

COMBAT LYNX

LOADING

Press space in Dataloader. Rewind to beginning. Switch computer off and then back on again. Hold down the CTRL key and then press the small CENTER key. Press the PLAY key on the Dataloader, and then press the SPACEBAR.

THE CONTROLS

Words or numbers in angle brackets such as <ENTER> are keys on your Amstrad. The function of these is shown in the capitals, for example: FASTER. The joystick plugged into your Amstrad is shown as C1,D, while the second joystick which is plugged into the first is shown as C2. Directions of the joysticks are shown by for example: C1UD = C1 Up, C2F = C2 Forward, C1D = C1 Down, Right, etc.

IN FLIGHT

<COP>	C2UD	FASTER
	C2D	SLOWER
<ARROW KEYS>	C1UD,R,LD	UP, DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT

THE MAP

<MAP>	C2F	MAP OFF
<ARROW KEYS>	C1UD,R,LD	UP, DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT
<SPACE>	C1F	MAP MOVES FASTER

ARMING THE LYNX

Land at a base	START	LOADING LYNX
<C>	C1UD	INCREASE LOAD
<O>	C1F	DECREASE LOAD
<CENTER>	C1R or LD	MOVE TO NEXT TYPE OF WEAPON
<SPACE>	C1F	EXIT ARMING SCREENS

FIRING WEAPONS SYSTEMS

OX and C2	C2R or LD	CHOOSE WEAPON TO FIRE
<SPACE>	C1F	SIGHTS ON (if lights are required)
<SPACE>	C1F	FIRE WEAPON (after sights are on)
<ARROW KEYS>	C1UD,R,LD	WEAPON SIGHTS UP, DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT

INFORMATION ABOUT BASES

KEYS 1 to 6 BASES 1 to 6 (numeric keypad only)

GENERAL CONTROLS

<C>	SOUND (on/off)
<P>	PAUSE PLAY (on/off)
<O>	KEYS ONLY
<J>	JOYSTICK 4 KEYS
<D>	DOUBLE JOYSTICKS 4 KEYS
<S>	SAVE SCORE TABLE (onto a blank tape)
<L>	LOAD SCORE TABLE (back from a tape)
KEYS 1 TO 4	SKILL LEVEL (4 is hardest)

YOUR MISSION

Depending on the skill level that you have selected you will have from three to six bases which you must support with troops and air cover. Base 1 has an endless supply of fuel and weapons, and the ability to instantly revitalise injured troops brought back by your helicopter. All the bases start with 30 able bodied soldiers, and Bases 2 to 6 also have a limited supply of fuel and weapons. Allied land vehicles move around the battlefield independently of your control. You provide the only allied air support. Enemy land vehicles will slowly converge on your bases unless stopped by the allied land vehicles (these independent attacks can occasionally be seen on the intelligence map or flight screen, by mines that you have dropped, or by the other weapons of your COMBAT LYNX helicopter. You may attack any aircraft that you see, and all land vehicles that do not appear with circles around them on the intelligence map. (The circles show they are allied). Your bases may get instantly wiped out in direct attacks by enemy vehicles, or just suffer a number of casualties as the result of passing or minor attacks. Base 1 will not be affected by passing attacks, but will be destroyed by a direct attack. If not stopped, eventually all the enemy forces will move to attack Base 1, after which you will almost certainly lose the battle. You are allowed three lives before the game is reset with a complete new battlefield.

ARMING THE HELICOPTER

Each time you land at a base you will immediately be presented with a set of screens that will allow you to select weapons and troops to be carried on your next sortie. At the start of the game the helicopter is hovering just above Base 1, so to move into the arming screens you must lightly tap the DOWN key to make your first landing. The first arming screen allows you to load up with armed soldiers. Each time you press the <C> key another soldier will be included in your load. You will see the total weight increase with each soldier until you reach the maximum number that you can carry. If you wish to reduce your load press the <O> key. Each press of the <O> key will reduce the load by one soldier. When you are satisfied with your load press the CENTER key and you will move onto the next arming screen, which will be for injured soldiers. There won't be any injured soldiers at Base 1 at the start of the game so just press the CENTER key again to move onto the next arming screen. Note that as you increase your load of weapons you will automatically be able to carry less fuel, and may be unable to reach the other bases. To get out of the arming screens press the SPACEBAR. Please note that in this game you are allowed to carry more weapons than would be possible in reality.

THE MAP

At any time you can inspect the map by pressing the CM key. A second press of the CM key will return you to the normal flight screen. The map shows the battlefield in relief with vehicles and bases indicated by black symbols. To move around the map use the cursor keys. If you hold down SPACEBAR at the same time as a cursor key you will be able to scan the map more quickly. Allied vehicles are represented by symbols in circles so try to avoid blowing them up! The following symbols are used:

T	Tank
B	Base
H	... on its side
Y	... upside down
X	Helicopter
+	Jet Plane
+	FLASHING BLACK SQUARE Mined Area
C	CIRCLES AROUND SYMBOLS Allied vehicle

The co-ordinate position of any point on the intelligence map may be taken from the North co-ordinate at the side of the map, and the East co-ordinate above or below the map. As soon as you turn off the map it is reset to your LYNX's current position. You will be able to note your own co-ordinate position and be able to change your direction to make contact with a vehicle that you have seen on the map. Note that you cannot control the LYNX's direction or height while looking at the map.

BASE REPORTS AND MESSAGES

Press keys C1 to C6 (on the numeric keypad) to get a report on that base's position and manning levels. If no other messages are issued, then after a short time a list of the fuel and weapons at that base will replace the first report. You will occasionally receive other messages which might for example, warn of attacks on your bases.

FLIGHT CONTROLS

Your helicopter is seen from behind. You can see it fly straight (forwards or backwards) and at an angle of up to 45 degrees to the right or left of the four points of the compass (N,S,E,W). As this angle increases beyond 45 degrees the direction of view will flick from one point of the compass to the next, eg. from the North to West. This may appear confusing at first, especially as the helicopter will be seen from the right when North is the direction of view and then be seen from the left as you flick through to West as the new direction of view. To keep track of your flight path watch the compass and your flight co-ordinates next to the compass. At the bottom left of your normal flight screen you will see three gauges marked T for engine temperature, S for speed (in, backwards and), and F for fuel. When landing you must use the intelligence map to check that you are directly above a base, the speed gauge to check that you are hovering or moving very slowly, and the height gauge to check that you are coming down gently.

FIRING WEAPONS

This is a two or three stage process. First you must select the weapon system that you wish to fire by pressing the OX or the C2 keys. As you press these keys a small white bar will move right or left across the top of the six weapons gauges which are marked as follows:

R	Rockets, multiple strafing type	unguided
G	Gun pods, machine-gun type	unguided
C	Canon, 20mm Oelkern	unguided
T	Tank attack, H.O.T. missiles	wire guided
A	Air attack, Sidewinder missiles	heat-seeking
M	Mines, underlay for air release	dropped

You can only fire one weapon system at a time. The active system is the one with the white bar just above it. If you select mines or heat-seeking missiles you can release them simply by pressing the SPACEBAR key once. Dropped mines can be seen on the intelligence map, and are effective against all enemy land vehicles. You can have a maximum of sixty mined squares on the intelligence map at any one time. A mined square will be effective against two enemy vehicles, after which you will be sent a message that the minefield has been breached and is no longer effective. The unguided weapons fire in the same direction as the helicopter, and should first be sighted by pressing the SPACEBAR key. To aim them you will have to change height and the angle of your flight path. In contrast to these, the H.O.T. wire-guided missiles can be aimed by the cursor keys independently of the LYNX. A second press of the SPACEBAR key fires all the weapons that require sights. The sights switch off automatically when you stop pressing any keys. Remember that the enemy will be firing back at you, so don't hang around!

SKILL LEVELS

The skill level affects the number of bases that you have to support (from three bases at level 1 to six bases at level 4), the total number of enemy vehicles (which are in proportion with the number of bases), and the rate at which your fuel is used up. Missiles from the enemy aircraft become more accurate as you fly higher. Enemy vehicles will only launch missiles when you are in front of them, so attack from behind. Enemy gun emplacements launch missiles in all directions.

SCORE

You will receive an efficiency rating on the score table which takes account of the number of bases, troops, and allied vehicles lost, the amount of ammunition used, and the number of targets hit. In addition to this you will score points for destroying enemy vehicles.

Jet Plane	350
Helicopter	250
Tank	400
Lorry	500
Gun emplacement	1000

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