

ACTION SERVICE

COMMODORE 64

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COBRA SOFT PRESENTS
ACTION SERVICE

Somewhere in Europe...

A top secret training camp where the cream of the crop from the action services must spend a day in order to prepare for top secret missions with the famous Cobra Command!

Today it is your turn to volunteer for a perilous mission. Your participation and your role in the mission depends on your performance here.

You should realize that after this ruthless selection, the mission itself will not be a party but an adventure where you risk losing your life.

However, there is still time to pack up your kit and return home!

ACTION SERVICE 1 : STAGE COMMANDO

The game functions in two modes. Each of these modes will be accessible by pressing the relevant button on the control post (screen).

PLAY MODE

Your task consists of 3 imposing tests.

- The PHYSICAL route - Physical test where you must negotiate, as quickly as possible, many objects (walls, ditches, ladders, ...) without tripping over them as they litter your path. You must react in a split second to the orders from your leaders (push-ups, air-raid) and attempt to escape from Rex the combat dog, trained to thwart your progress.

- The RISK route where you have to show your skill in handling grenades and bombs, also avoiding mines and the FM rifles which sweep the floor. After that, it is a question of how you can avoid Rex who is always on the loose !!

- The close COMBAT test - Here you come to meet your adversaries who are giving nothing away. Your pals are ready to take your place, should you fail ! Here you have to put up with the rubber bullets, the exercise grenades and the blows from your opponents kicks. In order to neutralize the guards and bring them down, all methods are permitted - including trickery and cheating !!

A super plus...

THE CONSTRUCTION MODE

COBRA SOFT has created a superb development tool to create ACTION SERVICE -the COMMANDO CONSTRUCTION SET. Thanks to this you can create your own route and work freely on your own figures. Also you can set your own traps in the background of your choice.

As you can now understand, ACTION SERVICE is not just an arcade game with simulation, like the others, but a fantastic game which will allow you to express yourself in an action packed adventure.

INSTRUCTIONS

LOADING AND START UP

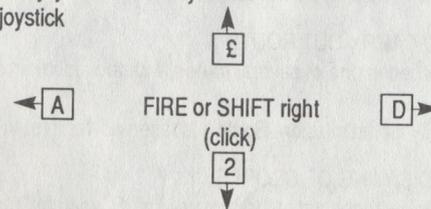
Commodore 64:

- Disk version: type **LOAD"?★",8,1** and press RETURN. The program will load automatically.
- Tape version: insert cassette (side A upside). Press SHIFT and RUN/STOP simultaneously.

COMMANDS

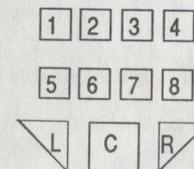
All commands can use either a joystick or the keyboard.

Correspondence keyboard/joystick



function keys on the screen

Control post



Upon entering the game it automatically defaults to PLAY mode.

1 - PLAY MODE

In the game you make your choices on the control console (see diagram above). This console shows a pad of eight keys (each corresponding to a screen), a confirmation key (C) and the two left and right arrows (L+R).

To choose a function that corresponds to a screen above the console:

- Position the cursor over one of the keys
- Click on it to «press» the key (an LED will light up)
- To see the other screen views corresponding to this function key click, on the arrows until you see the screen that you want and once you have chosen, confirm in the same way as above.

NUMBER 1 - MISSION ORDERS showing the 12 best scores.

NUMBER 2 - LEAVE GAME to quit the game and return to BASIC.

NUMBER 3 - CHANGE THE NAME OF A PLAYER - on the identity disc on screen 3.

Each of these identity discs corresponds to a player.

When button 3 is selected, you choose one of the identity discs with the help of the arrows L or R and you erase the current name on the label by clicking on C. You can then put the new name using the ordinary keyboard and finish your input by pressing RETURN.

NUMBER 4 - CHOOSE AND CARRY OUT ROUTE

Button 4 is selected, you can choose one of several routes, with the aid of arrows L or R and confirm your selection using C.

Note: Only routes 1-3 will qualify for the mission. Route 4 is reserved for a route made in construction mode.

NUMBER 5 - LOADING AND SAVING OF SCORES

5 is selected. You select a disk with the aid of the arrows L or R and confirm by pressing C. The scores of the player whose name is displayed are then saved or loaded under the name of the player. If there is a file with the same name, it will be erased by saving the new score.

NUMBER 6 - This button is of no use.

NUMBER 7 - CHECKING SCORES achieved by a player in all the games.

NUMBER 8 - CHECKING SCORES of the current game (displayed on screen 4). You can see the scores of the 5 best players in that game.

THE SCORES

For good management of these scores you can use as well the game disk as a new formatted disk (or a cassette) that you insert just when you want to save or load the scores of a player.

The actions (route, scores, loading, saving) always apply to the player whose name appears on the identity disc that can be seen.

MOVING THE GAME FIGURE

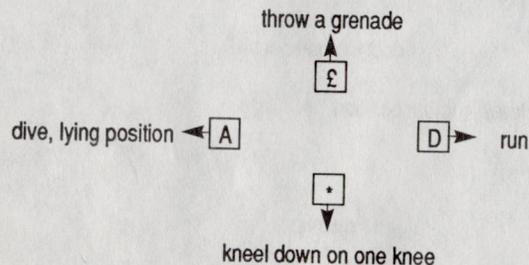
All actions of the game can be controlled using a joystick or the keyboard with the same correspondences as for the use of the console.

Pressing ← (in the upper left of the keyboard) abandons the route.

Use the RUN/STOP key to interrupt the game, press any key to continue.

There are several command levels each one depending on your position:

Starting position: STANDING



SHIFT right or Fire button: FIRE (only in the routes 3-5)

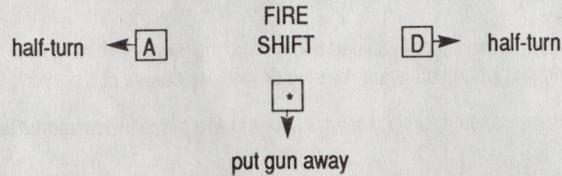
Each of these five levels has its specific commands :

D RUN

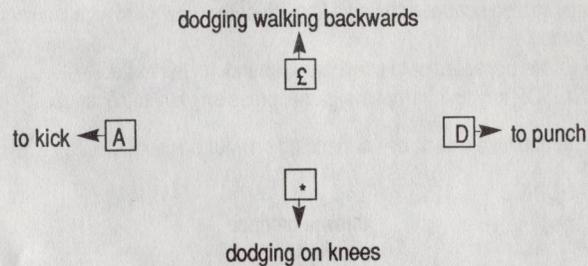
When you press D (or move joystick right) while standing, the figure begins to run. In this level pressing D and SHIFT right (pressing the fire button and moving joystick right) simultaneously will cause following actions:

- JUMP over a low object
- or GRIP hold on a ladder (A/D to progress)
- or GRIP hold on a cable
- or GET OVER a wall (release to descend)

[SHIFT] right : FIRE

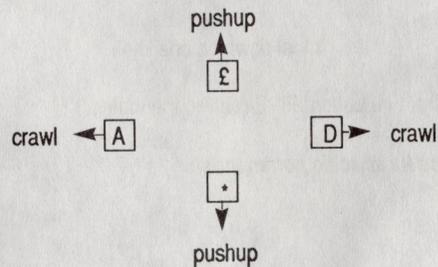


[£] THROW A GRENADE (only if you pick one up) or take CLOSE COMBAT position



SHIFT right : leave combat position

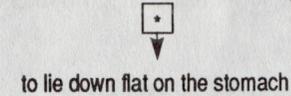
[A] DIVE, LYING POSITION



SHIFT right or Fire button : get back up onto knees

To crawl or to do 10 pushups, press the corresponding keys alternately (move joystick in the corresponding directions alternately).

[*] KNEEL DOWN ON ONE KNEE

[D] pick up a grenade and pull pin
or take and put explosives in a box
or set a charge

SHIFT right or fire button : get up again

2 - CONSTRUCTION MODE

Tape version: insert cassette side B upside and rewind it.

The construction mode is selected on the console by clicking on EDIT. It is then possible to use the various functions on the construction set. A screen play consists of 256 views each of which holds 4 planes :

- a decoration (absolutely necessary)
- a background or foreground item (optional)
- the person
- a trap (optional)

The creation of one view consists of the following phases:

- I. Place the decorations; click on the option LANDSCAPE and then choose one from those suggested. By clicking in the black zone you move to another decoration set.
- II. Choose and place an object in the background and foreground (optional); the option ITEM must be activated.

A - Select BACK ITEM or FRONT ITEM by clicking.

B - Choose an object among those suggested (pass onto another set by clicking on one of the 2 arrows in the item window). To erase an item from the view, click in the white zone.

C - Horizontally position the object by clicking on one of 4 squares marked with X to move the item left or right. An item can't stick out beyond the view.

D - Vertically position the object by clicking a vertical graduation to move the item up or down.

B, C, D can be done in any order.

III. By clicking on the option MAN you position the height of the soldier by vertical graduation to go up or down in relation to the floor (optional: by default, the floor coincides with the lower decoration).

Use ON to make the soldier appear, OFF to make him disappear.

IV. Set a trap (optional) by clicking on option TRAPS.

The window is replaced with one for traps where it will be possible to choose a trap corresponding to a number that will appear above the view you're working on. By clicking in the white zone in the bottom of the screen you erase the trap.

HOW TO SET A TRAP

This operation is by far the most delicate and the interest of the game depends on it.

Traps fall into 2 categories - whether they are bound to an object or not. For example, trap No 2 JUMP / FALL can only apply to certain objects (low wall, sandbag...) corresponding to the decoration to explain the fall.

On the other hand the traps DO 10 PUSHUPS or CLOSE COMBAT are independent of the presence of items in the decoration - it does not matter where they are put, but for obvious reasons it is not ideal to put them in the middle of the lake...

We suggest that you read the following clues in order for your scenario to be more enjoyable... In order that you are free to give rein to your creative mind, no test will be made on the traps that you set.

1. JUMP OVER WALL: associated with high wall item.
2. JUMP/FALL : associate with small items of type «sandbag», «low wall», «jerry can», «ammo box»...
3. JUMP/SLIP : associate with items «barrel knocked over» or «damaged barrel».
4. DOG START : the dog appears after you pass on the trap.
5. MINE: Only associated with mines. Put the item in the background.
6. GRENADE: only associated with grenades which must be in the foreground.
7. DROWN : only when there is a lake and in the absence of a pontoon.
8. GET CHARGE: associate with «little box»; this object must be in the foreground and situated at a reasonable distance before the door.
9. SET CHARGE: associated with the decoration object «armoured door».
10. REAR ATTACK: (almost) anywhere: the adversary appears after you pass the trap.
11. LOW BURST: (almost) anywhere.
12. HIGH BURST: (almost) anywhere.
13. CLOSE COMBAT: (almost) anywhere; the adversary appears after you pass the trap.
14. SHOOTER: (almost) anywhere; the adversary appears after you pass the trap.
15. This number does'n't correspond to a trap.
16. Do 10 PUSHUPS: (almost) anywhere.

17. GRENADE COMBAT : Put this trap before trap «grenade»; the adversary appears after you passed the trap.

18. AIR-RAID: (almost) anywhere.

19. SWIM : associate with the lake

20. CRAWL : associated with items such as drain pipe... all which should be in the foreground.

V. OPTION REPEAT

The last order selected is present in the window of option REPEAT: by clicking on REPEAT you effect this order view by view.

VI. DISK

As soon as your scenario is edited, you can save the game to disk by clicking on the option DISK. With this same option, you can modify already existing scenarios after loading them.

VII. END

To leave the construction mode and go to play your scenario. (Part 4 CCS)

VIII. RESET

Erases a scenario.

To develop good scenarios, we advise you to get used to the play option and to take time to examine the replays to understand the whole function of the concept of ACTION SERVICE 1.

Then you can examine and modify the whole screenplay DEMO by loading it with the DISK option of the construction mode.

ACTION SERVICE 2: THE MISSION

Your name appears on the mission order, congratulations : you can now take the responsibility of an appointment on ACTION SERVICE 2.

Compared to the MISSION, your time spent in action service training camp will seem like time spent in a holiday camp!!!

There are the same characters that you entered in ACTION SERVICE 1 who are on the MISSION!

Just when you think you had finished with ACTION SERVICE...