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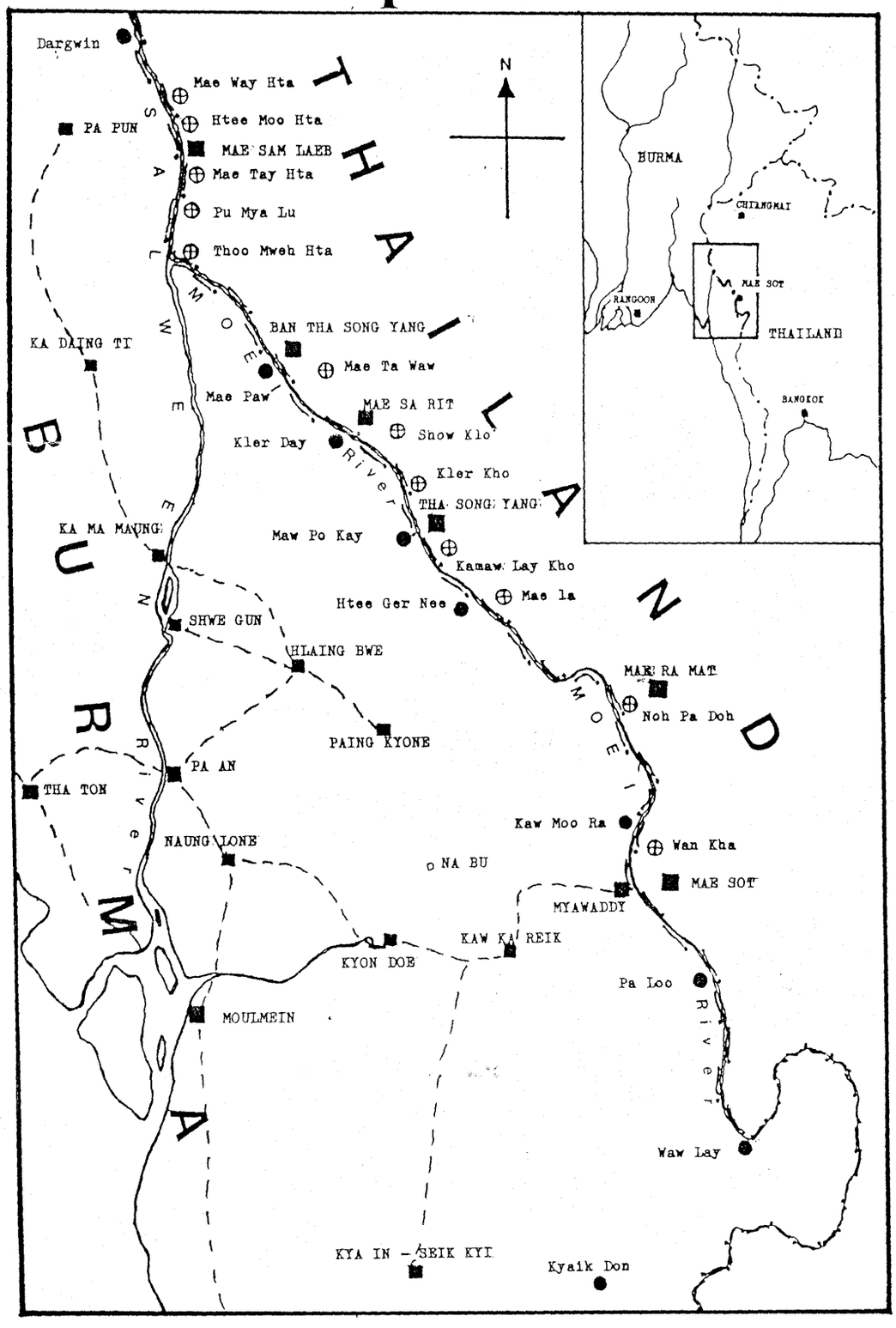

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We express our sincere thanks to all the agencies and organisations which have been doing whatever they can to meet the basic needs of the Karen refugees. These help and support have done much to make life easier for the refugees.

Since the beginning of April, fighting intensifies all along the border and in some places further inside Burma and so this month's report shows a great increase in the total number of Karen refugees temporarily residing in Thailand. Almost every camp has new arrivals. These are Karen civilians who had to flee across the border to escape from the dangers and devastations of the fighting that is going on. Fighting is going on in Pa-Loo causing the villagers to flee from their village. It is reported that the Burmese troops had burned down many houses in Pa-Loo village.

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PRESENT NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN ALL THE CAMPS

NAME OF CAMP:	FAM.#	ADULT:		CHILDREN		INFANT:		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANGKHA	505	449	834	249	260	196	184	2172
NOE PA DOH	126	187	185	84	62	57	53	628
MAELA	327	434	413	182	163	140	117	1449
KAMAW LAY KHO	305	343	494	186	163	107	107	1400
KLER KHO	276	438	493	168	179	109	112	1499
SHOW KLO	1277	1706	2304	716	700	458	475	6359
MAE THA WAV	512	645	919	372	383	201	221	2741
	3328	4202	5642	1957	1910	1268	1269	16248
SALWEEN	147	256	256	91	89	53	69	814
	3475	**4458**	**5898**	**2048**	**1999**	**1321**	**1538**	**17062**

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1986

1. Consortium of Christian Agencies	...	1,450	Sacks
2. Full Gospel Church	...	100	"
3. C O E R R	...	150	"
4. Presiding Bishop's Fund	...	400	"
5. I C A	...	216	"
6. A K A	...	27	"
TOTAL:-	...	2,343	"

NEED AND SUPPLY OF RICE FOR APRIL 1986

Name of Camp:	Need:	Supply:	
WANGKHA	330	320	
NOE PA DOH	96	100	
MAELA	220	175	
KAMAW LAY KHO	216	175	
KLER KHO	231	210	
SHOW KLO	982	970	
MAE THA WAW	422	393	
TOTAL:-	2,497	2,343	Sacks

NEED OF RICE PER PERSON PER MONTH CALCULATED ON :-

Over 5 years = 1 Unit
Under 5 years = ½ Unit
1 Unit = 1 four-gallon tin (16.2 kgs.)
6 four-gallon tins = 1 sack (100 kgs.)

Other Items received for the Month of April 1986

Consortium of Christian Agencies = Fish Paste ... 150 tins
= Salt ... 90 bags

ITEMS DISTRIBUTION

Name of Camp:	Salt:	Fish Paste:
Wangkha	10	57
Noe Pa Doh	5	17
Maela	-	39
Kamaw Lay Kho	-	37
Kler Kho	10	-
Show Klo	40	-
Mae Tha Waw	25	-
TOTAL:-	90	150

CONCLUSION:

Whenever possible the Karen refugees have tried their best to be self-reliant. Soon after harvest time many of them went back across the border. But the situation has not been favourable for them. This year again, in every possible situation, the Karen refugees are set on doing cultivation on the Karen side of the border.

One important factor to note is that, there are thousands of Karen civilians who still cling to their homeland and birth place, always living in fear and poverty in remote places deep in the jungles and hills without help of any kind.

The future is still very bleak and uncertain for the Karen refugees. There is no possibility that they would be able to go back to their home land in this near future. We thank all the agencies and organisations concerned for their unfailing help in many ways to meet our basic needs. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. We are still counting on all of you for further help and support. May God bless each and everyone of you for the noble deeds that you have done for us in our moment of trouble and need.

I remain.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee