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Spearhead in South Palestine Holds Out—U. N. Truce Plan Given Israel and Arabs

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TEL AVIV, Israel, June 7—Egypt has landed seaborne reinforcements in an attempt to break an armored spearhead out of encirclement by the Israeli Army at Isdud on Palestine's southern coastal plain, eyewitnesses said tonight.

Persons who returned to Tel Aviv from the week-long battle at Isdud said the Egyptians had landed forces from at least one ship and possibly from several.

The exact strength of the reinforcements was not disclosed. It was enough, however, to enable an isolated Egyptian force to hold out under repeated Israeli attacks.

[An Egyptian communiqué, cited by The Associated Press, said that Egyptian forces had captured Beit Sanim, between El Majdal and Isdud. It added that Egyptian planes had "showered" the Rehovoth settlement. Planes raided northern Tel Aviv, killing two persons.

[Count Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator, sent to Israel and the Arab states a plan for a truce in the Holy Land and set Wednesday as the deadline for answers.

[While the United Nations Security Council took no action to interpret the question of immigration to Israel during a truce, the Soviet Union stated Monday that it wished to join the United States, Belgium and France in sending military observers to the Holy Land.]

The information about the seaborne reinforcements helped explain last Friday's naval engage-

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MEMBERS OF THE HAGANAH CAPTURED IN HOLY LAND ON WAY TO PRISON CAMP



A truckload of Jewish soldiers taken at Kfar Etzion being transported under guard of Trans-Jordan Arab Legionnaires

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ment off the coast at Tel Aviv, twenty miles north of Isdud. In that action one Israeli corvette and two small planes forced four Egyptian naval vessels to turn back from a point close to shore. One of those ships was a transport and two were British-type landing craft

A communiqué said that more than 220 Jews had been killed or wounded in a surprise attack that captured Beit Sanim. It added that 110 prisoners had been taken after the Israeli forces had collapsed Egyptian casualties were slight, the communiqué said.

Israeli forces still were attacking in the Isdud region and on two sides of the Arab "triangle of strength" flanked by Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm. None of these attacks seemed near a real breakthrough.

The Israeli Army said last week that it had wedged into the city limits of Jenin, northern apex of the triangle. Today it said these forces still were "holding their positions on strategic heights" at the approaches to the city. Iraqi counter-attacks apparently had broken their foothold into Jenin proper. Persons returning from that front said that the Israeli forces were holding on "in the northwestern suburbs."

The Israeli assault against Tulkarm, on the western side of the triangle, was slowly lengthening its arc four miles north and west of the city. It had not yet pierced the main Arab defenses.

The battle of Latrun, key point of the vital Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway fifteen miles west of the Holy City, came out from a two-week news blackout with the terse announcement "Nothing to report."

From the northern front Israeli headquarters said all Syrian attacks on Mishmar hay Yarden had been repulsed. Syrian thrusts there, just south of Lake Hule and at Malikia, are twin threats to cut off the eighty-square-mile northern thumb of Palestine.

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