

Unit 101 Original Photography Collection



Unit 101 was established in August 1953 under the leadership of its commander, Ariel Sharon. Comprising 50 young men chosen for their integrity, humility, physical prowess, bravery, patriotism, and willingness to make sacrifices, Unit 101 redefined combat standards during its brief existence.




Just five months after its formation, Unit 101 was disbanded and integrated into the 890 Paratrooper Battalion at the Tel Nof base in January 1954. Despite its short tenure, the unit left an indelible mark on the IDF, instilling values of commitment, camaraderie, courage, and flawless execution of tasks. Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan praised Unit 101 as a model for other IDF units, recognizing its tangible impact on practical warfare.

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This collection showcases original photographs, and paper artifacts from Unit 101 1953-1966.

The photographs document various reprisals conducted by IDF soldiers, including "Operation Shoshana" in Kivia (October 1953), "Operation Samaria" in Kalkilia (October 1956), "Operation Tzuk Sela" in Khirbet Shona (May 1965), "Operation Magrash" in Kfar A-Samoa in Mount Hebron (November 1966), and more. They depict soldiers en route to, during, or returning from these operations. The images feature the destruction of Kibiya and Samua villages, aerial shots of the aftermath, and a group photo with Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan alongside Unit 101 soldiers. Most are annotated on the back, some have attached information sheets (in English), Hebrew titles, and military censorship stamps. Various photographers and agencies, such as Avraham Vared, Newsphot Ltd., "Sela," Shmuel Shachem, and Paul Goldman, contributed. Five printed maps show operation locations and IDF movements.

The Collection Items

1		<p><u>Unit 101 soldiers after the retaliatory operation in Khuntila (October 28, 1955).</u> Standing from the left: Lt. Meir Har-Zion, Lt. Col. Ariel Sharon, Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, Capt. Dani Mat, Lt. Moshe Efron, Lt. Col. Assaf Simhoni. sitting from the left: Captain Aharon Davidi, Lieutenant Yaakov Yaakov, Captain Raphael Eitan</p>
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3		<p>"The weapons that were took" Taken from the enemy as part of an operation</p>

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7		<p>"A wounded soldier on a stretcher on the way to receive treatment"</p>
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13		"Exploded fuel pumps"

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30	 A black and white photograph showing three soldiers in a trench. They are wearing helmets and military uniforms. The trench is reinforced with sandbags. The background shows a hazy, outdoor environment.	
31	 A black and white photograph of soldiers in a field. One soldier is standing near a large military vehicle, possibly a truck or tank. Other soldiers are visible in the background. The ground appears to be dirt or sand.	
32	 A black and white photograph of a military camp or base. There are several small, rectangular structures or tents. A dirt road or path leads through the camp. The background shows a hazy, outdoor environment.	
33	 A black and white photograph of three soldiers sitting on the ground. They are wearing military uniforms. One soldier is in the foreground, looking down. The other two are behind him, one looking towards the camera. The ground is dirt or sand.	




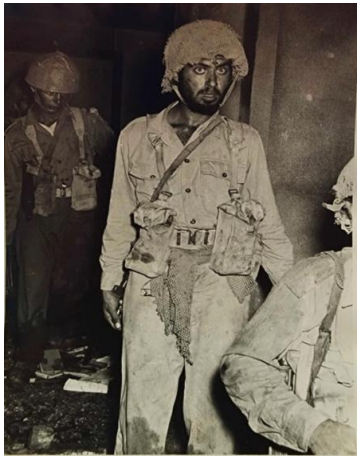
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45		Armistice line map with Jordan
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47	 <p>אשתמוט - מינוס ארבעים</p>	
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50		Armistice line map with Jordan

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54	 <p>A-SAMOA VILLAGE - AFTER ACTION 30 HOUSES DESTROYED</p> <p>הכפר א-סמוע - אחרי פעולת צה"ל 30 בתים הרוסים</p>	

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