

## The Yom Kippur War - Photography



Israeli soldiers look across the Suez Canal at Ismailiya shortly after the Six Day War. Israel and Egypt had not begun to fortify their respective banks.

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The narrow Jordan River, with the Golan Heights in the background.

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Syrian tanks at Israeli antitank ditch on the Golan. A tank, hit by Israeli fire, has fallen off one of the two bridges the Syrians laid across the ditch. Another knocked-out tank lies in the ditch. To the left is the roadway the Syrians later succeeded in opening through the barrier.

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Israeli long-range artillery piece firing on the Golan.  
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Reservists arriving on the Golan in half-tracks.  
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Gen. Yitzhak Hofi (seated at center of table), head of Northern Command, on the second night of the war. Sitting next to Hofi is Gen. Haim Bar-Lev. Between the two men, looking over their shoulders, is Gen. Motti Hod, former commander of the Israeli air force.

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Israeli Centurion tanks attacking on the Golan early in the war.  
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Israeli tanks moving to the front in the Sinai.  
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Lt. Cols. Avigdor Kahalani (right) and Yossi Ben-Hanan after the  
battle for Kuneitra Gap.  
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Gen. Avraham Adan studies a map with staff officers.  
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Lt. Zvika Greengold, six months before the war. He would receive  
Israel's highest medal. Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces  
Archive



Israeli chief of staff Gen. David Elazar.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Israeli air force commander Gen. Benny Peled.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Col. Amnon Reshef. The brigade he commanded during the war was the only Israeli armored unit on the Bar-Lev Line when the Egyptians attacked.

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Motti Ashkenazi.  
Photograph courtesy of Motti Ashkenazi



Gen. Shmuel Gonen, head of Southern Command.  
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Gen. Gonen (with glasses, second from left) sitting alongside Gen. Uri Ben-Ari (face towards the camera) in Southern Command headquarters.  
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Gen. Elazar (seated, center, with hands touching) at a briefing in Southern Command headquarters. Behind him, holding a cigarette, is Yitzhak Rabin.  
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Arrow-straight Tapline Road, where Lt. Greengold met a Syrian brigade.

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Gen. Moshe (Moussa) Peled (with mustache), division commander, leading the drive to recapture the southern Golan.

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Defense minister Moshe Dayan (with eye patch) and Gen. Ariel Sharon (with white bandage) on the west bank of the Suez Canal. Dayan visited both fronts regularly during the war. On the left is an armored personnel carrier.

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Col. Ori Orr (right), whose brigade blocked the Syrian attack on Nafakh, and Lt. Col. Moshe Harel, a battalion commander who was wounded twice.

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Maj. Arnon Lapidot led the air attack on Syrian military headquarters in Damascus. Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Lt. Col. Ami Morag (left), tank battalion commander.  
Photograph courtesy of Ami Morag





Soldiers from the Golani Brigade atop Mount Hermon after its recapture.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Israeli intelligence outpost on Mount Hermon after its recapture.  
Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces Archive



Israeli soldiers on the bank of the Sweetwater Canal.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Gen. Bar-Lev (left), the former chief of staff who assumed command of the southern front. On the right is Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi.  
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Col. Danny Matt, commander of the reserve Israeli paratroop brigade that established the Israeli bridgehead on the west bank of the canal.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.  
Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Col. Ran Sarig in the Sinai. His armored brigade was the only one to be shifted from the Syrian front to the Egyptian front during the war.  
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Israeli paratroopers breaking through an Egyptian commando ambush on a sandspit leading to Fort Budapest on the Sinai front.  
Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces Archive



Israeli forces moving through the Sinai towards the Suez Canal.  
Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces Archive



The “Yard” from which Israel launched its attack across the Suez Canal. The bulldozer in the foreground had helped open the breach in the ramp where the first bridge would be built.  
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Crossing the canal on the pontoon bridge.  
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Pontoon being towed in the Sinai.  
Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces Archive



Israeli-made “roller bridge” on the Suez Canal.  
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Gen. David Elazar, Israeli chief of staff (center), arriving by helicopter  
on the Golan. To the left, in civilian clothes, is Yitzhak Rabin.  
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Col. Avigdor Ben-Gal, brigade commander on the Golan.  
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Gen. Rafael (Rafal) Eitan, division commander on the northern  
Golan.  
Photograph courtesy of Israel Defense Forces Archive



Syrian tank knocked out in night battle by paratroopers at Strongpoint 116 on the Golan. In the background are other knocked-out tanks.

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Lt. Yossi Gur, commander of Strongpoint 116 on the Golan Heights (with sling), shortly after an Israeli counterattack broke through to his beleaguered position. One of his men is being treated by medics.

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Lt. Col. Yitzhak Mordecai, who led a paratroop battalion in the battle for the Chinese Farm.

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Israeli paratroopers west of the canal.

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Israeli vehicles rushing to retrieve an Egyptian pilot on the west bank of the Suez Canal. Photograph courtesy of Israeli Government Press Office



Israeli soldiers in Sinai foxholes.

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Exhausted artillerymen take advantage of a lull in the battle.  
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Dayan being briefed by division commander Avraham Adan in the Sinai.  
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Tense meeting in the dunes. Sharon (with white bandage) leans on map. Looking over his shoulder is Dayan. Facing him is Bar-Lev. In left foreground is Adan. It was at this meeting that Sharon thought of striking Bar-Lev.

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SAM at captured base.  
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Egyptian soldiers loading jerricans of water onto boats on the Israeli-held west bank of the Suez Canal for transfer to the surrounded Third Army on the Sinai bank. On the opposite bank is one of the openings that was cut through the Israeli ramp on the first day of the war.

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Gen. Ariel Sharon and troops after the battle.  
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Egyptian general Abdel Ghani el-Gamasy, chief of operations (in khaki uniform) and Israeli chief of staff David Elazar being saluted by UN guards as they emerge from the tent at Kilometer 101, where negotiations were held for the separation of forces.  
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Prime Minister Meir and Defense Minister Dayan meeting with troops during the cease-fire.

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President Sadat and former Israeli prime minister Meir enjoy a joke during Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. On the right is Shimon Peres.

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