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Questions Nos. 2 to 4.

DÁIL QUESTIONS addressed to the Taoiseach for answer on
Wednesday, 3rd November, 1971.

QUESTION NO.2:

To ask the Taoiseach the number of incursions made across the border by the British army since August 1969; the dates on which they occurred, and the estimated cost of damage caused by the British army on these occasions. - Hugh Byrne.

QUESTION NO.3:

To ask the Taoiseach the estimated cost of repairing damage caused by British troops to roadways and bridges in or connected to the territory of this State in the past month; and whether a demand has been or will be made on the British Government for the cost thereof.
- Richie Ryan.

QUESTION NO.4:

To ask the Taoiseach the number of times that British Army aircraft have crossed the border since August, 1969.
- Hugh Byrne.

REPLY:

With your permission, a Cheann Comhairle, I propose to take Questions Nos.2, 3 and 4 together.

40 known ground incursions have been made across the border by British troops from August 1969 to 31st October 1971. The dates and locations of these incursions are given in a statement which, with your permission a Cheann Comhairle, I am circulating with the official report. There have been 17 confirmed overflights of the border by British military aircraft in the same period.

Physical damage caused by incursions has not been significant.

However, in the case of cross-border bridges blown up the question of the cost of repairing them will arise when the routes are re-opened to traffic.

The statement is as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of incursion</u>
<u>1970</u>	
1. April 15th	Bunnamayne, Co. Donegal.
2. May 24th	Nr. Clontibret, Co. Monaghan.
3. May 26th	Fullans, Co. Monaghan.
4. June 2nd	Dungooley, Co. Louth.
5. July 3rd	Nr. Dromad, Co. Louth.
6. July 9th	Drumvilla, Co. Louth.
7. July 9th	Nr. Scotstown (Gortawee, Co. Cavan).
8. July 9th	Ballinacargy Bridge, Co. Monaghan.
9. July 10th	Gortnawinney, Clones, Co. Monaghan.
10. July 14th	Gortawee, Scotstown, Co. Cavan.
11. July 16th	Courtbane, Hackballscross, Co. Louth.
12. July 22nd	Laghtykelly, nr. Belturbet, Co. Cavan.
13. July 29th	(Curragunt), Corrinshigo, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan.
14. August 17th	Dromad, Co. Louth - (road leading to Jonesboro, Co. Armagh).
15. August 30th	Nr. Castlefin, Co. Donegal.
16. September 15th	Scotstown, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.
17. September 26th	Drumbane, Castlefin, Co. Donegal.
18. September 27th	do.
19. September 28th	do.
20. October 1st	Kilclean, Co. Donegal.
21. October 4th	Drumbane, Castlefin, Co. Donegal.
<u>1971</u>	
22. January 13th	Nr. Blacklion, Co. Cavan.
23. January 15th	Clarebane (Longfield), Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.
24. January 24th	Kiltybegs, Co. Monaghan.
25. January 25th	Hawkswood, Swanlinbar, Co. Cavan.
26. January 28th	Scotstown, Co. Monaghan.
27. February 13th	Nr. Longfield, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.
28. February 19th	Blacklion, Co. Cavan.
29. May 2nd	Edentubber, Co. Louth.
30. May 3rd	Drumgallon, Co. Monaghan.
31. July 10th	Drumvilla, Co. Louth.
32. August 14th	Cornamuchlagh, Co. Louth.
33. August 29th	Courtbane, Co. Louth.
34. October 13th	Edentubber, Dromad, Co. Louth.
35. October 14th	Rough Hill, Co. Monaghan.
36. October 17th	Sheelagh, Hackballscross, Co. Louth.
37. October 19th	Tullyrahan, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.
38. October 20th	Munnilly, Clones, Co. Monaghan.
39. October 22nd	Longfield, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.
40. October 31st	Dungooley Cross, Co. Louth.