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TEL AVIV, Israel, Jan. 22—A stealthy war by night, still being fought along Israel's borders between Arab infiltrators and the Israeli Army and police, cost the lives of 133 Arabs and twelve Israelis in the last three months of 1951, Israeli Army sources disclosed tonight. During the same period, they added, 579 Arab infiltrators were captured.

The army sources said most Arabs who had infiltrated the border areas to a depth of five to eight miles had come to steal. Fanatics who lay mines and wreak deliberate havoc appear occasionally, but have been rare during the last twelve months.

The infiltrators most frequently steal electric wires and cables, whose copper content fetches high prices in the Old City of Jerusalem, Amman, Damascus and Beirut.

In addition to their dead, the Arabs left eighty-nine wounded behind during the three-month period and undoubtedly carried many more with them into Arab territory, the army sources said.

Other infiltrators steal lengths of irrigation pipe, which they carry back into Arab territory on mules, as well as whatever else comes to hand, such as cattle and horses. In certain border villages, stealing has become a major business. One Arab village ten miles from the Tel Aviv suburbs has increased in population, according to the army sources, in spite of the fact that most of the villagers' lands now are on the Israeli side of the border.

Army sources estimate that during 1951 Israel suffered damage totaling £750,000 Israeli ($2,100,000) at the hands of the marauders.

Most of the infiltrators came from Jordan, probably because the Israeli-Jordanian frontier cuts through many areas once solidly Arab. Some infiltrators even try to cultivate fields, gather oranges or other crops, or graze their flocks on the Israeli side of the border.

The most dangerous infiltrators are hashish smugglers who, with loads of the drug grown in Syria and Lebanon, cross Israeli territory from the Hebron area to the Gaza strip, whence the drug is transported to big markets in Egypt. The smugglers, who can get across in one night's hard march, are well-organized and well-armed, and will put up a hard fight if intercepted.

On this question the Israeli authorities are for once united in purpose with the authorities of Jordan and Egypt.

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