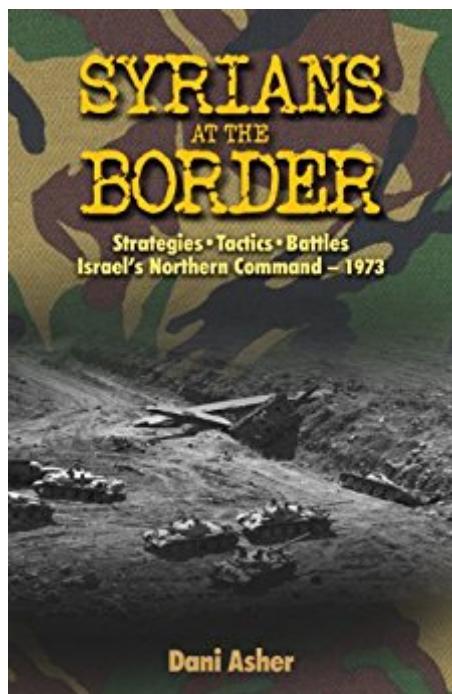


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# Syrians At The Border: Strategies-Tactics- Battles, Israel's Northern Command- 1973 (Military History)



## Synopsis

Saturday, 1973, the Day of Atonement – “the most holy day of the year for the Jewish people – became the Harbinger of Doom for the Congregations of Israel. At 13:55 hours that day rolling Syrian cannon thunder was heard all along the front on the Golan Heights, and dense, black smoke shrouded it completely. Many accounts of the Yom Kippur War have been written. But this is the first behind-the-scenes look at the Northern Command preparations for war during that fateful summer, when the Syrian army in the north, together with the Egyptian army in the south, coordinated a blitzkrieg offensive against Israel. This book offers fresh insight into the pre-war debate that raged between the Northern Command and the Intelligence Branch that believed Syria was not looking for war. For the first time, the reader will be privy to the decision-making details that threatened to overpower the IDF Command. The Generals, who were in command, describe in their own words the pivotal battles that changed the course of the war, as well as the disastrous effects of the ‘*oehindsight evaluation*’ – after the war was won reverberated throughout the corridors of power. The four contributors of this book were assisted by a team of researchers and other army commanders, under the direction and coordination of Military Historian, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Dr Dani Asher. Contributors: Major General (res.) Yitzhak Hofi, ‘*oehaka*’, the Northern Commander in Chief, Maj. Gen. (res.) Uri Simchoni, Head of Command Operations, Brig. Gen. (res.) Avraham Bar David, Head of Artillery, and Col. (res.) Hagai Mann, the command’s Intelligence officer, have combined their knowledge of the day-to-day events to recount the preparations and management of the war, its success and failures, and its repercussions that resonate even today.

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The book is very detailed and provides a lot of information; however, it does get confusing and a bit too technical at times. Looks like the authors, all from the military, intended the book for their colleagues rather than the general public. I missed the maps, particularly that of Mt. Hermon. Also, the Kindle edition has typos and cut-off sentences.

A very detailed analysis by one of the leading experts in military Israeli affairs, who was a high ranking Israeli officer, till retirement. One of the best books of the Yom Kippur war, the Syrian front.

Syrians at the Border, By Dani Asher is difficult to follow, unless you are well versed in military terminology. For me, it seemed to be more work than pleasure, getting through it. But the history is important.

The most comprehensive account of the Golan Heights front during the Yom Kippur War. This book surpasses and corrects information from *Duel for the Golan*, which until now stood as the standard account for the fight on the Golan. The author was a former Israeli Military Intelligence officer and has written a number of books on the Yom Kippur War in Hebrew. This book was translated to English and the translation was very well done. The writing is dry and very "military" style, but the information in the book is basically new and revealing.

I missed operational map in the place where tactical operation took place, like the counter attacks on the Hermon. The writer calls places once in code names (which is mistake without code map), and in another paragraph with the topographic name.

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