17. Heavy Aircraft Carrier:





As part of the development of the Imperial Japanese Navy and the US Navy, both Nations – Japan and USA – designed Aircraft Carriers that could carry more airplanes than the regular Aircraft Carriers.

The largest of these Aircraft Carriers were the Japanese Shinano and the USS Saratoga.

Attack: 0

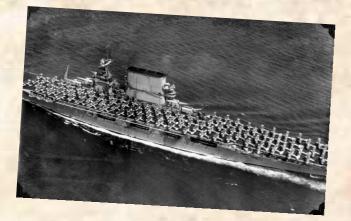
Defense: 2 (2 dice)

Move: 2 Cost: 16

Maximum on game board: see below Enter game from: *Early 1943* (round 7)

The *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit is a specialized *Aircraft Carrier* unit.

It operates under rules for *Aircraft Carriers* with a few exceptions:



Exception 1:

A Heavy Aircraft Carrier unit can carry Fighter units (see below), Tactical Bomber units and Strategic Bomber units.

The maximum number and combination of air units are:

- 4 units in any combination:
 - Fighter
 - Carrier Based Fighter
 - Fighter Ace
 - Tactical Bomber

or:

- 3 units:
 - 2 Fighter units, Carrier Based Fighter units, Fighter Ace units or Tactical Bomber units in any combination
 - Plus 1 Strategic Bomber unit.

or:

- 2 units:
 - Strategic Bomber units



A *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit cannot carry the following air units:

- Air Transport unit
- Me 262 Jetfighter unit
- Tank Buster & Ground Attack unit
- Heavy Bomber unit

Exception 2:

A Heavy Aircraft Carrier unit takes 3 hits to sink.

Note 1:

Both Japan and the United States can each build 2 *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* units at any *Industrial Complex* that they control from the start of their turn during the game.

Note 2:

A maximum of 1 *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit can be build from *Early 1943* by each Nation in each round.

Important:

When a *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit is together with other *Aircraft Carrier* units and/or *Battleship* units, the *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit must follow the same rules as *Aircraft Carrier* units concerning taking *Damage Hits*.



Example:

A *Heavy Aircraft Carrier unit* is defending together with 1 Battleship unit.

The attacker scores 3 hits.

The defender takes 1 *Damage Hit* on the *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit.

The defender also takes 1 *Damage Hit* on the Battleship unit.

The defender then takes a second *Damage Hit* on the *Heavy Aircraft Carrier* unit

