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Playing Total War

To move a single soldier of yours, select it by clicking on it, then click the cross hair cursor where you want him to go.

You can move soldiers in groups. Select a group by clicking somewhere to the top left of the group, hold the mouse button down and drag the cursor to the bottom right of the group, then release the mouse button. The selected soldiers will shoulder their weapons.

You can move soldiers across the sea. When they enter the water they will turn into ships and vice versa.

When your soldiers or ships meet those of another color, they will fight. Advantage in ground combat is given to the forces that attack an enemy form several sides at once.

In the sea ships will only fire to their sides, so do not let enemy ships attack you from your bows or stern.

When you have more than 50% of the soldiers in a territory, its Barracks will turn to your color and produce soldiers for you.

Starting Total War

When you enter a new game of Total War you see the Player Selection Dialog Box. Pick one of the seven Generals. You will now command troops of his color.

You have 2 displays. At the top left is the movable strategic display. The background contains the tactical display.

Use the strategic display to find the initial disposition of the forces of your color. Then scroll to that same spot using the tactical display.

The displays show an archipelago divided into some 50 territories. Owner ship of a territory is displayed by the color of the barracks therein.

Winning Total War
You win Total War when you have completely eliminated all enemy barracks, soldiers and ships from the map.