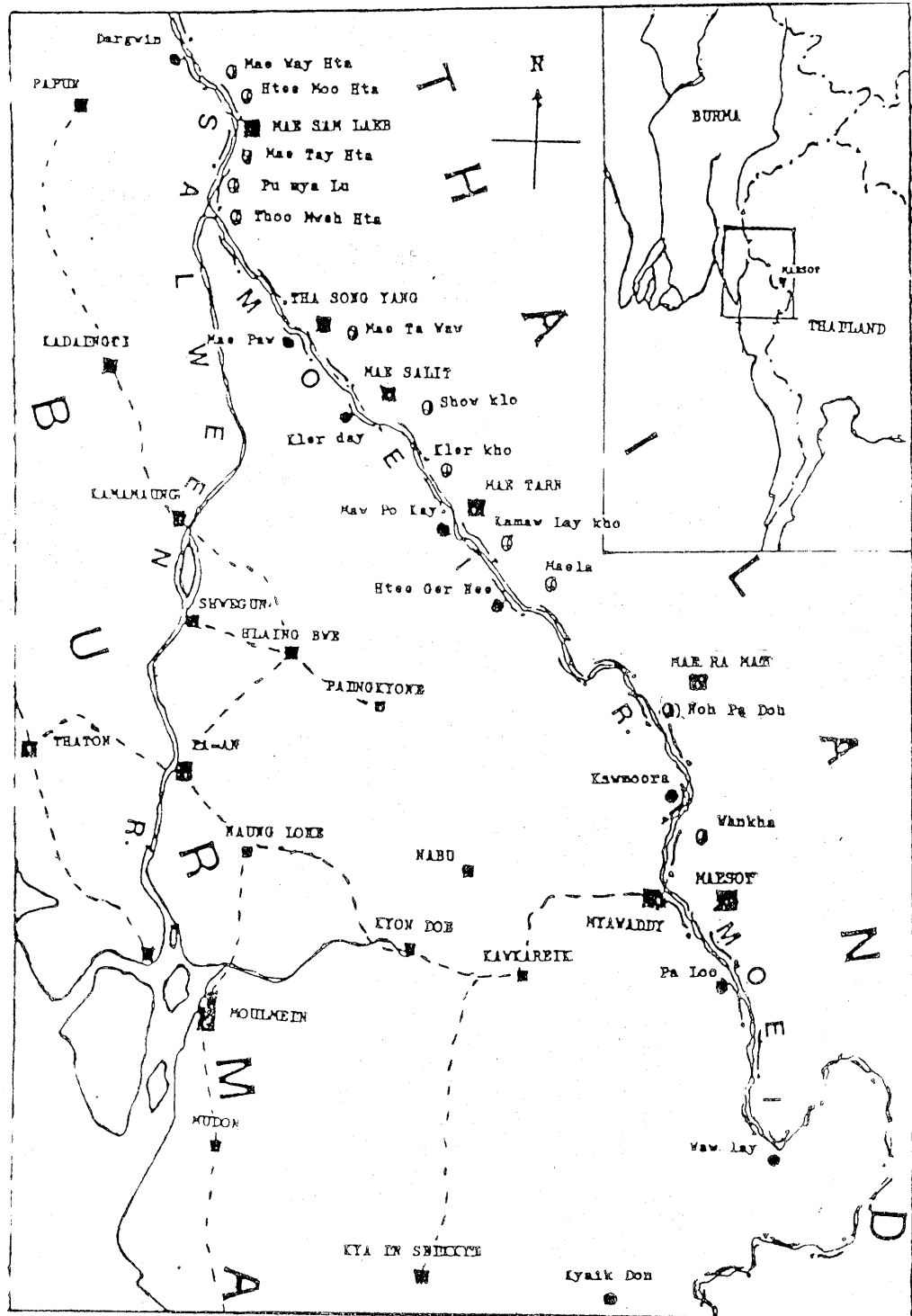


KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 1985



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● Kawthoolei Gates
○ Refugee Camps

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MONTHLY REPORT

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We are truly grateful to all the agencies and organizations that have been doing their best to help us in our time of trouble and need. The number of Karen refugees is still increasing, causing great concern to the Karen Refugee Committee which finds it impossible to turn away those who are badly in need of help, especially those whose security of life and limbs, or whose very survival is being threatened. The total number of refugees as of September 30, 1985 is 17,574 showing an increase of 1,107 on the previous month.

One positive development in the situation is that 550 refugee families have been able to do some rice cultivation on the Karen side of the border. However problem arises in the form of large number of rats destroying plots of crops. The rats are much too numerous and difficult to eliminate. Of course, the biggest threat is the Burmese troops who may turn up at harvest time to destroy the crops left by rats.

The health situation is more or less normal now though there are still some cases of dysentery and there is a new outbreak of measles. As is usual, malaria is the most common disease affecting more than 50% of the camp population. Beginning from September 24, AFRIMS has started a programme in Mae Tha Waw camp to test the effectiveness of Proguanil and Doxycycline in the prevention of malaria. The programme will take from six to seven months to be completed.

Beginning from August 18, 1985 MDM (Medicins du Monde) has started a medical aid programme in the Salween area, the area where formerly MAP (Manaco aide et Presence) operated up to May 1985. MDM has also set up a one month basic public health training course in Pu Mya Lu camp,

A village health promoter training course is also set up in Mae La camp on September 30, 1985 through the kind auspices of the Consortium of Christian Agencies, The aim and object of the training is to train up some camp people to become health promoters who will work in close cooperation with nurses in the camps OPDs for better health care and better health condition in the camps.

PRESENT NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN ALL CAMPS

NAME OF CAMP:	FAM.#	OVER- 12 YR.		5 - 12 YR.		UNDER-5 YR.		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANKHA	513	518	855	224	201	182	165	2145
MAELA	263	378	320	155	142	114	89	1198
KAMAW LAY KHO	273	350	448	121	108	110	113	1250
KLER KHO	269	423	485	174	149	106	132	1469
SHOW KLO	1368	2147	2493	635	659	570	543	7047
MAE THA WAW	553	862	1078	326	386	209	226	3087
NOE PA DOH	125	136	188	73	56	59	52	564
	3364	4814	5867	1708	1701	1350	1320	16760
SALWEEN	147	256	256	91	89	53	69	814
TOTAL:-	3511	5070	6123	1799	1790	1403	1389	17574

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1985

1. German Agro Action	...	700	Sacks
2. Consortium of Christian Agencies	...	700	"
3. RICE only	...	150	"
4. International Christian Aid	...	315	"
5. American Karen Agency	...	40	"
6. Presiding Bishop's Fund	...	300	"
7. Rev. Larry Jones	...	150	"
8. Consortium of Christian Agencies	...	87	"
9. C O E R R	...	150	"
TOTAL:-	...	2592	Sacks

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1985

G.A.A.	... Canned Fish	... 20,000 cans(200 boxes)
	... Salt	... 4,000 kgs.(80 bags)
	... Fish Paste	... 2,000 kgs.(100 tins)
	... Chilli Powder	... 2,000 kgs.(200 boxes)
	... Fish Powder	... 25,000 pks.(200 boxes)
I.C.A.	... Canned Fish	... 28 boxes
	... Water Can*	... 250 boxes
C O E R R	... Canned Fish	... 200 boxes

(*Water can are distributed to schools children only)

C O E R R ... Reading glasses - 302 pairs

NEED & SUPPLY OF RICE FOR SEPTEMBER 1985

	<u>NEED</u>	<u>SUPPLY</u>	
1. WANKHA	328	300	Sacks
2. MAELA	183	180	"
3. KAMAW LAY KHO	189	190	"
4. KLER KHO	225	220	"
5. SHOW KLO	1,082	1,090	"
6. MAE THA WAW	478	440	"
7. NOE PA DOH	85	85	"
	2,570	2,505	Sacks
8. SALWEEN	125	87	"
TOTAL:-	2,695	2,592	Sacks

NEED OF RICE PER PERSON PER MONTH CALCULATED ON:-

- 1) Over 5 Yr. = 1 Unit
Under 5 Yr. = $\frac{1}{2}$ Unit
- 2) 1 Unit = 1 four-gallon tin
- 3) 6 four-gallon tins = 1 sack
- 4) 1 sack = 100 kgs.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTION

<u>Name of Camp:</u>	<u>C.Fish:</u>	<u>Salt:</u>	<u>Fish Paste:</u>	<u>Chilli Powder:</u>	<u>F.Powder:</u>
WANKHA	60	10	46	26	25
MAELA	40	6	26	15	15
KAMAW LAY KHO	32	6	28	17	16
KLER KHO	36	8	-	19	18
SHOW KLO	156	30	-	75	78
MAE THA WAW	88	16	-	40	40
NOE PA DOH	16	4	-	8	8
TOTAL:-	428	80	100	200	200

Reading glasses are distributed to those who have applied for them.

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CONCLUSION

We express our regret for the delay in submitting this month's report. We will try our best to **see** that all our future reports are submitted in time. Once again, we thank all the agencies, organizations and everyone concerned for the kindness shown in giving necessary help and assistances to the Karen refugees. We also thank all of you for understanding us and our trouble, The care and concern that you have shown will always be remembered by us.

May God bless each and everyone of you for **the** noble deeds that you have done for us.

I remain.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Htwe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Htwe

Chairman

Karen Refugee Committee