In **Team Yankee** the second echelon of Soviet attack, which is faced in the First Battle, mainly come from a motorised rifle battalion, mainly composed of BMP's and T-72's.

## HOW TO PLAY TEAM YANKEE

In Team Yankee, we have been scrupulous in our attempts to convey the urgency of modern tank warfare, within the constraints imposed by the computer medium. All of the action in the game is closely based on battles which are described in the book *Team Yankee*. The best advice on how to play the game is therefore simple - **read the book!** In order to keep your attention, though, we have made subtle changes to scenarios, so that you will never know exactly what to expect. Particularly in later stages of the game you will find that the enemy is even more powerful and cunning than in the book.

When we designed this product we had to make a hard choice between total accuracy of simulation and features which we felt would enhance the gameplay. It may annoy the purist, but when accuracy and gameplay conflicted, the game always won out! Another important feature is our belief that the player should be able to pick up the game and play without leafing through a 300 page manual. However, you will undoubtedly benefit from reading through the documentation and, hopefully, from reading this section.



Practice Game Icon

## THE TRAINING SCENARIO

The training scenario, accessed by clicking on Practice Game icon, has

been designed to give you a clear idea of how to control an individual platoon as well as all of Team Yankee. The scenario is laid out on a circuit which is modelled on a standard tank training range - see figure 10.0. Your objective is to traverse the road linking points A to B, leaving certain units strategically placed along the way. If you can achieve all of the aims of the training run then you will be very well prepared to go into full battle. The following instructions are more substantial than those you will find on the briefing screen.

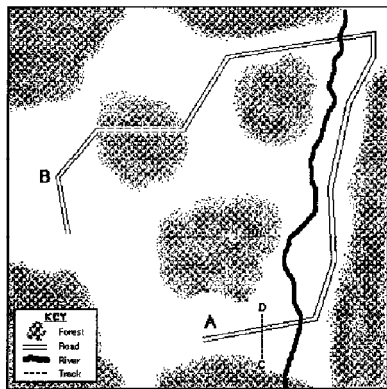
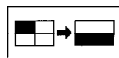


Figure 10.0 - Training Scenario Map

At the start your four platoons are placed around point A. Unit 1, containing 2 M-1 Abrams tanks and 2 ITV's, is facing the three other units of Team Yankee. Unit 2, with 4 M-1 tanks, is straight ahead to the east in column formation. Just

to the north is unit 3, also with 4 M-1 tanks, and just to the south is unit 4, with 2 M-113's and 2 M-2 Bradleys. At the start you will be in 'quadrant' mode, with a view of the battlefield from each of the four units. You should now familiarise yourself with the controls at your disposal in quadrant mode. Now, home in on the 'full screen' view for unit 1. Straight ahead of you, you will see the other vehicles of Team Yankee. You will be able to examine them more closely by using magnify mode.



Expand View Icon

Examine the facilities available in full screen mode using the Expand View icon.

A few minutes after the start there will be a parade of all of the vehicles you will meet in the game traversing the track from C to D. The parade will start at 12:02, so make sure you are in position on time. When each vehicle comes past, try to identify it from the photographs of each vehicle in section 8.

Once the parade has finished you should move unit 1 along the road to the east, just over the point where it crosses the river. When you come alongside two trees on either side of the road, stop immediately. Directly in front of you there are 4 vehicles. Two are Russian made BMP-2's and the two others are American ITV'S.

Once you have identified which is which you should try and destroy the two Russian vehicles. Load up a HEAT missile and turn on the laser ranging facility. Make sure that you learn what happens when your sights have 'locked on' to a

target, and then fire. If you hit the wrong vehicle you will be told in no uncertain terms!

Once you have accomplished this first objective you should leave unit 1 where it is, and get your other three units onto the road. Try to see if you can get used to moving your units while on the quadrant view. Move units 2, 3 and 4 past unit 1 and take them round the road until you find the next position where there are two trees straddling the road. Stop at this point and move into full screen mode for unit 2. At this point you will find 4 Russian BTR's in front of the tree line to the west, and four American M-113's on the tree line to the east. If you have difficulty locating them then turn on your infra red display. You will find that in battle the infra red display is invaluable for uncovering vehicles camouflaged by forest cover. Again, you should try to destroy the Russian vehicles - use your SABOT weapons this time.

Leaving unit 2 at this Position continue along the road with the remaining two units. Just before the road turns west at the top of the training area you will find another position straddled by two trees. Stop here and this time search for the two nearby units of vehicles. One unit is composed of T-62's. Try to see which weapon types are needed to destroy them.

Leave unit 3 behind, and with the remaining unit (4) continue around the circuit until you reach the track through the forest. Along the track at the very centre of this forest you will find a single T-72 - see if you can locate and destroy

it. Beyond the forest, on the road leading south you will find the point at which unit 4 is to halt - again marked by two trees. You must now locate the nearby Russian tanks and destroy them.

If you have got this far, then you know that you have learnt the basics of control which will be important to succeeding in Team Yankee. However, you will have one final lesson to learn. And that is how to attack enemy vehicles simultaneously while in quadrant mode. At 12:30 precisely each of your four units will have a short time in which to destroy moving targets simultaneously. Make sure appropriate weapons are loaded for each unit. Point unit 1 towards the south-east, unit 2 to the north, unit 3 to just north of west and unit 4 to the north. Keep your eyes peeled. If you can destroy all of the Russian tanks as they move from forest cover, then you will know that you have mastered all of the basics of the game. You can now go out and kick some ass!

## STRATEGY

Before launching yourself into a scenario it is best to use the briefing information to decide on your strategy for the forthcoming battle. Quite often you will be expected to position your vehicles very quickly at the start of the scenario (particularly if it is a defensive scenario). Through practise you will learn the strike power of Team Yankee's as well as the Warsaw Pact vehicles. The information in Chapter 8 referring to vehicle types and the additional information in the Glossary will give you an idea of the relative strengths and ranges of all of the weapons that you

will use or come up against. For instance, a BTR has very little armour and is only armed with a machine gun.

If you are in a platoon manned by M-1 tanks, you therefore have very little to worry about from a BTR, and you should dispose of them at your leisure, while considering that the threat from a T-72 is rather more potent. Your TOW missiles on your M-2's and ITV's are your most potent weapons in terms of strength and range, but remember that your vehicle **must** be stationary before they can be fired. Because you have to control four tank platoons simultaneously in *Team Yankee*, we have not been strictly accurate in our operation of these wire guided missiles. Instead of leaving you to control and aim the missile over its flight of up to 15 seconds (thus causing you to relinquish your control of everything else that is going on), we have treated the TOW as a normal missile - once launched it will strike the area you have aimed at.

The loading times for all of the missiles are accurately presented and reflect the length of time it takes for a missile to be loaded after the tank commander (you!) has ordered his gunner and loader to set up a target. It is part of the frustration of war that it takes some time to load an appropriate missile when confronted by a new and threatening target.

It is worth remembering that tank battles are often fought at long range, and in particular that a platoon of tanks in the middle of an open plain are 'cannon-fodder' for suitably placed opposition. The tree line of forests provides very

adequate protection for tanks. In *Team Yankee*, you will find that the first 100 metres or so of forest provides you with cover, and yet allows you to look out clearly onto the battlefield. As soon as you fire, however, you will give your opponents a chance to locate you for a certain amount of time. Remember that your opposition will often use the same tactic of hiding within the tree line. Your infra-red sights will often be invaluable to spot vehicles which would otherwise be hidden in the tree line.

The magnify mode on the 3D view is very powerful. Since you should be able to destroy a vehicle which is well over a mile away from you, you will often need to use the magnified sights in order to locate the enemy before they spot you. When you are being attacked try to locate the precise vehicles which are firing at you, since they will be the most potent threat. It is obviously more urgent to dispose of a threat which is attacking you rather than one which is attacking another unit.

The position of known Soviet units will often be marked on the map displays with a flag representing each unit. These flags will be displayed either when the player should have the units in his sights or when there has been information received from intelligence. However, just because a Soviet flag does not appear on the map near to you does not necessarily mean that there are no enemy units nearby. For instance, if a Soviet unit is in a forest or near the tree line of a forest, there will normally be no information presented on the map screens. It is up to you to seek and hunt down the enemy.



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(Corporal)



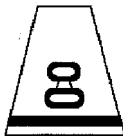
Rank Symbol  
(Sergeant)



Rank Symbol  
(Staff Sergeant)

## HIGHER RANKS

The first five scenarios you will complete in *Team Yankee* will be at the rank of Private (First Class), or PFC. You will have to pass through three more campaigns at three higher ranks - Corporal (Cpl), Sergeant (Sgt), Staff Sergeant (SSg) - before you reach the ultimate rank of Captain (Cpt). The strategy you will have to pursue will be increasingly more subtle as you progress. Your opposition will increase in number and will perform increasingly more ingenious and daring tactics in order to circumvent your victory. On the first rank the Russian manoeuvres will all be to a set formula, which you should be quick to master once you have learned the basics of control and sensible tank warfare tactics. Later on, they may well surprise you, so you will have to look out for all sorts of devious approaches. At the lower levels you will always have your weapons, morale and vehicle damage reasonably restored between scenarios. Later on, you will find that you will have to conserve all of your capabilities in order to provide an effective fighting force in the next



Rank Symbol  
(Captain)

scenario. Modern tank warfare is very close to attrition!

Some later scenarios will take place at night. In these cases you will find that all of your normal external views are completely dark. The only way to fight will be to use your infra-red views.

## TERRAIN

There are many different types of terrain over which you can move in *Team Yankee*. You will only be able to achieve your full operating speed while travelling over roads, which are denoted in grey on the map and in your 3D view. Travelling over cross-country reduces your speed and increases the amount of 'pitch' which you will encounter in your 3D view. This will make the engagement of the enemy that much more difficult. Your speeds on the tree line of forests are further reduced, but these regions do provide some camouflage from your opponents. Inside forests you may find hidden tracks which will allow you to make faster progress, although you will find that these are often used by the enemy. It will often be useful to locate these tracks and incorporate them in your strategic plan. Rivers provide the slowest type of terrain over which to cross, and can leave you exposed to enemy fire while you are crossing them.

## GLOSSARY

**BMP-2** A Soviet fully tracked infantry-fighting vehicle mounting a 30 mm cannon, an antitank guided missile, and a 7.62 mm machine gun. The BMP carries a crew of three and a six-man infantry squad. The BMP provided the prime motivation for the design and production of the Bradley fighting vehicle.

**BRADLEY** An armoured fighting vehicle that comes in two versions, the M-2 mechanized infantry fighting vehicle version and the M-3 scout version. Both have a two-man turret that mounts a TOW missile launcher, a 25 mm chain gun and a 7.62mm machine gun mounted coaxially.

**BTR-60** A Soviet eight-wheeled armoured personnel carrier. This vehicle comes in several versions, from the original, which has an open top, to the BTR-60PB, which is completely enclosed and carries a small turret mounting a 14.5 mm and 7.62 mm machine gun. In addition to the personnel carrier version, the BTR-60 serves as a command and control vehicle, close air support vehicle, and other such uses.

**C.O.** Short for Commanding Officer.

**DPICM** Short for dual-purpose, improved conventional munitions. This is an artillery round that contains many small submunitions or bomblets that are capable of defeating the thin armour located on top of armoured vehicles as well as being effective against personnel and other "soft" targets.

**DRAGON** A medium antitank guided missile launcher. Man-portable, the Dragon is the infantry's medium range antitank weapon, with a range of 1000 metres.

**HEAT** Short for high explosive antitank, a round that depends on a shaped charge explosion to penetrate an armoured vehicle's armour. Because the round contains high explosive, it has a secondary role as an antimaterial round. A typical muzzle velocity might be 1100 metres per second, with a penetration of over 150 mm in reactive armour. It is, however, much more effective against APC's than tanks, for which SABOT or TOW ammunition is more appropriate.

**ITV** Short for Improved TOW vehicle. A modified M-113 armoured personnel carrier that has an anti-tank guided missile launcher mounted on a small rotating turret. TOW stands for tube launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided anti-tank guided missile. The TOW is currently the

heaviest antitank guided missile in the U.S. Army's inventory capable of hitting a tank-sized target out to a range of 3700 metres.

**MACHINE GUN** Every tank and personnel carrier in *Team Yankee* carries an M2 caliber 0.50 machine gun, nicknamed 'Ma Duce'. This is the same heavy machine gun used in World War 2 - and serves as a tank commander's weapon. Additionally, each tank is provided with two 'M240' 7.62 mm machine guns. One is mounted coaxially next to the main gun - hence the nickname 'Coax'. The second M240 is mounted freeswinging outside the loader's hatch - its main value being that the two machine guns are interchangeable, as well as giving the loader something to hang on to when the tank is moving!

**M-1** This is currently the main battle tank of the U.S. Army. It has a crew of four, mounts a 105 mm main gun, an M2 calibre 0.50 machine gun, and an M240 7.62 mm machine gun. The 54-ton tank is powered by a 1500 horsepower turbine engine and is capable of 45mph. The fire-control system incorporates a laser range finder, a solid state computer, a thermal imaging sight, and other electronics that allow the main gun to fire while on the move with a high degree of accuracy, day or night.

**M-113** Until recently, the M-113 was the primary U.S. Army armoured personnel carrier. Weighing 11 tons, it has a crew of two, driver and commander, and the capacity to carry an entire infantry squad. The M-113 is normally armed with a caliber .50 M2 machine gun located at the commander's position. Because infantry cannot fight while mounted, the M-113 is being replaced by the M-2 Bradley fighting vehicle. The M-113 still remains a mainstay in the U.S. Army, performing support roles on or near the front.

**MECH** Short for mechanized or, in the case of Team Yankee, mechanized infantry.

**SABOT** The word is actually French for shoe. Here, it is the name of an antitank round. SABOT is short for armour-piercing fin-stabilised discarding sabot (APFSDS). The round consists of a small tungsten alloy or depleted uranium penetrator that has a diameter smaller than the diameter of the gun tube. To compensate for this, the penetrator is seated in a boot that is the same diameter as the gun. This boot, called the SABOT, falls away after the round leaves the gun, leaving the penetrator to continue to the target. The SABOT round has a very effective armour penetration out to 2500 metres. More useful against tank armour than a HEAT round.



<b>SMOKE</b>	Smoke is very usefully generated in battle in order to obscure the location of vehicles, from the enemy. There are three ways in which smoke can be produced in the battlefield. M-1 tanks and M-2 Bradleys have smoke <b>grenade launchers</b> on the sides of the turret. These can be fired forwards, giving a short-lived smoke-screen. The same vehicles can also produce <b>engine exhaust</b> smoke, which produces a smoke screen from the vehicle's rear, and which will move with the vehicle if it is in motion. <b>Artillery</b> smoke is very useful when called in just before an attack on an enemy position, to obscure you from their view.	peacetime company, the number and type of platoons in a team can vary according to its assigned mission. In the case of Team Yankee, the Team initially has two tank, and one mechanized infantry platoon as well as two improved TOW vehicles.
		<b>THERMAL SIGHT</b> A sight that detects heat emitted by an object and translates it into a visible image for the gunner or commander.
		<b>TOW</b> Short for tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire guided antitank guided missile. The TOW is the U.S. Army's current heavy antitank guided missile with a range of nearly 4000 metres. The guidance system provides a high probability of hitting a tank-sized target out to its maximum range. A TOW missile can only be launched from a static vehicle.
<b>T-62</b>	A Soviet tank with a four-man crew and mounting a 115 mm smoothbore gun, a 12.5mm and a 7.62 mm machine gun. Though considered obsolete, it is still very capable and found in many Warsaw Pact units.	
<b>T-72</b>	A Soviet tank with a three-man crew and mounting a 125 mm smoothbore gun, a 12.5 mm and a 7.62 mm machine gun. The elimination of the fourth crewman is achieved by using an automatic loader for the main gun. Special armour and a sophisticated fire-control system make it a powerful foe that is difficult to stop.	<b>TRACK</b> This term can be used either to refer to the caterpillar tracks of a vehicle, or any tracked vehicle, other than a tank. For some perverse reason, tanks, although having tracks, are not referred to as 'tracks'.
<b>TEAM</b>	A company-sized unit that includes both tank and mechanized infantry platoons. Unlike a	<b>WARSAW PACT</b> A military alliance founded by the European Communist countries to counter NATO. Consists of Soviet Union, Poland, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

# NATO MILITARY SYMBOLS

