Metal Slug X Combat School Guide

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I: What is Combat school?

Combat School is one of the many extras, Put into Metal Slug X. It tests your skills as a Metal Slug Player, and can only be enabled after beating the first sage in Arcade mode. In Combat school, there is an Instructor named Meg. Who will act as your drill sergeant. The higher your rank, The More she'll come on to you ;);) In Combat School, there are two Modes. Survival and Pin Point, Completing these modes will be the only way to raise your Ranking.

II: Joining/Discharging the Army

This is where it all begins, or....Well ends depending on what you choose. When you join the army, you must have at least completed the first stage in Arcade, Now if you already have done that. (Which I'm assuming you have) There is the Registration form. Which will, make you fill out the following

[Name] Obviously, you're going to fill out whatever name you'd like to be called. Not much to say there.

[Birthday] First you must fill out the Year, Then the Month you were born. Then the day.

[Blood] Yes, you are asked to fill out your blood type. Type ranges from, Rh+, Rh-, A, B, O, And, AB.

[Sex] Male or Female.

Well, after filling out the form, you're now enlisted! Woooooo *party music plays* Hold up, you may have joined up, But your rank is just a simple low recruit. And Meg isn't going to treat you so well, until you start showing some real performance.

Discharging from the Army

Giving up already huh? Well Discharging from the army is basically deleting a registered name, now sometimes Meg will try and talk you out of it. Depending on your rank, you'll get comments from. "What? (You're Name) You just got here, Talk about fickle" And other harsh comments. Or," I was rough on you (Your name) you got a future, don't give up yet! I believe in you" Well whatever Meg may say, The Choice to leave is yours. Just remember, once you go. There's no way to come back.

III: Rankings

Ah, probably what you've all been waiting for. The Ranking is as follows.

In Order from Highest to lowest

General of Army General Lieutenant General Major General Brigadier General Colonel Lieutenant Colonel Major Captain First Lieutenant Second Lieutenant Chief Warrant officer Warrant Officer Sergeant Major Master Sergeant Sergeant first class Staff Sergeant Corporal Private First class Private Recruit _____

Unfortunately, I'm not entirely sure. What rank needs what points, if anyone finds out any info on this. Please give me an E-mail, Linkman214@yahoo.com and you will be given full credit.

IV: Pin point

In Pin point, you choose stages 1-6, and clear them as quickly as possible. Although there is a catch. Here's a little list of rules that apply.

> No matter the setting in the Option Menu, the default number of lives is three. The game ends when all three lives are lost, and you will be given no points.

> Vehicle Armor has been decreased; one hit is enough to blow up your vehicle.

> All Weapons (Not including Your Vehicle cannons, or grenades) Have unlimited ammo, this is extremely helpful. So open fire, And run like hell

> When the game is paused, the following options are available. Continue Retry, Mission Select, And Exit.

In Pinpoint, Every time you clear a stage, you are awarded points. Depending on how fast you clear it, the more points you get. Here are a few tips for each stage.

Stage1: This is the easiest stage to clear, you should be able to ace this using your own style, and at least clear it in 2 minutes, Or less.

Stage 2: This can get tricky, especially during the boss battle. But

the trick to success, is grabbing the super shotgun at the beginning of the stage, and grab no other weapon. With this, you'll be able to beat the boss with 10-15 hits.

Stage 3: This level can be tricky and frustrated as well, or extremely easy. Once again, Grab the super shotgun that appears near the beginning of the stage and nothing else, plow through everything and you'll be fine.

Stage 4: A pain in the A** this takes practice, Make sure you grab the heavy machine gun from the POW hanging by his hands, Then quickly plow through everything with guns blazing. (Make sure you jump over sandbags and cars) If a Motorcycle is coming at you, Fire a few rounds in its direction, or simply run under it. And you should be okay. Throw grenades to quickly dispose of the tank that comes, and throw grenades at the trolley car to get it out of your way. When you come up to the missile wells, just run like hell over them. Your jumps should be timed perfectly; you can either avoid or knife the soldiers, but just keep on the move. Afterwards when the wheelie cannon comes at you; quickly throw grenades to dispose of it. You'll approach the final well, and when you do. Be sure to duck down and grab the laser from the POW there. This will be extremely helpful. Once you dodge the Scuba soldiers, Keep running, and either throw grenades over the sandbags. Or Jump and take out the middle row of soldiers, Then Aim up and take out the mortar men, Then down for the snipers. Now, the next part can be extremely tough. But it can also be extremely easy. When you take out the first UFO, Do not grab the Heavy, Instead Just run forward with your laser blasting, don't jump or anything. Just keep moving forward, with your laser blasting. The only time I recommend jumping is when you make it to the sandbags the snipers are behind. Or simply throw a grenade over the sand bags, and take them out. Hop into the Metal Slug, and take out the remaining UFOs, I recommend taking the super flame shot, One of them drops. After you plow your way through the rest of the enemies. You'll come across the boss, which is fairly easy. If you're fat, then you have an Advantage in fire power. So just take him out, quickly.

Stage 5: This can be a real toughie, but take your time on your first shot. As soon as the level begins, Release your chute. And once you hit the ground, Blow up the car to your left. There are two items you can get, The Rocket Launcher or the Laser. We want the laser, so if you get the Rocket Launcher, Simply just retry the stage until you get it. The laser will help greatly. Pretty much, just plow through everyone. Carefully dodging soldiers trying to knife you, and helicopter fire. You should make it through without losing a life, if you're good enough. If you lose one life, then don't worry. Once you get to the tunnels. Grab the Super laser from the POW. And pretty much use the same strategy of dodging and blasting. Once you get to the last Train, and destroy it. There will be a Super Grenade. The Ultimate Weapon in the game. Grab this, and nothing else. With this Weapon you will be unstoppable. So once you make into the Mutant Sewers. Simply ignore the cranes, and plow through everything. (All mutants will die in one hit by the super grenade) Just keep plowing until you get to the end of the stage, Hop into the slugnoid, and use all of its cannons on the sub, if your Cannon ammo depletes, Then Self destruct it into the Sub, Then Fire like a mad man with your super grenade. And the boss will be dead in a matter of Seconds.

Stage 6: At the beginning of the level, When you parachute in. Look on the left hand side and there should be a sign, if you shoot the sign

while jumping and aiming down. A POW will come out and give you a heavy machine gun, this comes in handy. Continue through the level, dodging as many missiles as you can. If you lose a life before making up to Allen 'O' Neil (The big bulk Rambo commando guy) then restart the stage over. Once you get up to the twisty bridge, their should be a sign. Jump up and shoot down on the sign to receive the Iron lizards. And make a mad dash across the bridge while firing, Avoiding as many missiles as possible. Once you get to the end of the bridge and take out the squad behind the sand bags. Continue on until you come up to a shield solider dressed in a yellowish tan uniform. Kill him and take the heavy machine gun. This is extremely important. You will be in an are with several platforms that look something like this

<Commander comes here <You want to be here
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I marked where you want to be, the commander will begin to laugh and taunt you, Get ready to jump. Cause he'll fire straight at you right away. The idea is to stay on the top right platform at all times, shooting in the direction the commander is, His grenades cannot reach you. But just be sure to dodge his bullets by jumping. After practice, or if your skillful enough, you should be able to beat him without losing a single life. Continue on through the level. Up until a point where you meet several snipers upon a metal girder, There should be a POW right underneath it that will give you Enemy chasers, Be sure to hang on to these. As they will come in handy. Basically continue on through the level with the enemy chasers, and once you come upon the area. In which you see a super shotgun right before the aliens start coming. Grab it immediately and don't grab any other weapon. Use the super shotgun against the final boss and you should be fine. Don't worry if you lose a life here. Just try and beat it without losing your initial 2 lives. Once you beat this, your rank will increase dramatically.

V: Survival

Absolutely no mistakes are allowed in this mode. This mode can only be played when you have completed all stages in arcade mode. There are rules that apply to this mode, and they are as follows.

> All Weapons (Not including Your Vehicle cannons, or grenades) Have unlimited ammo, this is extremely helpful. So open fire, And run like hell

> Vehicles are not available

> One mistake, And its game over

> When the game is paused during this mode, the following Options are available. Continue and Exit

I don't really have any tips for survival; it's mostly based on skill. But try to do grab the weapons that I listed in Pin Point.

VI: Personal

Select this to view, Individual scores. Instructor Meg will make comments, Depending on how well you've done. This also displays your rank, Badge, Distance traveled in Survival, and Your times for each stage.

VII: Top 5

Click the Top 5 to view the best five scores in Pin point or Survival. Meg will comment depending on how well you do.

VIII: Chatting With instructor Meg

When the Combat school Menu appears, Press the Square button. To Chat with Meg, in this mode, you will find out a lot of info about Meg, (Weight, Measurements, Height, Etc) She will ask if you have a girlfriend at one point. I believe there is a bug, that saying

Yes, Will mean No. And saying No will mean, Yes. How much Meg talks, and tells you about herself. All depends upon your ranking. So the higher you go, the more she becomes to like you. And what happens when you get the highest rank? Well, you'll just have to find out and see.

IX: Conclusion

Well this concludes the guide; I hope you have found it helpful. If you would like to use the guide, for your site, or whatever. Feel free to, but just be sure to give me credit. And an E-mail saying. "Hey I'm going to use your guide, that's okay right?" Something along the likes of there. You can get my e-mail from above, or from the Contact info which will follow below. Now I'd like to give a Special thanks to...

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