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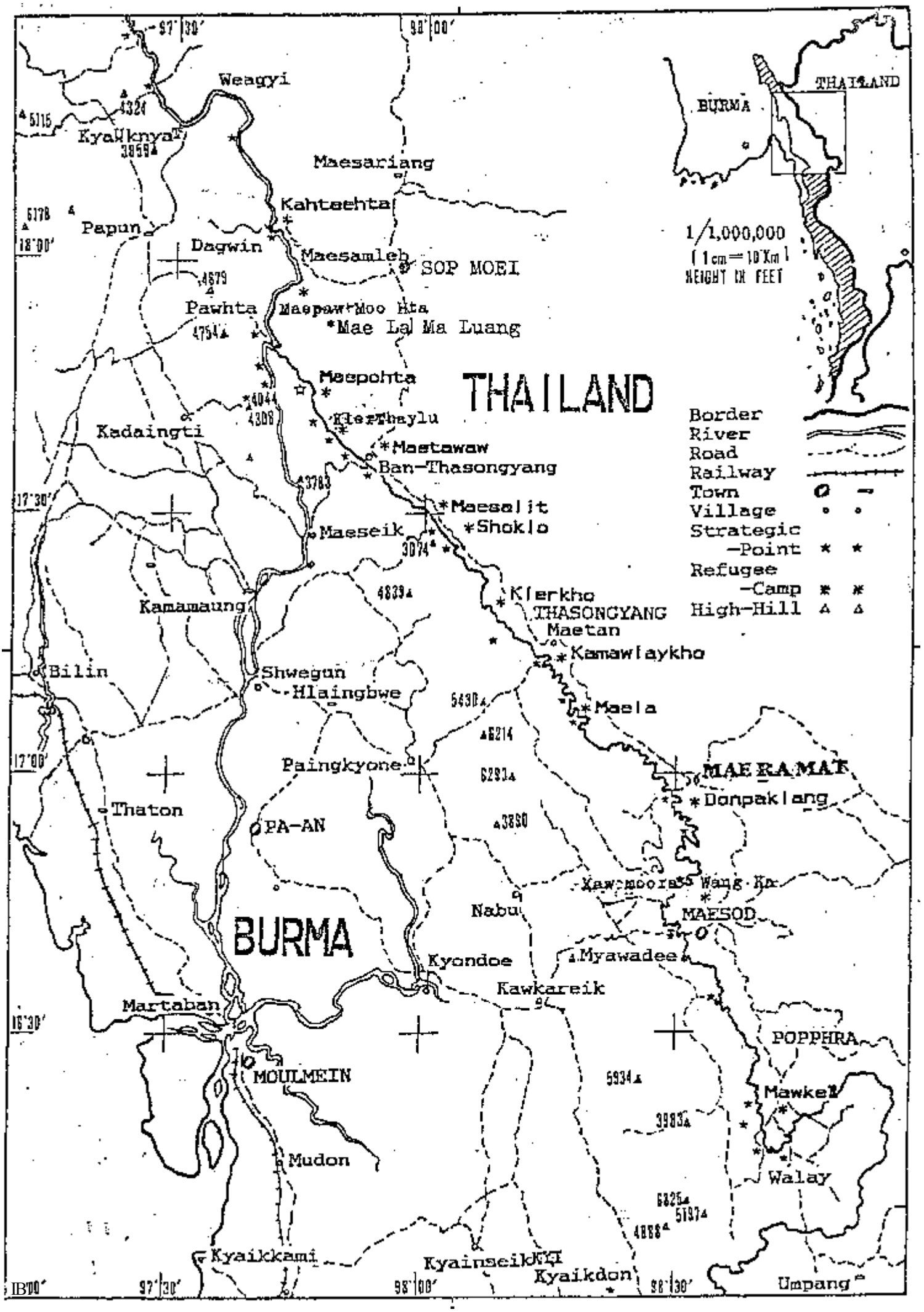
THAILAND
BURMA
1/1,000,000
(1cm=10Km)
HEIGHT IN FEET
Border
River
Road
Railway
Town
Village
Strategic
-Point
Refugee
-Camp
High-Hill
Weagyi
Kyaiknya
Maesariang
Kahtaehta
Papun
Dagwin
Maesamleb
SOP MOEI
Pawhta
Maepaw
Moo Hta
Mae Lal Ma Luang
Maepohta
Kler Thaylu
Maetawaw
Ban-Thasongyang
Kadaingti
Maesalit
Shoklo
Maeseik
Kler kho
THASONGYANG
Maetan
Kamawlaykho
Kamamaung
Bilin
Shwegun
Hlaingbwe
Maela
Paingkyone
MAE RA MAT
Donpaklang
Thaton
PA-AN
Xawmoora
Wang Ka
Nabu
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Martaban
POPPHRA
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Mawkel
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Kyaikkami
Kyainseikkyi
Kyaikdon
Umpang

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The year 1995 had been plagued with trouble, fear, misery and confusion for the more than seventy four thousand people taking refuge in the various Karen Refugee camps in Thailand. In desperation they hope for better days to come but the new year already proves to be no better off for them.

Incidents of incursion and violence continue in Sho Klo camp and in one incident, the intruders took away three microscopes, some other essential medical equipment and medical supply from the Sho Klo camp hospitals together also with a radio communication set from the Sho Klo Malaria Research Unit. In another incursion to Mae La camp which is quite far inside Thailand, the intruders shot dead an elderly invalid person. Another Karen Community leader was kidnapped from the Doi Din Jee settlement of displaced Karens close to Wangka camp on the morning of January 27 and taken back by force to Burma

Activities to destabilise the situation in the camps are now targeted also on Dong Pa Kiang, Wangka and Maw Ker camps, The situation in general is more than ever worrisome and unpredictable.

The situation in some places inside Burma is also very difficult and turbulent. Some Karen villages in the Papun hills were burned down by the Burma army during its recent military operation in the area and rice granaries found in the area were burned down. This worsens the already crucial problem of rice shortages faced by Karen villagers in the area. Not less than 700 villagers from ten affected villages in the Papun hills has come to the border during this month for food and shelter. Villagers from other affected areas have also come to the border for food and shelter.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS		5-12 Y RS		Under 5 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE SOT AREA	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1162	1887	2159	642	594	559	520	6361
	Don Pa Kiang	590	1001	902	290	285	256	267	3001
	Mae La	3536	7707	7232	3197	3157	1199	1221	23713
	Sho Klo (Mae Song)	1369	2353	2517	1603	1636	247	305	8661
	Maw Ker	1137	2207	2103	580	534	730	657	6811
		7794	**15155**	**14913**	**6312**	**6206**	**2991**	**2970**	**48547**
N O R T H	Mae Ra Ma Luang	822	1499	1399	496	445	392	347	4578
	Khun Mae Kong Kha	415	687	759	332	335	214	233	2560
	Sa La	259	531	473	179	140	79	91	1493
	Mae Sa Kup	281	559	538	195	166	113	138	1709
	KhloPa		447	409	157	142	96	91	1342
	UDaHta	248	555	479	189	178	113	116	1630
	Mae Ye Hta	300	635	520	231	185	135	114	1820
		2537	**4913**	**4577**	**1779**	**1591**	**1142**	**1130**	**15132**
S O U T H									
	Ta Per Poo	334	946	488	142	122	135	135	1968
	No Pa Doh (Nong Luang)	110	208	177	65	60	46	50	606
	Noh Ka Htaw Wah	295	565	498	109	138	127	138	1575
	Mae Ta Raw Knee	689	1414	1409	762	635	230	266	4716
	Htee Hta Baw	377	655	642	308	291	171	138	2205
	T' Kwee Klaw	162	250	270	85	102	73	58	838
		1967	**4038**	**3484**	**1471**	**1348**	**782**	**785**	**11908**
	Total	**12298**	**24106**	**22974**	**9563**	**9145**	**4915**	**4885**	**75587**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	ITEMS			
	Rice/sacks	Salt/Kgs	F. Paste/tins	Pressed Sawdust/bundles
B.B.C	7,170	15,550	3,020	* 10,120
COERR	350			
Total	**7,520**			

* For Mae La camp only

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F.Paste
	SACKS	KGS	tins
Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	995	2,300	400
Don Pa Kiang	466	1,200	190
Mae La (area)	3,504	6,700	1,410
Sho Klo	1,505	3,100	600
Maw Ker	1,050	2,250	420
Total	**7,520**	**15,550**	**3,020**