

Six Days
of War

*June 1967
and the Making of the
Modern Middle East*

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UNEF - troops
4,500 troops
Canadian, Indian,
Yugo, Swedes, Brazilian,
Norwegian and others
41 outposts
Nasser had option to remove UNEF
U-Thant

Strange Relationship between Amer
and Nasser

The Liberty - Day 4
34 dead 171 wounded
Israel paid 12 million to families

Jerusalem Board of Elections
William Kristal

Eden - Aubrey Solomon
of Cape Town
de Gaulle - Do not make war
Wilson!

Known incalculable,
abrasive
momentarily tactless,
an activist P101

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Oral History - Shimon and Anafat declined to be interviewed
1990's release of secret diplomatic documents

Abdallah - assassinated by Palestinians outside al Aqsa mosque
King Hussein's grandfather July 1951

Jag's Facial - dismembered - savage Bahdad mob in 58'
Soviet Union supported and armed Israel then flipped
Nasser - American and CIA supported

Project Omega - Iki approved to topple Nasser.

Ben-Gurion resigns in 63' Levi Eshkol

Nasser - Yemen 62' - 50,000 troops - The Summit meeting
establishment of PLO

Demona reactor - financed by French

Nov 66' - Paramilitary vehicles strike a mine - Hussein pens p32
near Hebron an apology

Letter sits on Barboon's desk (American Amb.)

Nasser and Amer p38

March 31, 1967 - Syrian/Palestinian border incidents / mini war p46

Soviet warn Sabat of Israeli attack on Syria May 1967

Nasser didn't want war with Israel

Egypt takes over UNEF observation posts May 17

Cabin chain smoking / coffee / news - Stammering / gets
torque loss from Ben G. - meeting w. Dayan p81

Egypt closes T. Iron Straights

Combined Arabs could field 5000 ~~br~~ tanks 900 combat air,
and a half a million men

± OF - 215,000 men 1,000 tanks - 200 plows

What was Regatta

Nasser - at end - gun under pillow - severe depression
Amer - had already attempted suicide

Nasser - resignation - his speech the make in the street
his denunciation of his reign p287

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addressing Israeli troops from the Mount of Olives,
the Dome of the Rock below. (Israel Government Press Office)

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Nasser's Big Lie

Day 6

Day one -
in a little over an hour E. had lost 204 planes
later another 164 sorties in 100 minutes destroyed 107 planes
of 420 E. aircraft - 286 destroyed - 1/3rd of pilots killed

Day two -

Nasser or Amer ordered a retreat
" broke relations with US - accused America
of being involved - Syria, Sudan, Algeria,
Iraq, Mauritania and Yemen followed but
not Jordan

Day 3

The Old City - jacket photo
Close fire request from US Britain with Jordan
Eshkol advised because of sniper fire not to
go to Western wall - Dayem went

Day 4 - I. stopped at West Bank -
"Don't kill soldiers" send them home -
70% of Egypt armed force lost
Golan

Day 5 -

Dayan "attack" Golan
Eshkol - "That's despicable"

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Israel conquered 42,000 sq. miles - 3x's bigger

Libby incident

superior training and motivation

weapons from Russia

The vagaries and momentum of war rather rational decisions shaped outcome of war.

processes randomness

Chain reaction culminating in war

- 1 Syria's radicalism
- 2 Israeli politicking
- 3 inter Arab rivalry
- 4 America - pre occupy with UN
- 5 Soviet fears
- 6 Egyptian aspirations

Rabin 67'

Nasser breakdowns 73'

Nasser - wanted revenge - wanted more war to get back land

Nasser killed Amer - blamed for the military defeat

Aug meeting in Khartoum - pan Arab summit - 1st June 65
3 No's - no recognition / no peace and no negotiations 03'

Resolution 242

Khartoum Conf.

Nayyar dies 81
Arafat
Robin Nov. 1995 killed
Abba Ebban
Eshkol dies 69' P.M.
Ben Gurion
Yigal Allon - foreign min.
dies 1980
Begin dies 92'

Golda Meir
Ezer Weizman pres. 93' Sep.
dies min.
Ariel Sharon fame from 73' war
defence min. 82'

Shimon Peres
Nasser - dies Sept 1970
Hussein - dies Feb 99'
Amin - died of acute poisoning

Jerusalem
Gaza
Negev
West Bank
Golan
Sinai
Lebanon
Jordan
Syria
Egypt