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- 080550 Report from aircraft. Probably a destroyer is sailing in the direction of Gaza, course 120.
- 080600 An order was given to two MTB boats at Ashdod to stand by.
- 080603 The above ship is a US Navy supply ship.
- 080606 Order to INS Elath and INS Yaffo to turn south quickly.
- 080608 An order was given to "Yaffo" and "Elath" to turn south as soon as possible.
- 080941 From pilot debriefing. The target aiming at El Arish. He is not sure if he was fired upon.
- 080942 The destroyers were called back to their positions.
- 081059 The ship aiming at El Arish was identified as a commercial vessel.
- 081124 Air Operations Control is reporting shelling of El Arish from the sea.
- 081158 @ is reporting of two visible targets aiming at El Arish.
- 081205 An order was given to the MTB Division in the south to turn to El Arish for patrol.
- 081317 Shelling of El Arish from the sea is continuing. It was reported to Moshe Oren and he was ordered to tune into air/sea channels 86 and 186 as our aircraft are enroute @ ?
- 081318 MTB Division location 22 miles west of Ashdod was reported to @.
- 081330 A report was made to MTB 914 commander that El Arish is being shelled from the sea and to tune to frequency 86. Our aircraft are enroute @ ?
- 0813@2 An air force plane reporting of three @ MTB in flames parallel to Khan Unis. (Our MTB are OK)
- 081343 MTB Div has a contact @ ? Looks like it is maneuvering

around.

081345 An order was made to the group (@ Div) to go in and identify the targets.

081347 Division 914 is reporting that targets are sailing west at 30 knots. An order was made to double check speed. He can not chase them. Suggests dispatch aircraft.

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081350 Target specs are range 17 miles, estimated speed 28 knots. The Division speed is the same. The Division is asking to dispatch aircraft. Aircraft were dispatched. The Div was told to tune into @.

081355 The Div is reporting that targets turned to course <sup>L</sup>~~SR~~ 300.

081359 The Div was asked whether they see our planes. The answer is "hearing planes", soon will find out.

081401 An order was made to proceed fast towards target.

081404 The Div discovered two more targets east of the previous target. The aircraft hit one target and the Div got the report. One vessel in flames visible. The two new targets were the aircraft.

081406 Range between the MTB Div and the target is 11 miles. An order was made to Air Force to leave the area.

081408 The Div was told that after this @strike the aircraft will leave and then they will be able to go in. 501 is reporting that there is a destroyer in flames aiming at El Arish.

081408 Div Commander reporting range of 8.5 miles.

081412 Div Commander reports that it seems as if the air craft left the area.

081414 The aircraft report seeing P 30 on vessel. Range to target is 5 to 6 miles. Going in. Air Force is reporting that vessel is marked C P R 5.

081417 Air Force is reporting men jumping overboard from vessel. Air Force is sending rescue helicopters. The Div was told not to go in, possible mis identification. Might need to give help.

081420 Chief of the Navy (No. 1) arrived at the command post.

081423 MTB Div reporting no clear eyeball identification. Range to target is 4 miles.

081424 Div Commander says may be a commercial vessel or a supply ship. Not sure.

081428 Range to target is 2 miles.

081433 Div reports that target looks like commercial.

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081436 Div reports that target looks like the Egyptian supply ship El Qusir. Identification is definite. Approval was made for ~~for~~ torpedo attack. @

081437 The target did not open fire, the Div is shelling it with gunfire.

081439 The Div was asked if there is visible marking on the target.

081439 The Div reports a torpedo hit.

081441 The Div reports firing of two torpedos. The target is smoking. Gun fire is continued.

081441 The Div reports that the target does not open fire.

081443 If the target is sinking, stop fire and take survivors. The Div reports the target is in flames. @ Does not know if it is already sunk.

081446 The Div reports the marking is C T R 95. An order was made to send a rescue boat and check mens nationality.

081448 The Div reports that it has radar equipment. A military vessel, lying on its side, smoking.

081451 My be Russian nationality, based on writing at aft. Div reports no people in the water. An order was made to dispatch a tug boat from Ashdod.

081452 The vessel is lying on its right side and smoking.

081453 An order was made to rermain standby for rescue.

081455 An order was made to Ashdod base to prepare two tug boats for immediate dispatch, including towing equipment. Directions enrout @.

081455 An order was made to the Div to "distance towards El Arish" @ ?

081458 Div reports that five torpedos were launched.

081500 Div was asked if the saw any men. Answer - negative,

no men spotted.

- 081502 Div reports no men spotted on board.
- 081505 Div is reporting of closly approaching in order to identify the vessel.
- 081507 An order was made not to get close but to move towards El Arish and along the coast to Tadmor. @ ?
- 081508 An order was made for the group to stay in place.
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- 081509 Div reports that the target does not sink.
- 081510 2 helicopters are going around the target.
- 081512 Eagle reports crew and tug boat is ready.
- 081513 The vessel is an American ship. No man was spotted on board. Lying on its right side, moving at slow speed. They have the fire under control.
- 081514 Div reports that helicopter saw an American flag.
- 081517 Helicopter reports men jumping overboard. Asking whether to go closer. An order was made to stay in place.
- 081518 The Div reports that the helicopter got close to the Div. @ ?
- 081519 The helicopters are leaving the area. One with low fuel, the other got an order to leave.
- 081520 If vessel looks or is reported sinking, Div may go in for rescue.
- 081520 Order to MTB Div 914 - report constantly what you see and what the target is doing. The situation is very sensitive.
- 081521 Div sees vessel afloat. Helicopter reported men jumping overboard.
- 081522 Do you have contact with the helicopters?
- 081523 Div is asking if you are in clear view.
- 081523 Answer - Affirmative. Find out the distance between the helicopters and the men jumping overboard.
- 081527 Order ti Div: Get close to vessel and verify whether men jumped overboard. If there are men, take them out of the

water, if not pull back.

081529 Div reports - 2 shells fell right now, 3 miles away.

081530 Div reports sending one boat to pick up men if they are in the water.

081531 An order was made: If there is gunfire from the vessel, do not get close. MTB 206 reporting an empty American rescue boat (life raft) was released. No men.

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081533 Does the vessel fire at you? Negative.  
What is ships condition now? Ship is afloat and moving very slowly.  
What is its course? Course is Northwest.  
Who is going close to vessel? 203 is going close.  
The order he has is to take men from the water.  
Vessel is turning Southwest.

081537 Call 203 back. Sea/3 After joining with T-203, sail according to orders. Sail Southeast and then to Ashdod.

081500 Report from Ashdod: 2 tug boats with towing equipment and @@@ capability. Unit 42 is ready for immediate dispatch with doctors and medical.

081541 Air Force - Verified helicopters report of American flag on vessel. Follow the vessel and report every movement. T-203 please give us the identification mark on the boat and details. Is there an inflated rubber boat aboard the rescue boat (203)? [by this time 203 had picked up an inflated rubber raft] And is there any additional writing on such items like "made in USA" Are you sure the target is moving Southeast? Keep following.

081555 An order was made to dispatch the two tug boats and the M.A. 42. Maintain radio contact. Sail from a point 32 miles north to El Arish.

081558 Stop running away and get closer to them.

081558 Navy Chief arrived at Naval Headquarters commanding bridge. Final assesment is that vessel's identity is the same as rubber boats. Yug boats are sailing out of Tadmoz. We intend to assist it as much as we can. It is possible to tow it to Tadmoz. Saving lives is the most important. Speak english on the loudspeaker. Don't apologise, but to the point. Tell them the tug boats are enroute. Don't climb on board. If you need help to rescue injured men ask for helicopter help.

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081603 Div Commander reports there is no writing of American Navy but writing is "made in USA"

Israeli Chief of Navy asked if there is a name on the vessel?

Div: only numbers.

Gokal = destiny in hebrew

Operate according to orders.

081608 Close to MTB Div. There are three macnacks (M.K.N.K.?) to east and west. One target north west and one south west.

081610 Tug boat Tizza has left Ashdod.

081615 Another tug boat has left Ashdod.