Game Manual: Mercurian Air-Drop

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BACKGROUND:

The year is 2525 and incredibly man(kind) is still alive. However, it might not be for long. Most of the earth's resources were used up by the end of the 21st Century forcing the human race to expand outward. Mars now known as "New Earth" has been fully colonized and in the year 2500 the first settlers arrived on Mercury. The only problem is, there was already a civilization living on Mercury or "Earth III" as the settlers call it. Desperate for more Helium-3 for use in their nuclear fusion reactors mankind has since waged war against the Mercurians.

GAME OBJECTIVE:

As the player you are a drone operator for a private contracting company that has been hired by the Federation of Earth to run resupplying missions to their soldiers fighting on mercury. You control a General Atomics Paratrooper Mark II known among the enlisted as "Red Blocks" due to their distinctive appearance. By pressing the left and right arrow keys on your keyboard you can move your Red Block left and right respectively. By pressing the up arrow key you can decrease the rate of your descent and but pressing the down arrow key you can increase it.

Your job is to deliver as many red blocks to allied base camps, marked on your screen green squares, as possible while avoid the Mercurians air defense systems. These massive aircraft, known commonly as Yellow Platforms due to their distinctive hue, use the resources meant for our troops to their advantage and will increase in size should your Red Block land on them.

How much money you earn for you work as a drone operator will be based on this metric. For every successful delivery you will be awarded 100 credits, however each Red Block that you land in an area that is not the designated base camp will lose you 25 credits and every time you let one of our blocks fall into the enemies hands that will lose you 50 credits. Should any Yellow Platform grow so large that it is no longer possible to perform successful air drops in that area you mission will be over. Now get to work, only you can help us wipe out the Murcurians bringing freedom and liberty to another planet!