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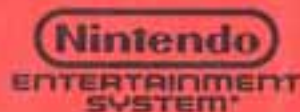
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SHINGENTM THETM RULER

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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INSTRUCTION

Thank you for buying "SHINGEN, THE RULER" produced by HOT.B USA.

Before playing with SHINGEN, please read the instructions carefully and also keep them so you can refer to them later.

PRECAUTIONS ON MACHINE CARE AND PLAYING THE GAME.

- 1) This game pack is a very delicate instrument. Keep away from very high temperatures and mechanical shock at all times.
Never disassemble for any reason.
- 2) Never touch the terminals with bare hands or get them wet. This causes damage to game pack or control deck.
- 3) Thinner, benzene, alcohol or any other solvents should not be used to clean the case.
- 4) For health reasons, we advise you do not sit too close to the screen, and do not play for an extended period over 2 hours.

Nintendo recommends against using a rear projection television with your NES as image retention on the screen may occur.

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1. PURPOSE

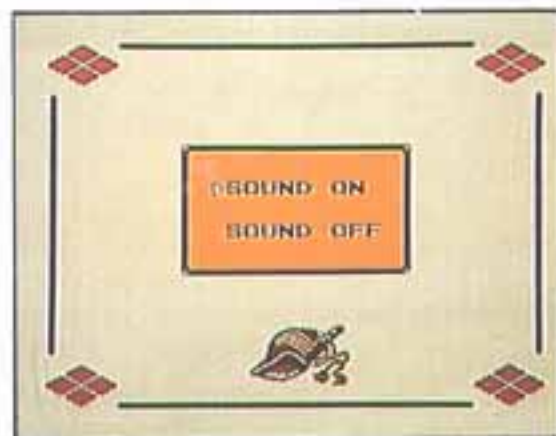
"SHINGEN, THE RULER" is a territory-conquering simulation game based on Japan's turbulent age of the samurai. The player is Takeda Shingen and his son Katsuyori, and they try to rule all 21 territories by conquering other feudal lords (daimyos). Takeda Shingen starts with Shingen conquering the two territories named Kai and Shinano, in 1545 when he was 24 years old. Though he conquered Shinano, the territory's status is still very unstable as it is surrounded by other strong enemy territories, so the situation is not good at all. Whether or not Shingen can rule Japan completely by conquering all 21 territories depends on your playing skill.

2. TO START THE GAME

Press the start button. Select "Continue" with the select button and press the start button, and the game can be resumed with the data saved.

If you select "On", both music and sound effects operate. If you select "Off", only the sound effects operate.

Move the cursor with the + key, select On/Off, and make decisions with the "A" button.



TO SAVE AND END THE GAME

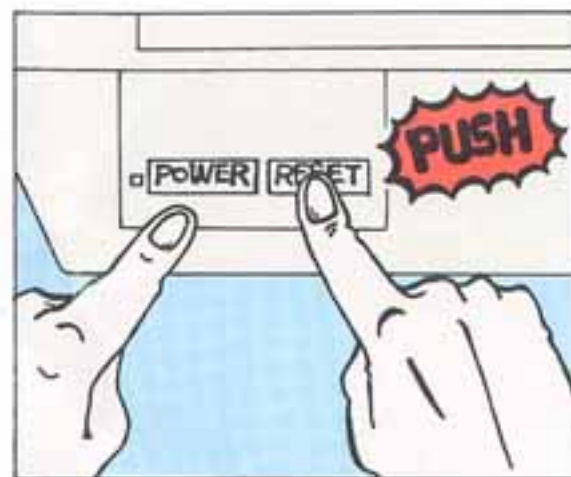
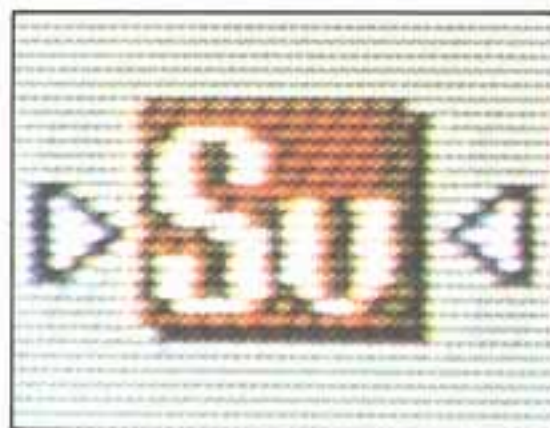
If you select the "Save" command, the ongoing game data is saved. Once it is saved, all previous data is lost, so please be careful.

If you select the "Save" command, you can start the game again from the point you saved by pressing "Continue".

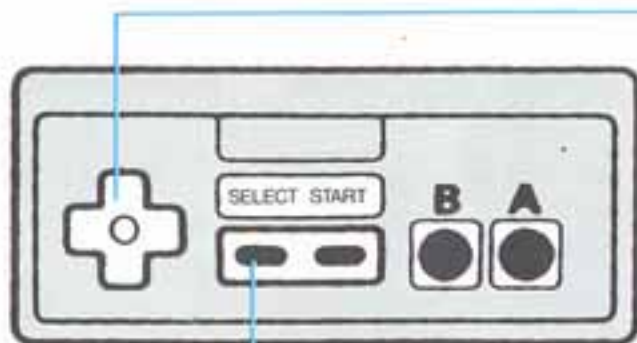
When you make a command, it means one month has passed in the game (this is called a "turn", but a turn is not used when making the "Save" command, so another command can be selected after saving).

In a month in which SHINGEN moves to another territory, saving cannot be done.

When you have finished a game, be sure to hold in the "RESET" Button while you turn the power off.



3. HOW TO USE CONTROLLER



00		Mi	Ca	Fa
00		Fc	Gm	Al
1		Mr	Dr	He
0		Nj	Su	Ps

YLD	20	\$\$\$	200
DST	65	PRD	200
CLT	30	G-M	1
LOY	30	PRI	0
WEL	28	EPI	NO

HE	NO		
RNK	0	EXP	0
HQ	50	CAU	45
RM	35	AR	37
LNC	40	INF	45

**For domestic
administration to help a
territory prosper.**

- ⊕ Key Select a command
Select Button .. Change parameters that indicate the condition of the territory
A Button Decide a command
B Button Cancel

Special operation when a command is selected.

When selecting with a cursor:

+ Key Move cursor left or right

A Button Make a decision.

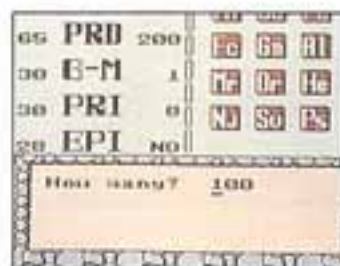
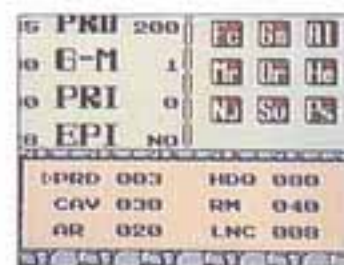
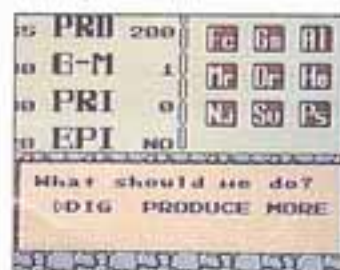
B Button Cancel

+ Key Move cursor up or down

When selecting a number:

+ Key Up - Increase the number.
Down - Decrease the number.

+ Key Select the figure by moving the cursor left or right.



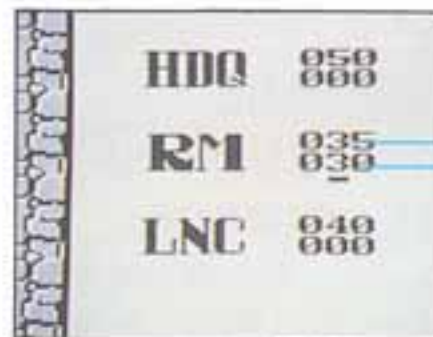
When deciding the strength of the troops dispatched.

A Button Decide the troop strength for each unit.

B Button Cancel

Start Button Decide the troop strength and proceed to the next.

+ Key Up/Down - Input number 0 to 9.



Number that can be dispatched.

Number that is dispatched.

Left/Right – Move figure cursor.

Decide with start and proceed to the next.

When fighting an enemy on a battlefield

A Button Make a decision.

B Button Cancel.

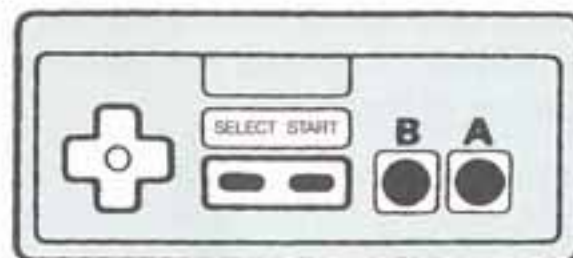
Start Button The cursor automatically moves to the unit that can still move.

Select Button .. Indicate the total troop strength of both armies.

+ Key Move Cursor.

Press the A Button while the cursor is on a unit, and you can give a command or see the condition of the unit.

By pressing the A Button while you have the cursor over an enemy unit, you can see the condition of the enemy.



Command Window

Status Window

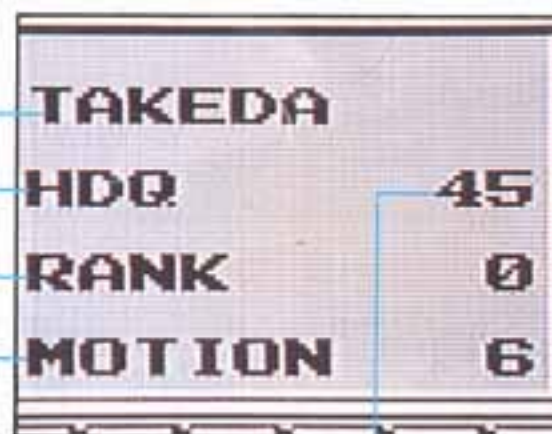
Concerning the status window, if you press the A Button and set the cursor on the unit, the status window is opened and you can see the information of the unit:

The army you belong to. _____

The name of the unit. _____

The RANK of the unit. _____

The movement strength of the unit. _____



The number of the unit.

How to attack:

A Button Make a decision

B Button Cancel

+ Key Decide the direction to attack.

To attack the enemy, move the cursor to your unit that you wish to do the attacking and press the A Button. Then, after putting that unit into attacking position, select "RUSH". Thereupon push the + Key toward the enemy unit you want to inflict damage upon.

4. HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION MODE

Orders to the territories

Consolidate your territories

Build up your military

Statecraft policy



Field fight

The siege of enemy's castle

Occupy enemy's territory

Gain rank, experience,
war trophies and troops

BATTLE MODE

This game is divided into a domestic administration mode and a battle mode. First, enhance the territory's power with the domestic administration mode, then expand the territory by conquering an enemy territory using the battle mode.

Domestic administration mode

Strengthen the domestic administration using 12 types of commands. The condition of the territory is indicated by 19 types of parameters. You can rule, at most, three occupied territories in a month (except home territory)!

Battle mode

Lead six types of soldiers, destroy the enemy's headquarters (12 units maximum). There are two types: normal battle and automatic battle. If you win an open-air battle and a siege battle, you can control a territory.

5. INDICATORS OF A TERRITORY'S CONDITION (PARAMETERS)

YLD	20	\$\$\$	200
DST	65	PRD	200
CLT	30	G-M	1
LOY	30	PRI	0
WEL	28	EPI	NO

Always be aware of the prosperity of each territory!

YLD (yield)

Indicates the amount of products harvested in the territory. As the yield becomes higher, the Octo-

ber harvest increases and more infantry can be enlisted. Use Fa (farm policy) - DEVELOPMENT to increase YLD.

DST (disaster)

Unlike the other parameters, the lower this number the better the preparations for disaster. Use Fc (flood control) to decrease DST.

CLT (culture)

Indicates the level of civilization. The higher the level, the better the annual harvest, the lower the price of medicine, the less likely epidemic disease is to occur. Use Ca (castle) to increase CLT.

LOY (loyalty)

Indicates how faithful the people of the territory are. A higher number means a larger infantry and a lower likelihood of domestic rioting. Use Fa

(farm policy) – AID to increase LOY.

WEL (wealth)

Indicates how prosperous the people of the territory are. The higher the number the more stable the life of the people, and it affects the prices of the things selected by the “merchant” command. Use Fa (farm policy) to increase wealth.

\$\$ (money)

Indicates the amount of money the territory possesses. It increases every month according to the number of gold mines (G-M). Money is obtained from collecting annual tributes and battlefield victories (trophy of war).

PRD (product)

Indicates the amount of rice owned. Rice is the main food of Japan and very valuable, thus it can be changed into money by selling it to merchants and can be increased through events like the collection of annual tributes in October and battlefield victories (trophy of war). Minimum 5 PRD are needed to enter battle.

G-M (gold mine)

Indicates the number of gold mines discovered. \$\$ increases 5 units every month per G-M. The ease of mining varies among the territories and

decreases due to mine cave-ins. Use Gm - DIG to increase gold mines.

PRI (princess)

Indicates the total number of princesses. Princesses are able to help make alliances with other territories.

EPI (epidemic)

Indicates if a bad epidemic disease is prevalent in the territory. When an epidemic occurs, the infantry size and wealth is reduced, but will naturally disappear in December. Use Dr (doctor) to resolve epidemic.

ACTUAL STRENGTH OF SHINGEN'S UNIT
(255 UNITS MAXIMUM PER EACH CATEGORY)

HE	NO		
RNK	0	EXP	0
HDQ	50	CAV	45
RM	35	AR	37
LNC	40	INF	45

HE (heir)

Indicates the educational level of the heir. The educational level affects the situation after inheritance, and the higher this level the better. This level is classified in ST (strength), IQ (intelligence quotient), and MO (morality) and its influence after inheritance varies according to the balance among the three. The level may be lowered by a disturbance due to an enemy's rioting or negligence in education. 300 units maximum in this category.

RNK (rank)

Indicates the actual strength of the army of the territory. The higher the number, the stronger and more experienced the army is.

EXP (experience)

Indicates the degree of battle experience of the soldiers. Experience is obtained by defeating an enemy in battle, and the RNK advances as more experience is accumulated.

HDQ (headquarters)

Indicates the number of armed units with a Field General. They have the strongest attacking and defending power, yet with only average power to advance far forward. Without HDQ you cannot enter battles. If HDQ is destroyed, the battle has been lost even though other units may be surviving elsewhere.

CAV (cavalry)

Cavalry armies have high attacking power and moving forward power. As their movement range is wide, they are optimal for attacking an enemy's HDQ or for attacking the enemy from behind by flank movements. Buying CAV from Mr (merchant) will change INF to CAV.

RM (riflemen)

Can be used to attack an enemy from far away, up to 7 boxes. As shooting gives only one-sided damage to an enemy, if used well it can cause an enemy great damage. But be careful, as RM is

minimally effective in close combat (when attacking an enemy in the next box). Buying RM from Mr (merchant) will change INF to RM.

AR (archers)

Can attack an enemy up to 5 boxes away. Though the shooting range is less than that of RM, AR is nonetheless essential for defense. Buying AR from Mr (merchant) will change INF to AR.

LNC (lancers)

Ability is average, with a range of up to 6 boxes. Their cost is low and are very useful when many soldiers are needed. Buying LNC from Mr (merchant) will change INF to LNC.

INF (infantry)

These units do not require money since they are collected through enlistments. Though the weakest unit, without INF the fighting force cannot be increased by just buying weapons, regardless of how much money a territory may have, therefore INF is a very important unit. They are the basic force to increase the other units.

6. HOW TO USE DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION COMMANDS

You can progress in this game skillfully, by using 12 kinds of commands, as follows.

To make territory ample?

Fa (farm policy)

DEVELOPMENT A command that activates agriculture.

Enhances: YLD

AID A command that provides \$\$ to farmers and improves their living standard.

Enhances: LOY, WEL.

Ca (castle)

..... A command to enlarge and strengthen the castle.

Enhances: CLT.

Gm (gold mine)

DIG Can dig gold mines. This command cannot be used for 4 months after a cave-in.

Enhances: The number of G-M.

PRODUCE MORE A command to dig out more gold by employing many miners only during the month. This command cannot be used during a cave-in.

Enhances: Special gold income and relates to \$\$ which increases 5 units every month per G-M.

TO PREPARE AGAINST A NATURAL DISASTER

Dr (doctor)

PREVENT..... Can prevent an epidemic from occurring.

Event affected: EPI

CURES..... Can cure an epidemic.

Event affected: EPI

Fc (Flood control) A command to stop damage due to a typhoon or heavy rain. Use Fc to decrease DST.

Event affected: Typhoon or heavy rain.

TO MAKE ALLIANCES AND DEPLOY NINJAS

Al (alliance) A command to make an alliance. An enemy does not attack during an alliance period, but after half of such a period has passed, the alliance can be canceled and the enemy can be attacked.

Nj (ninja)

SPYING Can see the strength of other territories.

CRISIS..... A command to send in ninjas to damage an enemy territory through terrorism and the like.

Event affected: Reduces an enemy's power.



ECHIGO			RNK	31
AGE : 15			EXP	0
KENSIN DESOGI				
ALLIANCE			HDD	100
B 8		\$\$\$ 289	CAU	200
YLD 35	PRD 300		RM	110
DST 74	G-M 3		AR	170
CLT 38	PRI 1		LNC	170
LOY 65	EPI NO		INF	200
WEL 35	HE NO			

TO BUILD UP A STRONG MILITARY

Mi (military)

ENLIST Can accumulate INF through enlisting.
 GOING Invading another territory. GOING costs 5 PRD's.
 MOVE Moves soldiers, \$\$, and PRD within your side.

Mr (merchant)

SELL You can sell PRD and weapons. The selling price is lower than the buying price.
 BUY You can buy PRD and weapons.

Make Shingen's unit stronger by buying them weapons. An INF unit becomes an RM unit by buying rifles for it. If the rifles are sold, the RM unit returns to being an INF unit. Buy lances and archery equipment respectively for LNC units and AR units.

TO EDUCATE SHINGEN'S HEIR KATSUYORI

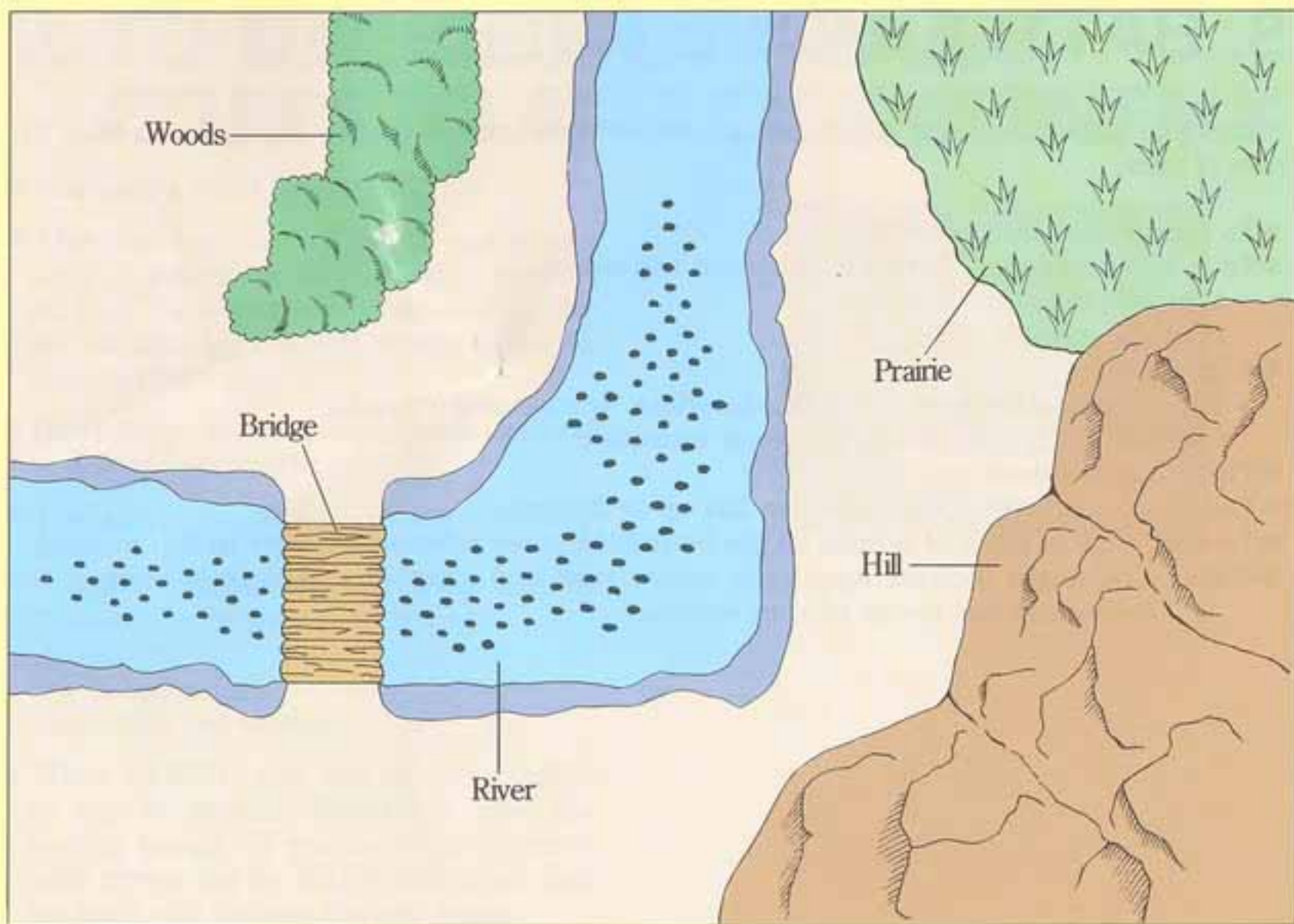
He (heir)	
ST (strength).....	The command to train KATSUYORI. The "enlist" of the "military" command and the "crisis" of "ninja" become more effective after his training and inheritance.
IQ	The command to educate KATSUYORI. After inheritance, the commands of "flood control" and "castle" become more effective.
MO (morality).....	This command cultivates his human qualities and after inheritance the commands of Fa (AID) AND "alliance" become more effective.

OTHER COMMANDS

Sv (save).....	Records the data of the game. It is a command used only in the main territory where SHINGEN is. Saving is not possible in a month in which SHINGEN moves.
Ps (pass).....	A command to spend a month doing nothing.

7. BASIC TACTICS - HERE IS THE BATTLEFIELD OF SHINGEN!

1. Attack the enemy's headquarters.
2. Rush at once, beyond the enemy's range.
3. Shoot distant enemies by gun.
4. Make use of the terrain to dodge arrows and bullets.
5. Cross the shallow part of a stream.
6. Utilize the range of the CAV.
7. Cautiously use the more valuable troops. (AR, RM, CAV).



8. BATTLE MODE RULES

Battle mode means taking your country into a battle with your enemies. Before you fight, remember the rules of battle.

- To occupy the other countries:
- To conquer an enemy territory, you must win twice:
 - 1) at a field fight.
 - 2) at the enemy's castle.
- Win or lose:
 - Win: by capturing an enemy's headquarters, or an enemy retreats.
 - Lose: by losing your headquarters, or retreating.
- There is also a draw.
- Length of one battle: One battle can last up to 20 turnp.
- Terrain: various types of terrain on the battlefield, more information later in this manual.
- Gains: You might increase upon your army's rank and experience. Also gain some of the belongings and troops of your enemy.

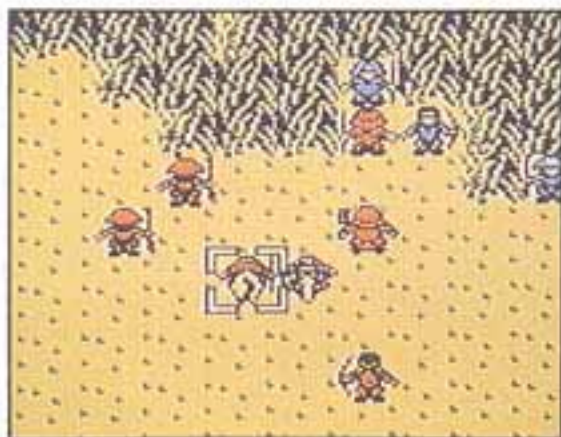
9. TO DECIDE HOW MANY CORPS TO ATTACK THE ENEMY

- You need 5 PRD for GOING.
- After deciding on GOING, a map screen appears indicating all territories. However, only those territories adjacent to you are attackable. Use this screen to decide on corps leaving.
- Don't forget to leave some troops behind to defend your castle.
- You can't use GOING in the following cases:
 - *Territories being attacked by the enemy.
 - *No enemies in your neighboring territories.
 - *No headquarters.
 - *Snowfalls and storms.
- When GOING, you can decide whether or not to include SHINGEN with the leaving troops. If you defeat a territory with troops led by SHINGEN, then that territory will become his new home.



10. AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL BATTLES

TAKEDA	×	IMAGAWA
HDQ 050		036 HDQ
CAU 045		042 CAU
RM 035		027 RM
AR 037		037 AR
LNC 040		043 LNC
INF 045		036 INF
Troops Be careful!		



Automatic:

to fight without moving troops of either yours or the computer's. A way of making battles short. This is not recommended in cases of fights between similar troops. Use "Automatic" only in a certain win.

Manual:

enables you to fight individually on the battlefield by moving troops. By winning the battle, you can gain EXP, \$\$, and PRD. If the enemy's troops are still alive, you can take them prisoner, except enemy's HDQ.

1.1. DIVIDE THE TROOPS

The screenshot shows a troop division interface. It lists three units: HDQ, RM, and LNC. Each unit has a name, a number, and a value. Callouts point to specific parts of the interface:

- "The name of the unit." points to the unit names (HDQ, RM, LNC).
- "The number of the unit." points to the numbers (1, 1, 1).
- "The 1st troop." points to the first value (000) for RM.
- "The 2nd troop." points to the second value (015) for RM.

HDQ	1	000	CF
050			0
RM	1	020	A
035	2	015	0
LNC	1	000	IN
		000	

After choosing "Manual", next is the division of the troops. When you divide the troops, each one becomes smaller and weaker, but more useful in attacking two enemies at the same time.

The 5 types of armies can be divided into 2 troops. Only the infantry can be divided into 3.

At first, you can fight effectively without dividing your troops.

You have to fill the ranks of your advancing troops so that there won't be any left.

After dividing, push "START" Button to go to the battle screen.

12. MOVING AND RUSHING ON THE BATTLEFIELD

The moving distance is decided by the kind of troop. This is called "Moving ability". The higher it is the farther you can move.

The effect of the Terrain on the Soldiers

Soldiers can't cross	deep rivers, moats, and rocks.
Soldiers can't move quickly.....	rivers, beaches, forests, mountains, and ditches.
Places safe from passing bullets and arrows from the enemies.....	forests, mountains, ditches, rocks, and stone fences.
Places where bullets and arrows can pass through from the inside	castle walls and citadels.
Places to take effective defense.....	forests, mountains, and ditches.
Places unsuitable for defense.....	rivers.

The name of the units

Infantry	moving ability is 6 blocks. You must be next to your enemy to rush (attack).
Lancers	moving ability is 6 blocks. You must be next to your enemy to rush (attack).
Cavalry.....	moving ability is 9 blocks. You must be next to your enemy to rush (attack).
Headquarters.....	moving ability is 6 blocks. You must be next to your enemy to rush (attack).
Archers	moving and shooting range is 5 blocks.
Riflemen	moving ability is 5 blocks. Shooting range is 7 blocks.

13. OTHER ACTION ON THE BATTLEFIELD



WAIT to remain. You can use this action before and after moving.

END use to guard against the enemy's turn. You may use this to guard against the enemy without giving orders to all your troops.



FLEE if you retreat from a field battle, the enemy may decide to attack your castle. If you retreat from a castle, the enemy will occupy that territory.

14. LUCKY OR UNLUCKY? VARIOUS EVENTS



Conditions have an influence on the events of the country in various ways. According to the power of the nation, unlucky events (especially disasters) will decrease, and lucky events will increase.

SEASONAL INFLUENCES (MONTHLY EVENTS)

January.....	SHINGEN's birthday (as well as all other Generals,)
June	Heavy rain
July	Epidemic
September.....	Festivals (stops many times because fighting continues) Storms
October	Collect annual tribute
Dec.-March.....	Snowfall
Monthly.....	Money from gold mines

NATURAL EVENTS

- Snowfall..... you can't use GOING or Move. No Mr (merchant) can come.
*increases DST (disaster).
- Heavy Rain..... flooding.
*increases DST, decreases WEL (wealth) and YLD (yield).
- Epidemic..... July through November
*decreases INF (infantry) because they become sick.
decreases WEL (wealth).
related to CLT (culture).
- Storm Mr (merchant) and Mi(military) cannot use GOING or MOVE.
*increases DST
decreases YLD and CLT.

BAD EVENTS

- Cave-in..... When the gold mine caves in, you can't use the command G-M (gold mine) for 1 month, this month inclusive. Makes half revenue during those months.
- Father Nobutora..... Times he comes to take money or eat food.

- Signal fire..... The country about to be attacked puts up a signal fire. This can be seen on the strategy map.
- Break Alliance..... After half the term passes, you may be attacked, breaking the alliance. SHINGEN can do the same.

EXPECTING EVENTS

The birth of a princess. LOY (loyalty) rises.
The birth of the heir KATSUYORI. LOY (loyalty) rises.

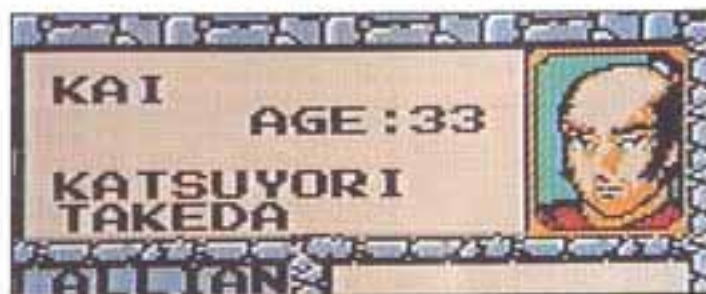
*There are many other various events remaining.

15. MAIN LORDS WHO APPEAR IN THIS GAME

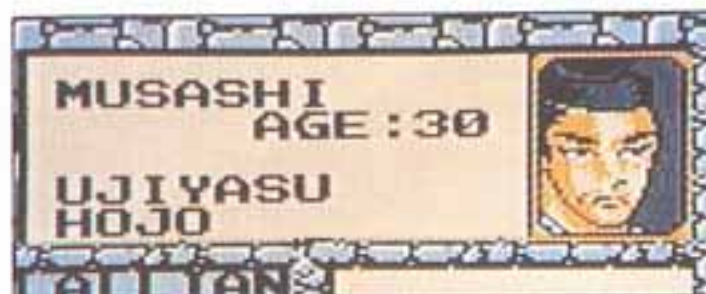
Kyoto, the capital of ancient Japan, is in Yamashiro. 400 years ago, Kyoto was a special place for all Japanese Lords because it represented the finest in culture and society. Also, after subjugating all enemies, it was the place where the lords would go to meet the Emperor and be proclaimed the Shogun of Japan.



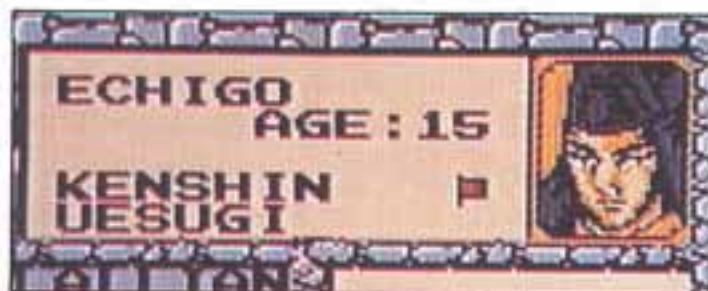
SHINGEN TAKEDA He is the hero in this game. After he removed his hostile father, NOBUTORA, he became the lord (daimyo) of Kai. SHINGEN was brave and prudent, and not only good at battle, but wise in politics and economics. SHINGEN then conquered territories one by one with his army. Unfortunately, in 1573, at the age of 52, he died on an expedition to the capital, Kyoto, with his dream of unifying Japan unfulfilled. He was praised as the "strongest and wisest general in the age of wars".



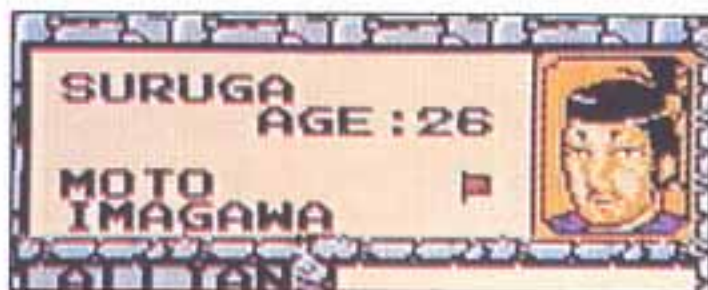
KATSUYORI TAKEDA He is one of the other heroes in this game. He was the fourth son of SHINGEN and inherited his father's position after his death. He was unyielding and good at battle, but didn't have as much political skill as his father. In 1575 he lost the battle with the great riflemen of the unified army of NOBUNAGA ODA and IEYASU TOKUGAWA. After that, his army lost power. Seven years later, NOBUNAGA ODA attacked again, finally bringing down the dynasty of the TAKEDA family.



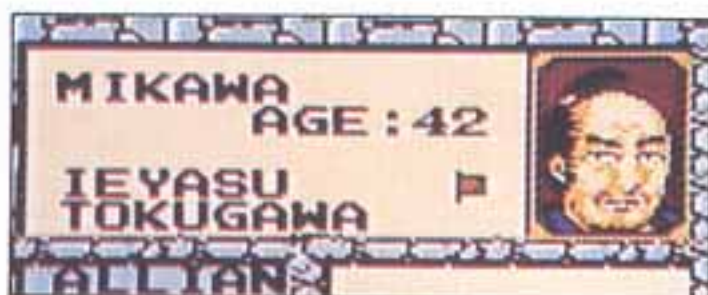
UJIYASU HOJO He defeated 80,000 enemy troops with 8,000 men of his army. He was a brave general in many battles, cool and controlled. People in his territory contributed to the "Golden Age" of the HOJO family. He is also famous for making the impregnable Odawara Castle. His son was unable to carry on in his footsteps.



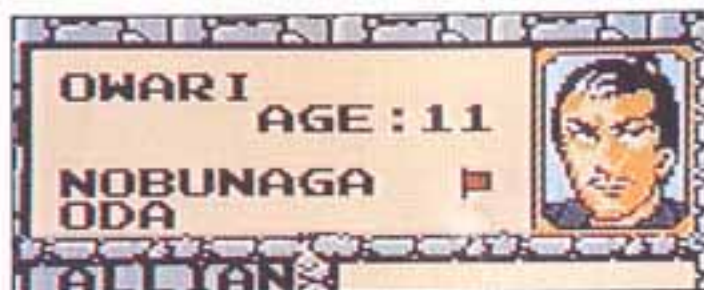
KENSIN UESUGI He was the strongest rival of SHINGEN. The "Battle of Kawanaka Island", which he fought with SHINGEN five times for Shinano territory (North Shinano in this game), is one of the most famous battles in Japanese history. He attracted many people because of his cheerful and charitable nature and went to war mainly as a religious crusader. His successor was an adopted son.



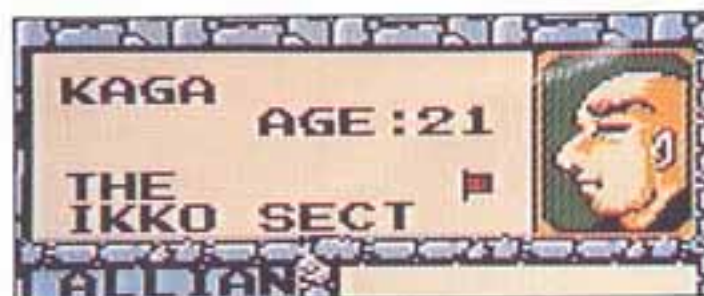
MOTO IMAGAWA He is one of the most famous lords in the age of wars. In 1560, on the way to taking 25,000 soldiers to Kyoto, he was killed by a surprise attack of 4,000 members of the NOBUNAGA army. He had a high ability as a general, but was disliked for his unforgiving, cruel nature by other people. His son had no military talent to maintain his father's empire.



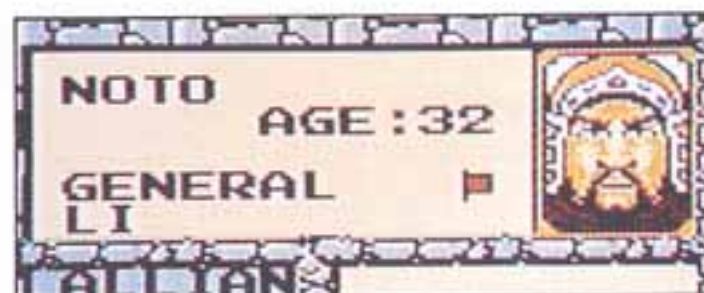
IEYASU TOKUGAWA He was the son of HIRO (HIROTADA) MATSUDAIRA in the Mikawa region. He spent his childhood as a hostage of the IMAGAWA family. In 1600, he won the big battle of Sekigahara which divided Japan in two. His self-controlled and patient attitude lead to his success. He was the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, the longest in Japanese history.



NOBUNAGA ODA His aim was to unify Japan with his intelligent and aggressive nature. His success was due to his foresight to use the rifle which was not widely used at that time. On the battlefield, his cruel but brilliant tactics made him among the most popular generals of Japanese history.



THE IKKO SECT A Buddhist sect that aimed to contribute to the country through religion, and had a strong influence on each region, including Kaga. The Ikko sect sometimes collided with the lords. NOBUNAGA ODA especially had several clashes with the Ikko sect.



General Li and WONG Ming is the People's Republic of China today. It is not a historical fact that the MING army attacked Noto in Japan. It is only for this game, to make a fictitious situation.

● List for Daimyo (lords) who appear this game. ●

1st generation lords will change to 2nd generation lords as the game progresses.
(Only ASHIKAGA Family changes to 3rd generation.)

Regions	The number of the Lords	
	1 st	2 nd(3rd)
KAI	SHINGEN TAKEDA	KATSUYORI TAKEDA
SHINANO		
SAGAMI	UJIYASU HOJO	UJIMASA HOJO
MUSASHI		
KOZUKE	KENSHIN UESUGI	KAGEKATSU UESUGI
ECHIGO		
WEST SHINANO	YOSHIMASA KISO	YOSHITOSHI KISO
NORTH SHINANO	KIYO MURAKAMI	KUNI MURAKAMI
SURUGA	MOTO IMAGAWA	UJIZANE IMAGAWA
TOTOUMI		

Regions	The number of the Lords	
	1 st	2 nd(3rd)
OWARI	NOBUNAGA ODA	NOBUO ODA
MIKAWA	HIRO MATSUDAIRA	IEYASU TOKUGAWA
MINO	DOSAN SAITO	YOSHITATSU SAITO
HIDA	YORI ANEKOJI	KORETSU ANEKOJI
ETCHU	TSUNA HATAKEYAMA	NORI HATAKEYAMA
NOTO	GENERAL LI	GENERAL WANG
KAGA	THE IKKO SECT	THE IKKO SECT
ECHIZEN	TAKAKAGE ASAKURA	KAGE ASAKURA
OUMI	HISAMASA ASAI	NAGAMASA ASAI
ISE	HARA KITABATAKE	TONO KITABATAKE
YAMASHIRO	YOSHITERU ASHIKAGA	HIDE ASHIKAGA AKI ASHIKAGA

16. Hints

- 1) The CAV. who is 2nd only to HDQ in close combat, is a very effective weapon against the enemies RM and AR, because of the latter's weakness in close combat, which is due to weak armor.
- 2) Some castles have BLIND SPOTS, which are areas in which the defenders of the castle are unable to inflict damages upon the attackers. These BLIND SPOTS are located adjacent to the corners of the castle. It will be to your advantage to use these BLIND SPOTS, when laying siege upon a castle.
- 3) Stay away from territories with a more powerful rank, especially if their HDQ is considerably stronger than yours.
- 4) Use your territory or territories that the enemy is unable to attack (for example, a territory that is surrounded by other territories you control) as a base for the supplying of troops and money to your endangered ones.
- 5) The Mountain Ranges (thick white lines) are impossible to cross, therefore the bordering territories are of great strategic value.
- 6) Make alliances with the strongest neighboring territories. This will enable you to concentrate on your weaker enemies.



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