THE BOARD GAME





CORE RULEBOOK

Game Overview



"No man, no law, no war can stop him."

Introduction

Rambo: The Board Game is a cooperative game for 1-4 players that puts you directly in the films Rambo: First Blood Part 2 and Rambo 3. Your team will take on a variety of unique story-based missions, each with its own rules, strategy, and story. Along the way you'll find new gear, learn new tactics, and ultimately build the best heroes to win the day.

Rambo: The Board Game is made up of 20 unique Missions. The Mission Book details the setup, objectives, and special rules for each Mission. Your party can choose to play any Mission from the Mission Book individually, or you can play through all the Missions as a Campaign.

Single Play Mode

To play a single Mission, simply choose any Mission you want to play, flip to its **Mission Dossier** in the Mission Book, and follow the setup directions. When playing Single Play Mode, each Hero **must** equip the suggested **Gear Cards** listed in the Mission Dossier.

Campaign Mode

If your party chooses to play through the Campaign, begin by reading the **Introduction** at the start of the Mission Book, and then play through **Mission** #1. Whenever you successfully complete a Mission, move on to the next one in the Mission Book. If you fail any Mission, you can either replay that Mission, or restart the Campaign from the beginning.

As you play through the Campaign, you will collect new **Gear Cards** and may earn **Achievement tokens** that you can use (see below). Note that you and your friends do *not* need to play the same Heroes throughout a campaign — you can change it up between Missions however you like!



Gear Stash

In Campaign Mode, whenever any Hero in your party acquires new **Gear Cards** (either by unlocking them at the start of a Mission or finding them on a Mission), they are permanently added to the party's **Gear Stash**.

When setting up each Mission, each Hero may choose to either play with the suggested Gear listed in the Mission Dossier, or they may **add** or **substitute** any of the Gear in your Gear Stash. The number of **Gear Slots** available for the Mission tells you the maximum number of Gear Cards each Hero can equip. (See "Gear" on p. 13)

Between play sessions, Gear in your Stash should be kept **separate** from the general deck of Gear Cards, which remain **locked** until you acquire them.



Achievements

Heroes may earn **Achievement tokens** when they complete special **bonus objectives** on any Mission during the Campaign. The available Achievements are listed on the **back** of the **Mission Book**.

Once a Hero has earned an Achievement, it is stored with your Gear Stash. The recipient can turn their Achievement in at **any time** during any Missions for a powerful one-time **bonus effect**. Once an Achievement is used, it is removed from the game. Each Achievement can only be awarded **once per Campaign**.



Mission Setup

The diagram below shows setup for Mission #1.



Choose Mission

Open the Mission Book to the Mission you want to play. The Mission Dossier provides you with a Map Setup diagram as well as directions for the Enemies, Threats, Tactics, and Gear you will use on the Mission.

If this is your first game, we recommend you read the Introduction on Mission Book pg. 2 and start with Mission #1.





Build Map

Find the Map Tiles used for this Mission and place them as shown in the Map Setup diagram. Make sure the red arrow on each tile matches the orientation in the diagram. All other Map Tiles are left in the box.



Place Fog of War

Find all Fog of War Cards with the correct Mission Number (the first number in the top left corner on the back of the card, e.g. the "1" in "1-3").

Place each card face-down on the Map as shown in the Map Setup. The numbers on the backs of the cards must match the numbers in the diagram. All unused Fog of War Cards can be left in the game box.



Place Map Tokens

Place the correct numbered Point of Interest (P.O.I.) tokens and Deployment Zone (DZ) tokens as shown in the Map Setup.

If there are any additional P.O.I.s listed in the "Objective Triggers" section that are not shown on the Map, set these aside. Return all remaining P.O.I.s and DZs to the box.















Prepare Enemy Track & Starting Enemies

Find the **Enemy Cards** shown in the Mission Dossier and place them in a row to create the Enemy Track. Place all figures matching each card near the track, and leave all other Enemy figures in the box. Place the Enemy Initiative Marker on the first card on the track.

If the Map Setup shows any Enemy icons, spawn an Enemy figure matching the Enemy Track letter (e.g. $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$) on each icon.



Prepare Threat Deck

Separate the Threat Cards into Sets (each card's Set is shown in the bottom center on the front of the card). Shuffle together the Sets listed in the Mission Dossier to create the Threat Deck for this Mission. Return all unused Threat Sets to the box.





Set Battlefield Condition

Place the Battlefield **Condition Track in clear** view of all players. Place the Round Marker in the "1" slot.



Continue to Hero Setup...



Hero Setup



Take Hero Board

Each player selects a Hero and takes the corresponding figure and *Hero Board*. Each player also takes an *Alert Marker* and *Stance Marker*.

Place your Hero Board in front of you. Place your Alert Marker on the bottom-most space on your *Alert Track*.



Prepare Gear

From the general deck of *Gear Cards*, find the cards listed in the Mission Dossier for your Hero and place them face-up near your Hero Board.

If you are playing Campaign Mode, you may add or substitute cards from your Gear Stash. The Mission Dossier specifies how many Gear Slots are available for this Mission. (See p. 13)





Prepare Tactics Deck

From your Hero's deck of *Tactics Cards*, separate out the numbered cards the Mission Dossier tells you to use for this Mission. Each Tactics Card's number is printed in the bottom left of the card. For example, if the Mission Book says to use "Tactics Cards #1-6," all Heroes will take Tactics #1-6 from their available cards and return the rest of your deck to the box.



Shuffle the Tactics Cards you will be using and place them in a face-down pile next to your Hero Board.









Draw Tactics Cards

Draw the top 2 Tactics Cards from your deck. This is your starting hand.





Choose Mission Leader

Collectively choose a *Mission Leader* to be in charge of the Mission Book. The Mission Leader is responsible for reading the story, resolving events, and making the final call if the group is stuck on a decision.

If you are unable to decide on a Mission Leader, choose the highest ranking officer among the Heroes that are playing.



Place Hero Figures

Each player places their Hero figure on one of the 4 spaces marked as *Hero Start* on the Map Setup diagram. Each Hero must occupy a different space.



Read Briefing & Start Mission

The Mission Leader reads out loud the *Briefing* section of the Mission Dossier. Then start the first round!



Fewer Than 4 Players?

When playing with fewer than 4 players, each player still chooses 1 Hero to play from those available. Return all components for Heroes that are not selected to the box. Setup is otherwise the same.

Note that there are some gameplay changes with fewer than 4 players.

(See "Adjusting for 1-3 Players" on p. 7)

The Mission Dossier

Each Mission has a **Mission Dossier** that details setup, objectives, and special rules for the Mission. The Mission Leader will need to keep the Mission Book open to the Mission Dossier during setup and throughout the Mission.

Mission Objectives

Each Mission has its own unique Mission Objective(s) that must be completed to win the game. When you complete an Objective. the Mission Leader should read the associated Mission Trigger in the Mission Dossier to progress the story forward.

Mission Triggers

The Mission Triggers section of the Mission Dossier covers unique events that occur during the Mission. It includes the following kinds of events:

- **Points of Interest:** Events that Heroes can trigger by reaching or using actions at P.O.I.s on the Map.
- **Objective Triggers:** Events that trigger when **Objectives** are completed.
- **Battlefield Condition:** Events that trigger at the end of each round. (See "Battlefield Condition" on p. 8)

The **Mission Leader** is responsible for all Mission Triggers. When a Mission Trigger is activated, the Mission Leader reads and resolves the narrative and game effects. If a Mission Trigger says "Mission Success," this means you have completed the Mission successfully, and you may move on to the next Mission!

Mission Failure

Each Mission lists conditions under which the team fails the Mission. If any Mission Failure condition is met, the game immediately ends and you lose! You can choose to replay the Mission and try again, or move on to the next Mission in the Mission Book.

The Red Headband Rule

When a rule in this Rulebook is contradicted by the Mission Dossier or a component such as a Threat Card or Tactics Card, always follow the new rules in the Mission Dossier or on the component.

Briefing

Narrative introduction to the Mission

Mission Triggers

Mission events, including Point of Interest actions, special Objective Triggers, and narrative "Mission Success" section

Battlefield Condition

BATTLEFIELD CONDITION

Spawn A in Hero Start area.

2: All Heroes have +1 until the

MISSION FAILURE

end of next round.

Spawn B adjacent to P.O.I. 1

Gameplay effets that trigger at the end of each round

BRIEFING

Rambo and Trautman fly through the night aboard a Huev chopper, heading across the border from the US base in Thailand into 'Nam. They're flying right into a dark storm – perhaps an omen of what is to come. Fortunately, their pilot is the best there is...

Rambo steers the chopper as safely as possible through powerful winds, thunder, and lightning, getting as close to Vientcong territory as he can. As he begins to make the descent, lightning strikes the

The Huey crash-lands in a tree. Both Rambo and Trautman get out safely, but the chopper's on fire, and they can't retrieve their guns or supplies.

They rappel down the tree to the jungle floor and move quickly to the rendezvous point to sync up with the rest of the squad: Co Bao, a Vietcong/ CIA double-agent, and Wei Ting, a US Delta Force soldier stationed in Thailand. Now they're ready to begin the mission.

The full team has assembled at the rendezvous point. The long-range radio sparks in your ha "Rayen... come in... this is Wolf Den... come in..." You attempt to respond, but it goes silent.

The infiltration was rough, and you lost most of your gear in the downed chopper. But you've still BAO: I estimate our current position is less

than 10 klicks from the target area. Move as a team and keep undetected. The last thing we need now is to alert anyone to our presence. TRAUTMAN: We need to locate that P.O.W.

camp and take pictures to prove that Americans are being held there. The mission brief says we're not to engage the enemy

OBJECTIVES

Reach the Vietnamese P.O.W. camp (POI 1).

RAMBO: Unless it can't be avoided

TING: Let's get a move on.

MISSION TRIGGERS

Points of Interest



P.O.W. CAMP: When there are no Enemies on the map, use 1 to take pictures and read Mission Success!



LOOKOUT TOWER: Use 1 to remove this P.O.I. and look at any 1 Fog of War card on the map, then put it back face-down. burying something, or just digging a hole, but this shovel may be useful! Use 1 to

acquire M1967 Shovel and remove this P.O.I.

Mission Success

You don't find any P.O.W.s. but you do find evidence that the enemy was here recently. You also find e weapons in decent shape, and some supplies to replenish those that were lost in the crash.

TRAUTMAN: The camp was empty, save for a

RAMBO: Easily taken care of.

TING: Clearly this isn't the place we're looking

BAO: We should get out of here before we're spotted, and I'll tell you more.

ACQUIRE GEAR

- > Rusty AK-74u
- > Walking Stick
- > MkIII Combat Knife

MISSION FAILURE

- Any Hero has 3 Wounds.

Mission

Objectives are not completed at end of

- Any Hero is at Red A at the start of

If any of these conditions

are met, you lose the

Mission Failure Final Round Conditions

If you do not complete your Objectives by the end of this round, you lose!

Mission **Objectives**

What you must do to complete the Mission successfully









The Game Round

Round Overview

Each round has 4 phases:

- Deal Threat Cards: Each Hero is dealt a Threat
 Card
- Hero Turns: Each Hero takes a turn
- Enemy Activation: Activate the Enemy Card with the Initiative marker on it
- **Battlefield Condition:** Resolve end-of-round events and advance the Round Marker

Adjusting for 1-3 Players

When playing with **3 or fewer Heroes**, the team still resolves a total of **4 Hero turns** each round. Heroes also gain **bonuses** to help balance the difficulty.

Use the table below, or the Player Count Adjustments reference card.



3-player:

Each round, the Mission Leader chooses 1 **Hero** to take 2 turns. At the start of their first turn, the chosen Hero gains +1 ≝.



2-player:

Each Hero takes 2 turns each round.
Each Hero has +2 maximum Health



1-player:

The solo Hero takes **4 turns** each round. At the start of each **round**, gain +**2 ≦**. At the start of each **turn**, gain +**1 ►**.

You may still take your turns in **any order**. Any player who will be taking more than one turn is dealt 1 Threat Card **per turn** they will take.

PHASE 1

Deal Threat Cards

Each Hero receives the Threat Card they will reveal and resolve on their turn.

Each player is dealt 1 Threat Card, face-down. (Do not look at your Threat Card! It will be revealed on your turn.)



PHASE 2

Hero Turns

Each Hero takes a turn to face a Threat, choose a Stance, and perform movement and actions.

Each Hero takes a turn, one at a time. Heroes may take their turns in **whatever order** the team decides.

Turns are covered in detail in the next section (See p. 9).

Deciding on turn order

It is a good idea to discuss your strategy as a team at the beginning of the round and decide who will act first. If there are disagreements over turn order or the discussion is taking too long, the Mission Leader has final say.



Enemy Activation

Once all Heroes have acted, the Enemies make their move.

Activate the **Enemy Card** with the **Initiative marker** on it. When an Enemy Card activates, all **Enemy figures** of that type on the Map execute the Activation Behaviours listed on the card, in order.

(This is discussed in detail in "Enemy Activation" on p. 18)

After you finish resolving the Enemy Activation, move the Initiative marker to the **next** Enemy Card to the right to mark the group of Enemies that will activate next round. If the marker is on the last Enemy Card in the Initiative Row, it moves back to the first card in the row.

No Enemies on the Map?

If an Enemy Card activates but there are no Enemy figures of that type on the Map, move the Initiative marker to the **next** Enemy Card to the right that has at least 1 Enemy figure on the Map, and activate that card instead. (If the marker passes the last card in the row, move it back to the first card and continue until you reach a card with at least 1 figure on the Map.)

If there are no Enemy figures on the Map at all, do not activate any Enemies. Instead, simply move the Initiative marker to the next Enemy Card to the right and begin the next phase.

PHASE 4

Battlefield Condition

After Enemies activate, end-of-round events may occur.

The Mission Leader must check the **Battlefield Condition** section of the Mission Dossier and resolve any effects that are listed for the current round.

After resolving all Battlefield Condition events, advance the Round Marker 1 space on the Battlefield Tracker, and begin the next round.

Time is running out!

On most Missions, you must complete your objectives in a certain number of rounds. If you don't win before the Battlefield Condition phase of the final round (marked as "Mission Failure" in the Mission Dossier), you lose!





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When this Enemy any Hero within 3 spaces gets +1 A.



A

- 1. Move toward the Hero with highest A level 2. Attack the closest visible Hero
- 3 Move toward the Hero with highest A activation
- 4. Each adjacent Hero gets +1 A

"Vietnamese Scout" is the first Enemy Card in the Initiative Row, designated Enemy A in mission setup. In Round 1, in the Enemy Activation Phase, all Scouts on the Map activate.

VIETNAMESE OFFICER

Q 2 Q 1 2 2 **○** 3 **○** 1 **○** 5



- 1. Move toward the closest Enemy that is
- 2. The Enemy closest to this figure attacks the closest visible Hero
- 3. Move toward the Hero with highest A level
- 4. Attack the closest visible Hero

After the Scouts have finished activating, the Initiative marker moves to the next Enemy Card in the row, in this case the "Vietnamese Officer," designated Enemy B.



In Round 2, in the Enemy Activation Phase, the Vietnamese Officers now activate. There are none on the Map, so the marker instead moves to the right.



There are only 2 cards in the Initiative Row, so the marker moves back to the first card, the Scout. There are still Scouts on the Map, so they now activate.

EXAMPLE



At the end of round 1, the Mission Leader checks the Battlefield Condition section of the Mission Dossier. Next to round 1 it says. "All Heroes gain +1 A." This means everyone must raise their Alert by 1 (See p. 15).



All Heroes gain +1 A



Spawn B in Hero 1 start area and B in Hero 1 start area.



Spawn 1 B adjacent to each P.O.I.



Once the event is resolved, the Mission Leader advances the Round Marker to round 2 on the Battlefield Condition Track.



Turn Overview

Each turn has 4 steps:

- Clear Persistent Effects: Clear all effects with a & icon from your previous turn
- Reveal Threat: Flip and resolve your
 Threat Card
- Choose Stance: Choose a Stance and gain its bonuses
- Movement and Actions: Use your Stance's movement and actions, and play (or discard) a Tactics Card

Hero Turns

STEP1

Clear Persistent Effects

At the start of your turn, you must clear any bonuses or negative effects from your previous turn.

Discard all cards activated on your **last turn** that have the **Persistent &** icon on them. (This icon means the effect lasts until the start of your next turn.) This includes any Threat Cards that are face-up in front of your Hero.

Also discard any leftover Armor dischens you have.

Once a card or component is discarded, its effect is no longer active.



Armor Tokens

Return all unused Armor ≜ tokens on your Hero Board to the supply



Threat Cards

If you revealed a Threat Card with a & effect on your last turn, discard it



Tactics Cards

If you played any Tactics Cards with & effects on your last turn, discard them

STEP 2

Reveal Threat

Next, you must face a new Threat on the battlefield.

(Make sure any Persistent **3** Threat Cards from your previous turn are discarded, as instructed in Step 1.) Flip the **Threat Card** you were dealt and resolve its effects in the order they are listed on the card:

- **1. Alert Effect:** This effect applies to **All Heroes** who are within the specified **Alert Level** (Green, Yellow, Orange or Red). (See "Alert Level" on p. 15)
- **2.** Threat Effect: This is a general effect on Heroes, Enemies, or the battlefield.

Persistent Threats

Once you have resolved your Threat Card:

- If your Threat Card has a **Persistent &** effect, place it face-up near your **Hero Board** to show that it is currently active; it will remain active until the **start of your next turn**. (You are responsible for reminding other players of its effect.)
- If your Threat Card does not have a Persistent effect, discard it from the game.

Who still needs to take a turn?

You can track which Heroes have taken their turn this round by checking who still has a face-down Threat Card to resolve.

EXAMPLE

Rambo reveals the Threat Card
"Treacherous Terrain."







This card's Threat Effect is

Persistent 2, so Rambo places it
face-up near his Hero Board. While
the card is active, any Hero that is
not in Cover at the start of their turn
raises their Alert A by 2 and has 2
less Movement .

Note that it is NOT the start of Rambo's turn, so he doesn't suffer this penalty. However, if he is still out of Cover at the start of his next turn, he will suffer the penalty.





Choose Stance

After you have faced a Threat, you choose a Stance for your Hero, which determines the actions, movement, and bonuses available to you this turn.

Place your **Stance Marker** on the **Stance** you want to use on your Hero Board. The Stance you choose must be **different** than the one you used last round, and must not have a **Wounded** token on it (See p. 14). Note that on the first round, you may use any Stance.

Once you've chosen your Stance, you immediately gain its **bonuses**:

- Alert: Raise (+) or lower (−) your Alert Marker this many spaces on your Alert Track. (See p. 15)
- Hero. (See p. 14)
- **See p. 11) Solution Valor See p. 11)**
- = Marmor: Gain this many Armor tokens. (See p. 14)



Actions

How many actions you may take when you choose this Stance (p. 11)



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How much this Stance raises or lowers your Alert (p. 15)



Armor

How many Armor tokens you gain in this Stance (p. 14)







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Movement

How far you may move when you choose this Stance (p. 10)



Valor

How many Valor tokens you gain in this Stance (p. 11)



Heal

How much Damage you may remove in this Stance (p. 14)

STEP 4

Movement and Actions

After you've chosen a Stance and gained its bonuses, you may use its movement and actions.

Next, you may do some or all of the following, in any order:

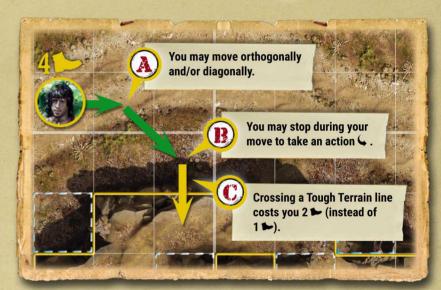
- **Move ▶** your Hero
- **■** Take actions **←**
- Play **1 Tactics Card** (or discard 1 Tactics Card to gain **Valor 8**)

Moving Your Hero

Your Stance's **Movement Stat** ► is the total number of **spaces** you may move on your turn. (If your Stance does not have a Movement Stat, you may not move on your turn.)

Movement Rules

- A You may move orthogonally or diagonally.
- You may **interrupt** your movement to take an action or play a Tactics Card, and finish your move afterward.
- Tough Terrain: You must use 2 ► each time you cross a yellow Tough Terrain line or move to a new space inside an enclosed Tough Terrain area. (See p. 12)
- Impassable Terrain: You may not move through red Impassable Terrain lines, or off of a Map edge. (See p. 12)
- You may **not** move into a space occupied by another **figure**.





You MAY NOT move through walls or other terrain marked in red.

You MAY move diagonally around corners.

Taking Actions

If you choose a Stance that has 1 or more **actions** \hookrightarrow , you may perform any combination of actions from the following list. You may use the **same** action more than once per turn.

- Attack Enemy: Make an attack using an equipped Gear Card. (See p. 16)
- **Draw Tactics Card:** Draw 1 card from your **Tactics Deck** and add it to your hand.
- Point of Interest (P.O.I.) acton while adjacent to a P.O.I. Available actions for each P.O.I. are detailed in the Mission Triggers section of the Mission Dossier. (See p. 6)



Playing (or Discarding) a Tactics Card

Tactics Cards provide your Hero with unique capabilities you can use on your turn.

You may play 1 Tactics Card each turn from your hand, at any time during your movement and actions (regardless of which Stance you're in). If the card you wish to play has **requirements** (for example, "Play when in Cover") you must meet them in order to play the card.

After you play a Tactics Card, **discard** it face-up next to your Tactics deck. If it has a **Persistent &** effect, instead place it face-up above your Hero Board. Its effect remains active until the start of your next turn.

If you do not have a Tactics Card you want to play on your turn, you may instead **discard** 1 card from your hand to gain **Valor** tokens equal to its Valor value.



Valor value

How much Valor 5 you get for discarding this card

Your Tactics Deck

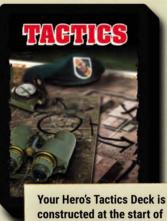
The **Mission Dossier** tells you how to construct your **Tactics Deck** at the start of each Mission. On more difficult Missions, stronger Tactics Cards are included in your deck.

You start each Mission with **2 random Tactics Cards** from your deck. You may use **actions** to draw additional Tactics Cards during the Mission. There is **no limit** to the number of Tactics Cards you may have in your hand.

Once a Tactics Card is in your **discard pile**, it is unavailable to you for the **rest of the Mission** (unless a special ability lets you return discarded Tactics Cards). In the rare event that your Tactics deck **runs out**, you may no longer draw Tactics (you do **not** shuffle your discard pile).

Tactics are a limited resource!

Think carefully before discarding a Tactics Card, since you won't draw it again for the rest of the Mission.



Your Hero's Tactics Deck is constructed at the start of the game. You can spend actions to draw more Tactics Cards.



Using Valor

Valor & tokens represent going above and beyond the call of duty.

You gain Valor tokens by using certain **Stances** or **discarding** Tactics Cards. There is **no limit** to the number of Valor tokens you can collect during a Mission.



You may spend Valor tokens you've collected to **enhance** your abilities in any of the following ways:



Enhance Attack: When you make an attack, you may spend Valor to increase the **Damage** ★ you deal. Each token spent adds +1★. (See p. 17)



Block Damage: When you take Damage from any source (such as an attack or Threat Card), you may spend Valor to block the Damage you take. Each token spent blocks 1₺. (See p. 19)



Enhance Movement: At any time during your movement and actions, you may spend Valor to move additional spaces. Each token spent gives you +1 ►. (Note you must spend 2 to move into a Tough Terrain space.) (See p. 10)

The Battlefield



Map Areas

Each map tile is divided into 4 Areas by thick. solid white lines. Each Area has a total of 16 spaces in a 4x4 grid.

When **moving**, Heroes and Enemies always count spaces. However, when determining Range, they count Areas. (See "Range" on p. 16)

Certain gameplay effects may target a specified Area, such as the Area you currently occupy.



Cover Terrain

White dashed lines on the Map mark Cover **Terrain**, which offers some defense against attacks and makes it harder for Enemies to spot you.

When a Hero or Enemy occupies a Cover space, they gain a Cover Resistance bonus, which reduces Damage from all attacks by -1 . (See "Resistance" on p. 14)

If a Hero's **Alert Level ▲** is low enough, they are also hidden from Enemies while in Cover. (Enemies can never be hidden, even if they are in Cover.) (See "Alert Level" on p. 15)

Cover does not affect movement.



Tough Terrain

Yellow lines on the Map mark Tough Terrain, which slows you down during movemnet. Heroes must spend 2 Movement ► to cross any Tough Terrain line, or to move within an area that is **enclosed** by Tough Terrain lines. (See "Moving Your Hero" on p. 10)

Enemy figures **ignore** Tough Terrain lines and move normally through Tough Terrain. (See "Enemy Movement" on p. 19)



Impassable Terrain

Red lines on the Map mark Impassable Terrain, which can't be navigated on foot. Neither Heroes nor Enemies can **cross** any Impassable Terrain line, or enter any area that is totally **enclosed** by Impassable Terrain lines.

Impassable Terrain lines also block Line-of-Sight between an attacker and target. (See "Line-of-Sight" on p. 17)

Fog of War

Fog of War Cards represent unknown information about the battlefield. When triggered, they may spawn new Enemies, P.O.I.s, or places (overlays). or have other effects.

When a Hero enters any **space** that is adjacent to an area where there is an unrevealed Fog of War Card, immediately flip and resolve the card. The card should be oriented so that the red arrow on the card points in the direction the Hero approached from. (If the Hero approaches from a diagonal corner, they may choose which of the two possible directions to orient it.) After a Fog of War Card is resolved, remove it from the game.



FoW Number

Read this text and resolve the listed effects

FoW Effect

Spawn Enemy

Spawn a figure with this Initiative letter in this space

Spawn POI

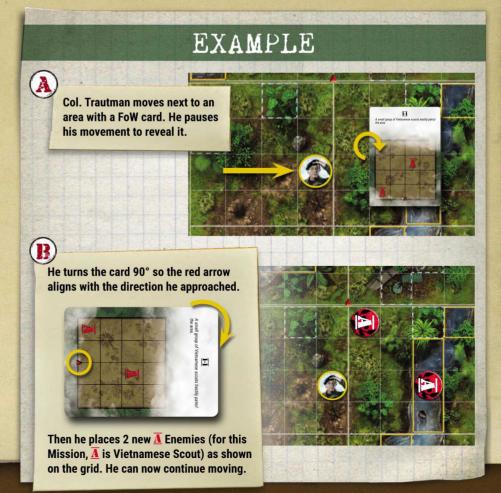
Place this P.O.I. token in this space

Orientation

Rotate the card so this arrow points in the direction you approached from

Enemy figures do **not** activate Fog of War. While a Fog of War Card is face-down on an Area, Enemies move normally through the spaces on the back of it.

(Spawning is discussed in detail in "Spawning Enemies" on p. 18)



Gear

Gear Cards

Gear Cards are useful items that you can use to attack Enemies and complete your Mission. You will equip some Gear at the start of each Mission, and can discover additional Gear during the Mission.

Gear Loadout

Each **Mission Dossier** tells you how many **Gear Slots** are available to you, as well as what **recommended Gear** you should take on the Mission.

If you are playing **Single Play Mode**, you must use the recommended Gear. If you are playing **Campaign Mode**, you have the option to take additional Gear from your **Gear Stash** with you, or **swap** any of the recommended Gear for Gear in your Stash.

Each Gear Card you equip takes up 1 of your available Gear Slots (except for Heavy Weapons, which take up 2 Gear Slots – see below right). You may not equip more Gear than you have slots for.

Finding New Gear

If you find Gear while on a Mission, you may choose to **immediately** equip it. If you have no remaining Gear Slots, you may choose to discard a piece of equipped Gear and replace it with the new Gear. At **no time** during a Mission may you **exceed** your available Gear Slots.

If you decide not to equip the new Gear, you may give it to **any other Hero** on your team to immediately equip. They may also choose to replace a piece of equipped Gear.

If **no one** wishes to equip the new Gear, it is discarded.

Locked Loadout

Once a Mission has started, you may **only** change your Gear when you find new Gear. During a Mission, you may not access Gear in your Gear Stash, trade Gear between players, or give Gear that you discarded to other players.

Discarding Gear

When any piece of Gear is discarded, it is **removed from the game** and cannot be used again for the remainder of the Mission.

If you are playing Campaign Mode, return any Gear you discard to your **Gear Stash**. You may choose to equip it again at the start of the next Mission.

Weapons

RUSTY AK-74U



When you attack with this weapon, you may discard it to fire on full auto. A full auto attack gains $+2\Theta$, $+2\frac{1}{2}$, and +2.

Utilities

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When you are Wounded by an Enemy attack, you may make a free attack on that Enemy.



Range

How far away you can target an Enemy (p. 16)



Targets

How many Enemies you can target with each attack (p. 16)



Damage

How much Damage each attack does (p. 17)



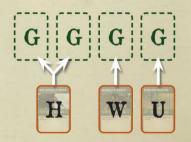
Alert

How much your Alert increases when you attack with this weapon (p. 17)

Heavy Weapons

Some weapons are **Heavy** and require more effort to carry.

Heavy Weapons take up 2 of your available Gear Slots, but are the same as other weapons otherwise.



For example, on a Mission with 4 Gear Slots available, you could carry 1 Heavy Weapon, 1 Weapon, and 1 Utility.

Utility Effects

Utilities provide ongoing or one-time use effects. They can be activated at any time on your turn (unless stated otherwise).

Health & Damage



Health

Your Hero's **Health →** is tracked using their **Health Track**.

Whenever you take **Damage**, Damage tokens are added to the Health Track. If your Health Track is ever **full**, you immediately suffer a **Wound**.

Wounds

When you suffer a Wound, place a **Wounded token** on a **Stance** on your Hero Board that does not already have a Wounded token. You can **no longer use** this Stance.



Then, **clear all Damage** from your Health Track (you are restored to full Health).

Wounds **cannot** be removed by normal healing. You may never heal above your printed Health Stat.

All Wounds are cleared at the end of the Mission.

Choose Wounds carefully!

Abilities that remove Wounds are rare, so don't count on getting that Stance back.

Too Many Wounds

If any Hero on your team takes too many Wounds, then you fail the Mission! The maximum number of Wounds that Heroes can take on a Mission is listed in the **Mission Failure** section of the Mission Dossier.



Resistance

Resistance ♣ reduces the **Damage** ★ a figure takes from incoming attacks.

Each time a figure is attacked, the Damage they take is reduced by their **total Resistance** value. Resistance from multiple sources is **cumulative**. If a Hero or Enemy's total Resistance **exceeds** the Damage done by an attack, then the attack deals **no Damage**.

Resistance **only applies to attacks**. It has no effect on Damage from other sources like Threat Cards.

Resistance may be provided by:

- Cover Resistance: When a Hero or Enemy that is in Cover is attacked, and the attacker is NOT in an adjacent space, the target receives +1.

 This reduces all attacks by -1.
- Gear and Tactics: Some cards provide Heroes with bonus Resistance. This is applied each time that the Hero is attacked, for as long as the effect is active.
- Enemy Resistance: Enemies with a non-zero Resistance Stat A reduce all attack Damage they take by that amount.







Rambo is hit with an attack that deals 2₺. He has 1월, which is discarded to block 1₺. The remaining 1₺ is placed on his Health Track.









) Armo

Some Stances and abilities provide Heroes with **temporary Armor** ≝, which blocks incoming attack **Damage** ≰. Whenever you gain Armor, place **Armor** ≝ tokens equal to the Armor you've gained on your Hero Board.

When you are **attacked**, you first apply Resistance, then discard Armor tokens to **block** any remaining Damage. Each Armor token you discard **blocks 1**★.

You **must** use any Armor you have when you are attacked (you can't choose to "save" it). If you are able to block **all** incoming Damage with Resistance and Armor, you may save any leftover Armor tokens for the next attack.

Like Resistance, Armor can **only** be used when you are **attacked**. It has no effect on Damage from other sources.

Armor only lasts for 1 round!

All Armor tokens you don't use must be discarded at the start of your next turn.

Alert Level

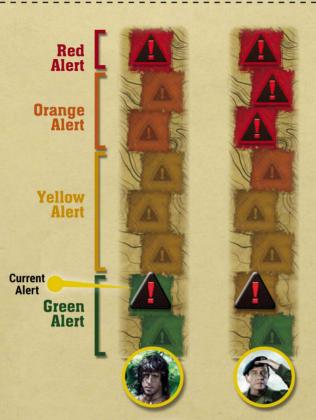
Hero Alert Track

The **Alert Track** on your Hero Board tells you how aware Enemies are of your presence. The higher your **Alert** \(\textbf{\Lap} \) is, the more you are exposed to Enemy attacks and other dangers.

Aggressive Stances, loud Weapons, or other battlefield events that make Enemies more aware of your presence cause you to **gain Alert** (+**A**). Whenever you gain Alert, move the marker that many spaces up your Alert Track.

Your **Alert Level** (marked by the colored zones on your track) tells you which **Alerts effects** you are subject to, as well as whether you are **visible** to the Enemy (see below). Note that each Hero has their **own** Alert Track, which means that you and your teammates may be subject to **different** Alert effects.

You can **reduce your Alert (-A)** by using stealthy Stances, Tactics, or Gear. You can never lower your Alert below the **bottom** of your track, or raise it higher than the **top** of the track.



Comparing Alert Levels

Each Hero has a different Alert Level **distribution**. For example, Colonel Trautman has 3 Red Alert spaces, compared to 1 Red Alert space for Rambo.

When determining who has the "higher" Alert, always compare each Hero's Alert **Level**. For example, if both Rambo and Trautman are at 2**A**, Trautman is at higher Alert, because he is at **Yellow Alert**.

Visibility

Your current **Alert Level** determines whether Enemies treat you as **visible** or **hidden**.

Enemies will **only** attack Heroes that are visible to them. It is possible for a Hero to be visible to some Enemies, but hidden to others, based on your location.

- Green Alert: You are hidden everywhere. Most Enemies won't attack you.
- **Yellow Alert:** You are only **hidden** when you are **in Cover**.
- Orange Alert: When you are in Coyer, you are hidden to Enemies outside your Area, but visible to Enemies in your Area.
- Red Alert: You are visible everywhere.
 All Enemies can attack you.

(See "Enemy Attacks" on p. 19)



At Green Alert, the active Enemy can't see Rambo at all — even if he's adjacent!



At Orange Alert, the Enemy can't see Rambo if he's in Cover AND in a different Map area.



At Yellow Alert, the Enemy can't see Rambo as long as he's in Cover.



At Red Alert, the Enemy can see Rambo no matter where he is — even if he's in Cover on the other side of the Map!



Other Alert Effects

Threat Cards:

A higher Alert Level makes you more vulnerable to Alert Effects on Threat Cards. (See "Reveal Threat" on p. 9)

Mission Failure:

On some Missions, the team fails the Mission if any Hero's Alert Level gets too high.

Making an Attack

When you attack an Enemy, resolve these 4 steps:



Choose Target(s)

Deal Damage

Raise Alert

(This section covers Heroes attacking Enemies. For attacks against Heroes, see "Enemy Attacks" on p. 19.)

Attacking

STEP 1

Choose Weapon

If you have multiple **weapons** equipped, choose **one** of them to make your attack.

During this attack, you will use the **stats** printed on the weapon's **Gear Card** (plus applicable bonuses from Tactics and other Gear).

No Weapon?

You cannot make unarmed attacks. You must have an equipped weapon to attack!

STEP 2

Choose Target(s)

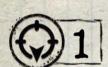
Choose an **Enemy figure** that is within your weapon's **Range Stat** ♦ and clear **Line-of-Sight**.

If your weapon's **Targets Stat** ② is greater than 1, you may choose **multiple** targets that are each within Range and clear Line-of-Sight.

Attacking multiple times?

Range

Range is always counted in Map Areas (large printed squares), rather than spaces.



At Range 1, Rambo may target an Enemy within his Area.



At Range 2, Rambo may target an Enemy in his own or an adjacent Area.



At Range 3, Rambo may target an Enemy up to 3 Areas away (counting his own Area).



Adjacent Targets

If an attacker is in an **adjacent space** to their target, the target is **always considered in Range**, *regardless* of the attacker's Range Stat \bigcirc or the area the target occupies.

If an attacker's Range is **reduced below 1** by an effect, they may still attack targets in adjacent spaces. (Range "0" is effectively Range "A" — see below.)

Additionally, when the attacker is in an adjacent space, they **ignore** the target's **Cover Resistance**.

(See "Resistance" on p. 14)



Rambo and an Enemy are in different Areas, but they are in adjacent spaces. This means Rambo is in Range of the Enemy, even if he is using a \$\infty\$1 Weapon (which can normally only target his own Area).



A Range A Weapon can only target an Enemy in an adjacent space.



Line-of-Sight

Heroes and Enemies may not attack an opponent if their Line-of-Sight passes through a red line marking Impassable Terrain. No other objects or terrain block LOS.



Impassable Terrain blocks LOS



Cover and Tough Terrain do NOT block LOS

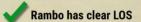


Other figures do NOT block LOS

The Two-Corner Rule

You can test Line-of-Sight by drawing two imaginary lines from **any one corner** of the attacker's space to **two adjacent corners** of the target's space. If it is possible to do this without **either** line **crossing** Impassable Terrain, then the attacker has **clear** Line-of-Sight.









Rambo's LOS is blocked

STEP 3:

Deal Damage

Each target Enemy figure takes **Damage** & equal to your weapon's **Damage Stat** , with any modifiers applied (see below).

Mark Damage to the Enemy figure by placing **Damage tokens** next to them on the Map. (See p. 18)

Damage Modifiers



Bonus Damage: Add bonus **Damage ★** from Gear, Tactics Cards, or other active effects.



Resistance: If the Enemy has a non-zero **Resistance Stat ♣**, reduce your Damage by this amount.



Cover Resistance: If the Enemy is in **Cover** and you are **not adjacent**, reduce your Damage by -1\(\frac{1}{2}\).



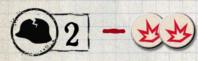
Valor: If you have Valor tokens, you may discard them to deal +1★ per token.

EXAMPLE





Wei Ting fires his Model 70 Rifle at an Enemy Guard. It has a Damage Stat of 4½.



The Guard has 2♣, reducing Wei Ting's Damage by -2挫.



The Guard is also in Cover, so they have another +1.





The Guard takes a total of 2½, which is placed next to it on the Map.

STEP 4

Raise Alert

Gain **Alert \(\Delta \)** equal to the weapon's **Alert Stat \(\Delta \)**. This represents the commotion your Weapon makes.



After using an Alert 2 Weapon, you must raise your Alert Marker 2 spaces.



Silent strike

If your attack has an **A** of 0, it does not raise your Alert.

Enemies

Enemy Cards

Each Enemy Card represents a type of Enemy. Enemy figures of the same type share the same stats and **Activation Behaviors.**

Each individual figure's Health is tracked separately. Whenever Damage & is dealt to a figure, place Damage tokens next to them on the Map.

If the total Damage to a figure ever equals or exceeds its Health Stat +, it is killed and removed from the Map.



How far away the **Enemy can attack**

Movement

How far the Enemy moves when they activate

Resistance

the Enemy ignores when attacked

the Enemy can take before being killed



How many Heroes the Enemy targets with each attack

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Damage

How much damage the Enemy does with each attack

Special Ability

Any ongoing special effects the **Enemy has**

Activation **Behaviors**

Detailed rules for what the **Enemy does when** activated

How much Damage

Health

How much Damage



ACTIVATION BEHAVIORS

1. Move toward the closest visible Hero

have -1 Q.

2. Each adjacent Hero loses 18. If they can't, they get +1 A instead

SPECIAL ABILITY

Attacks against this Enemy

- 3. Attack the closest visible Hero
- 4. Move to the closest cover space; if none are close enough, instead move toward the highest A level Hero



Spawning Enemies

Fog of War Cards, Mission Triggers, and other effects will instruct you to spawn new Enemy figures on the Map.

Enemy spawns use an **Initiative letter** that matches an **Enemy Card** placed at setup. For example, "Spawn \overline{A} " means spawn a figure matching the $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ card in the Initiative Row. (Only Enemy Cards placed at setup can spawn during a Mission.)

If an Enemy figure spawns at a Deployment Zone, place it on the correct-numbered DZ token (see right). If an Enemy spawns in a general location, such as "in your area" or "adjacent to you," the active Hero chooses a specific space in the indicated area.

If the space where you're instructed to spawn an Enemy is impassable or occupied by another figure, instead place it in the nearest legal space. If there are multiple legal spaces, the active Hero chooses one.

Out of Enemy figures?

If you are ever instructed to spawn an Enemy figure and there are no figures of that type remaining, spawn a figure of the next Enemy Card in the Initiative Row, in alphabetical order.

If ALL Enemy figures are on the Map, each time a new figure would spawn, all Heroes gain +14.



When an Enemy spawns at a DZ #2, place them on the DZ token with a "2" on it. If there is another figure there, place them in an adjacent space.



On your turn, if you are told to spawn an Enemy in a general location (for example, "adjacent to you"), you choose the specific space to place them.

Killing Enemies

When a figure is killed and removed from the Map. it can be **re-spawned** later as a new Enemy of that type.

Enemy Cards are **never** removed from play, even if there are no figures of that type left on the Map.

Enemy Activation

After Heroes finish their turns for the round, the Enemy Card with the **Initiative marker** is **activated**.

When this happens, each figure of that type executes the Activation Behaviors listed on the card. in numbered order. First each figure executes the 1st behavior, then each figure executes the 2nd behavior, and so on, until all behaviors are executed.

Each Enemy figure executes as much of each behavior as it is able to. If it's not possible for an Enemy figure to follow a behavior, it skips that behavior, but still executes the remaining behaviors on its list (see example right).

If there is ever a **conflict** due to multiple figures acting at the same time, the Mission Leader decides which figure acts first.

Enemy Movement

An Activation Behavior or other effect may tell you to **move** an Enemy towards a destination. Whenever an Enemy figure moves, it must respect the following rules:

- Each time an Enemy moves, they move their full Move Stat ► towards their destination, if able.
- Enemies always choose the **shortest** possible route to their destination.
- Enemies **cannot** occupy the same space as another figure.
- If an Enemy **reaches** its destination (or an adjacent space if it is moving towards a figure), it stops moving.
- Tough Terrain & Fog of War:
 Enemies ignore yellow outlined spaces and Fog of War Cards. (See p. 12)
- Timpassable Terrain: Enemies cannot move through red lines on the Map, and will instead move around them, if able. (See ρ. 12)

Enemy Attacks

There are 2 steps to an Enemy attack:

Step 1: Choose Target(s)

The Enemy chooses one or more target Heroes based on its **Activation Behavior**.

In order to be targeted, a Hero **must** meet **all** of the following conditions:

- **Visible:** The Hero is visible to the attacking Enemy (See p. 15)
- In Range: The Hero is within the attacking Enemy's Range Stat � (See p. 16)
- Clear Line-of-Sight: The attacking Enemy's Line-of-Sight is not blocked (See p. 17)

The Enemy will target as many Heroes as its **Targets Stat ©** allows, as long as **each** targeted Hero is visible, in Range, and in clear LOS. If the Enemy is unable to attack **any** Hero, it does not attack, and instead skips to the next behavior, if there is one.

Not sure who gets attacked?

If there is any conflict over which Hero(es) an Enemy targets, the Enemy chooses the Hero(es) with the higher Alert Level. If the potential target Heroes are at the same Alert Level, the Mission Leader decides.

Step 2: Deal Damage

Each target Hero takes Damage equal to the Enemy's **Damage** Stat &, with any modifiers applied (see below).

The Hero marks Damage by placing **Damage tokens** on their **Health Track**.

(See "Health & Damage" on p. 14)

Enemy Damage Modifiers



Bonus Enemy Damage: Add bonus **Damage &** from Threat Cards or other active effects.



Bonus Hero Resistance: If the target Hero has Resistance ♣ from Gear, Tactics Cards, or other effects, reduce the Damage by this amount.



Cover Resistance: If the target Hero is in Cover and the Enemy is not adjacent, reduce the Damage by -1≱.



Armor: If the target Hero has Armor tokens, they must discard them to block 1≱ per token.

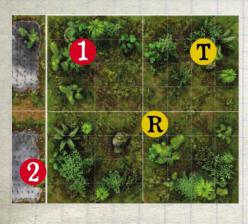


Valor: If the target Hero has Valor tokens, they may discard them to to block 1₺ per token.

EXAMPLE

During the Enemy Activation phase, the Initiative Marker is on the "Vietnamese Scout" card.

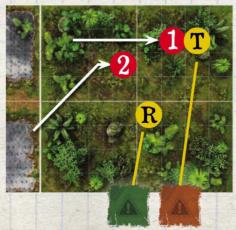
The 2 Scouts on the Map resolve their Activation Behaviors.



Behavior 1:

Move toward the Hero with the highest A Level.

Both Scouts move 4 spaces towards Trautman, who has the higher Alert Level (Orange).



Rambo is at Green Alert and Col. Trautman is at Orange Alert.

Behavior 2:

Attack the closest visible Hero.

Trautman is at Orange Alert, so he is visible to Scout 1, who is in the same Area.

Scout 1 attacks Trautman, dealing 2 and ignoring Trautman's Cover Resistance, since it is in an adjacent space.



Since Trautman is in cover and a different area than Scout 2, he is not visible to Scout 2. Rambo isn't visible either, so 2 does not attack.



Behavior 3:

Move towards the Hero with the highest Alert **A** that this figure has not attacked this phase.

Scout 1 attacked Trautman, so it moves towards Rambo and stops once it is adjacent. Scout 2 did not attack Trautman, so it moves adjacent to Trautman.



Behavior 4

Each adjacent Hero gets +1 A.

There is a Scout adjacent to both Rambo and Trautman, so they each raise their Alert A by 1.



Achievements

Congressional **Medal of Honor**

Earn by: Being the first to rescue a P.O.W.

Effect: Discard to gain $-2\mathbf{A}$, $+2\mathbf{B}$, and $+2\mathbf{L}$.

The highest US military decoration, awarded by Congress to a member of the armed forces for gallantry and bravery in combat at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

Distinguished Service Cross

a Mission with no Damage or Wounds on your Hero.

Earn by: Completing **Effect:** Discard to gain $-3\mathbf{A}$, $+3\mathbf{H}$, and $+3\mathbf{L}$.

The second highest military award that can be given to a member of the US Army, for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force.

Purple Heart



a Mission with 3 Wounds on your Hero.

Earn by: Completing **Effect:** Discard when you are Wounded. Gain -3▲ and make a free attack on the enemy that Wounded you.

A US military decoration awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or killed while serving.

Bronze Star



Earn by: Killing 5 or more enemies in 1 turn.

Effect: Discard when 3 or more enemies are in your area. All Your attacks this turn deal +21.

Awarded for achievement in a combat zone.

Silver Star



Earn by: Killing Kourov.

Effect: Discard to gain $+2 \Rightarrow$ and $+2 \Rightarrow$.

Awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

Air Medal



Earn by: Destroying a helicopter.

Effect: Discard to gain all effects of being in cover this turn.

Awarded for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Vietnam Campaign Medal



the Rambo 2 Campaign.

Earn by: Completing **Effect:** Discard to have all Heroes swap any equipped Gear for items in the Gear Stash.

Awarded for sevrice in the Vietnam War.

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