

Israeli Soldier Dies In Lebanon; 600th Casualty Since 1982

TEL AVIV (WNS) — An Israel Defense Force soldier, shot in South Lebanon Oct. 20, died of his wounds, bringing the casualty toll in Lebanon to 600 killed and nearly 5,600 wounded since Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982.

The soldier, identified as 30-year-old Alon Tsur, a corporal from the northern border kibbutz settlement of Shamir, was hit by fragments of a rocket fired at his army vehicle near the Zaharani river bridge.

In a series of incidents in Lebanon over

the weekend, two Israeli soldiers were wounded, five terrorists were killed, one was captured and two others were wounded. Two terrorists were killed and two IDF soldiers were slightly wounded when a navy patrol vessel encountered a rubber dinghy with the terrorists aboard off the coast of Beirut. The small boat was said to have been on its way to land the terrorists in Israel, where, according to reports from Beirut, they were to have attacked an army rest camp in the north of

First Rabbi Promoted To Rank Of Brigadier General

NEW YORK (WNS) — For the first time in United States military history a rabbi has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, it was announced here by the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund.

Rabbi Israel Drazin, 48, a practicing attorney serving in the U.S. Army reserves as Colonel in the Army Chaplaincy, was nominated for his new rank

by President Reagan. The U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination. Army officials then waived the usual waiting period for a vacancy and immediately promoted Drazin to Brigadier General.

Drazin was recalled to active service in 1981

to prepare the government's defense against a law suit that challenged the constitutionality of the Army Chaplaincy. The government won the case last February.

"Feelings of honor come with every promotion," Drazin said. "However, as the first rabbi ever to reach the rank of Brigadier

General, I feel a profound sense of pride, patriotism and responsibility. I hope that my achievements in the army, along with the completion of the Jewish Chapel at West Point, will convince more Jewish young men and women that there is a rewarding and fruitful career for them in the Army."

Seven Terrorists Killed Three Israeli Soldiers Wounded In Lebanon

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Seven terrorists were killed and three Israel Defense Force soldiers were wounded in two separate incidents in South Lebanon, recently.

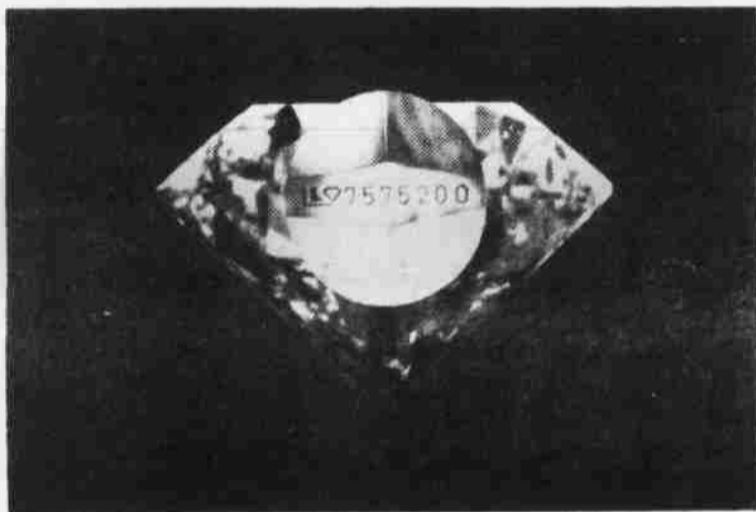
The three soldiers were wounded in a clash with three terrorists who were trying to cross the Awali River. The Israelis opened fire and killed two of the terrorists. The third terrorist threw a grenade at the IDF

patrol, which exploded and wounded two soldiers. In chasing the third terrorist, the other IDF soldier slipped on the steep rocky hillside and was injured. Other IDF soldiers in the patrol chased the

terrorist and killed him. At about the same time, another IDF patrol in the Baroukh mountain area clashed with another terrorist group. Two terrorists were killed on the spot and two others were killed while attempting to flee. There were no Israeli casualties in this incident.

MEXICO CITY (WNS) — Clara Jusidman de Bialostotzky, a prominent sociologist with a doctorate in economics, has become the first Jewish woman to hold a high post in the Mexican government. She now heads the Instituto Nacional Del Consumidor (INCO), Mexico's institute of consumer affairs. She has held several official posts in other government ministries. Her duties are to control prices and services.

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Iranian amendment by supporting the Danish move.

The 41 votes for the Iranian proposal came mainly from Arab and Communist bloc countries headed by the Soviet Union. Most of the abstentions were by Third World countries.

Israel's Ambassador to the UN Binyamin Netanyahu, who spoke after the vote in what was his first appearance before the General Assembly since his appointment as envoy last month called Iran's failure "a resounding and dramatic defeat."

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