

Jaguar

CANNON



FODDER



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Many of us have played with toy soldiers, re-enacting elaborate battles on the nearest tabletop. Cannon Fodder, a game ported from the computer world, isn't too far from that. Although it has some flaws, the Funifactor and sheer addictiveness draw you in over and over.

Fodder of All Battles

Cannon Fodder provides an aerial view of the action that's enhanced with realistic sounds and blood spills. There's not much of a plot aside from that of any war: Do more damage to your foes than they do to you.

More than 24 missions - each broken up into as many as six phases - deal with such tasks as destroying enemy buildings and rescuing hos-



PRO TIP: If enemies are coming, don't stand or walk in the darker water. You can't shoot from there. Armchair generals can move troops, fire weapons (such as rifles, grenades, and bazookas), and split up regiments for more complex maneuvers.

To move troops and fire weapons, you position the cursor and push a button. Of course, the computer-controlled opposition counters with similar abilities.



PRO TIP: Enemy soldiers constantly exit a building until the roof is blown off, so toss a grenade as soon as you can.

This control mechanic is somewhat imprecise and slow, particularly during a heated battle - it was probably more direct in its computer incarnation under mouse control. Also, your troops often hang

ties. Sometimes it's like watching a war in an ant farm.

The sounds, on the other hand, are clear, featuring explosions, gunfire, and a variety of vivid screams and shrieks whenever a soldier



PRO TIP: Hit one of the lower three buttons for a map with an overview of the terrain and your objectives.



PRO TIP: Watch for fox holes that may allow enemy soldiers to ambush your troops.

up on obstacles when going around corners, which is annoying and not very intuitive.

Visiting Your Ants

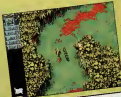
Cannon Fodder's graphics, especially for an advanced system like the Jaguar, are very small. Granted, they match the computer version's, but it would've been nice to see some visual enhancement to match the Jaguar's capabili-

PRO TIP: Know how far your gun shoots so you can take out an attacker when he's in range.

ties. The music is a bit repetitive, but it plays only during intermissions; during battle, the sounds of war are stark and somber.

War Is...Small

Despite its foibles, Cannon Fodder is a challenging contest that'll have you planning new strategies to overcome your failures. It's a tough game to master with an increasing difficulty that keeps you coming back for more. Best of all, it won't clutter your tabletop with casualties. □



PRO TIP: In the Quicksand level, an arrow points to a mine. Avoid the mine altogether or shoot it away before you pass.

Battle Tactics



PRO TIP: Hide behind natural obstacles to save your recruits from damage. Walk enemies into the line of fire (left) or lob a grenade from a safe vantage point (right).

Jaguar Game Profile

Cannon Fodder

(By Wayne Computer, Inc.)



Although the graphics are lousy and the controls a tad sticky, Cannon Fodder is a challenging and entertaining battlefield contest that'll make you chuckle.



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