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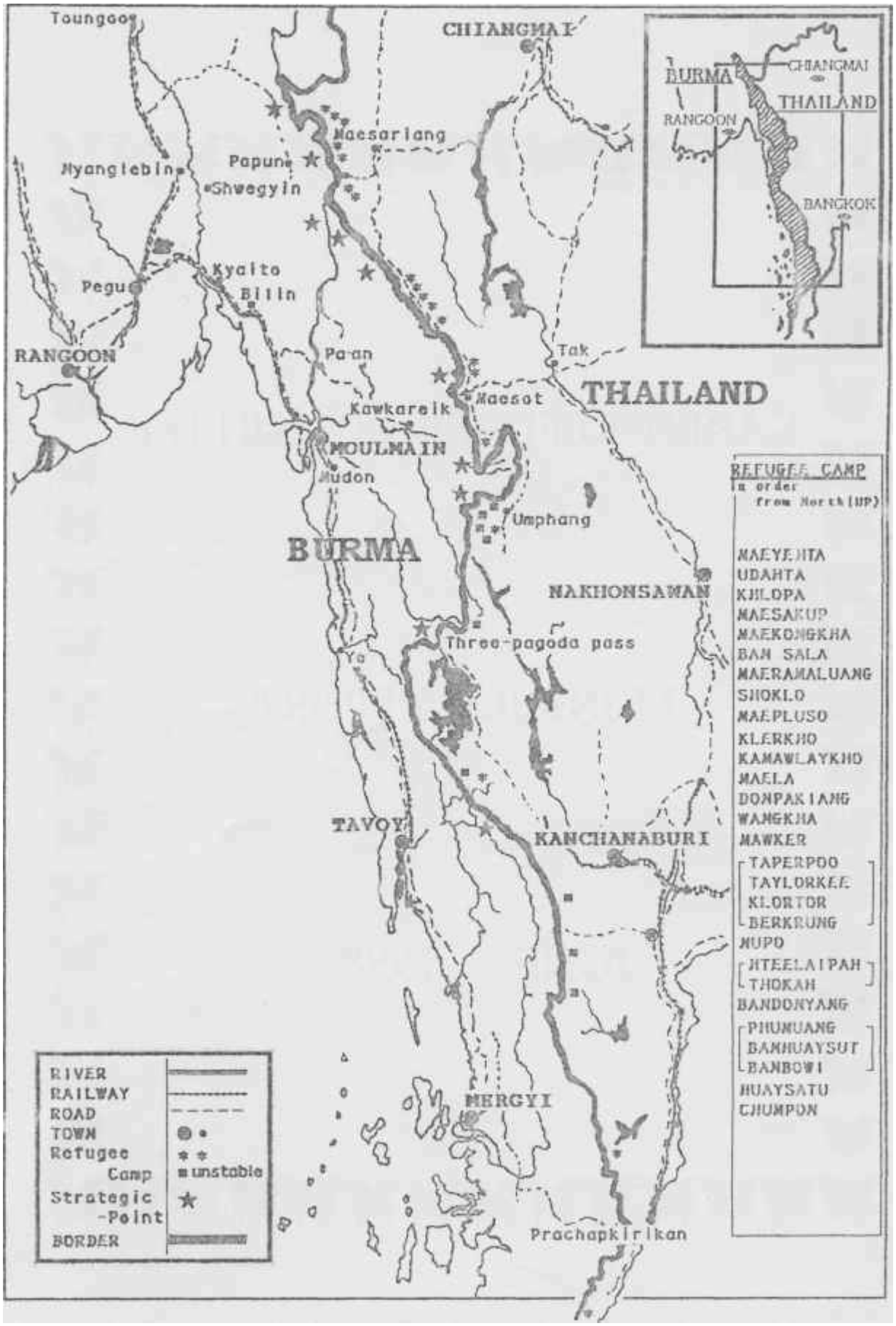
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Refugee Camp
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BORDER
REFUGEE CAMP
in order from North (UP)
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With the month of June, spot rains have eased the oppressive heat that refugees in Camps had to bear during the unusually hot summer months. Most welcoming about the rain is that water shortage has become less acute in the camps. In almost all refugee camps, life is going on quite normally as shelters are being repaired and reinforced to withstand the onslaught of wind and rain to some extent. But the situation is still far from rosy in some camps, especially Mawker and Wang Kha (Huay Kaloke) where orders for relocation to a new site may come at any moment. Pending such orders school buildings are being reconstructed or repaired and measures had already been taken to begin a new academic year for the school children.

For the refugees as a whole people are doing rather well, as supporting NGOs are doing a very good job of seeing to their needs. The irony is that for people being displaced from their roots, the refugees in Camps are faring quite well compared to those people displaced inside Burma. News are coming out that these people are having a very hard time, subsisting on forest produce like shoots, roots and leaves, where one is considered lucky enough to have regular meals of rice gruel. So we feel that the NGOs are doing a very good job of looking after the refugees and getting trust and merit in return.

As of now, we're hearing that the UNHCR will have the mandate of running the Refugee Affairs in this Border Region, in Co-operation with the Thai Authorities. Their stated role is 'PROTECTION' for the Refugees, for which we can only feel optimistic. PROTECTION is what refugees really need as people having personally experienced oppression and subjugation. So we can only feel gratification for responsible people who will be trying to find the best possible way to address the refugee problem and seeing to our needs and desires.

Our whole hearted appreciation goes out to the Royal Thai Government and the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for providing refuge for us. We welcome the UNHCR involvement in the affairs of Refugees in this Border Region with a view to providing "PROTECTION" until the time as when ultimate safe return can be effected.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS M	Over 12 YRS F	5- 12 YRS M	5- 12 YRS F	Under 5 YRS M	Under 5 YRS F	Total
MAE SOT AREA	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1527	2972	2797	922	809	461	480	8441
	Mae La Mae La T.B (Clinic) Prosthesis Workshop	4943	10188	9293	4377	4056	1503	1557	30974 100 20
	Maw Ker	1349	3044	2617	799	715	627	606	8408
		7819	**16204**	**14707**	**6098**	**5580**	**2591**	**2643**	**47943**
NORTH	Mae Ra Ma Luang	1225	2483	2141	955	752	505	513	7349
	Khun Mae Kong Kha And Sa La	1951	3914	3556	1390	1355	749	831	11795
		3176	**6397**	**5697**	**2345**	**2107**	**1254**	**1344**	**19144**
SOUTH	Noh Po	1718	3269	2756	1208	1159	617	621	9630
	Ban Don Yang	347	360	497	271	231	101	86	1646
	Tham Him	1,654	2,340	2,382	1,037	1,017	670	734	8,180
	Kho Thay Lu	70	77	85	22	16	36	44	280
		3,789	**6,046**	**5,635**	**2,538**	**2,423**	**1,424**	**1,485**	**19,736**
	Grand Total	**14,784**	**28,647**	**26,039**	**10,981**	**10,110**	**5,269**	**5,472**	**86,823**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH.

FROM	Rice 100kg sacks	Salt Kilos	F-paste 16kg tins	Yellow Bean Kilos	Mosquito Net Single size Pcs	Mosquito Net Pcs	Chilies Kilos	Cooking Oil 13.75 liter tins	Cooking Fuel Kg.
BBC	7,272	19,100	3,187	66,960	200	800		44,940	Bamboo charcoal 199,980
BBC					'				Sawdust log 40,920
COERR	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED.

CAMP	ITEMS								
	Rice	Salt	Fish paste	Yellow Bean	Mosquito Net	Mosquito Net	Chilies	Cooking Oil	Cooking Fuel
Wang Kha	1,277	3,250	546	11,460	200	800	-	7,692	Bamboo charcoal 44,850 kg
Mae La	4998	12,400	2,068	43,440	-	-	-	29,160	Bamboo charcoal 155,200 kg
Maw Ker	1327	3400	565	11,880	-	-	-	7,968	Sawdust log 40920 kg
Noh Poe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KRC/MSF	20	50	8	180	-	-	-	120	-

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED:-

From ICS - Asia for Wang Kha camps schools.

1. Note-book	27213 books	19. Paper cardboard	36pcs.	37. Marker (red)	6 pes.
2. Pen	6450 pes.	20. Tape	12 pes.	38. Marker (blue)	12 pes.
3. Pencil	17982 pes.	21. Pencil Sharpener	48 pes.	39. Stencil stylus	12 sets
4. colour pencil	1281pcs.	22. Register book	48 books	40.Football (small)	6 pes.
5. Drawing book	2562 pes.	23. Graph book	240 books	41. Poster of animal	36 pes.
6. Ruler(for pen)	788 pes.	24. Bell	2 nos	42.Poster of ABC	36 pes.
7. Rubber(pencil)	1782 pes.	25. File	36 dozens	43.Blackboard	50 pes.
8. Colour book	1281 pes.	26. Carbon paper(snicill)	3 boxes	44. Brush	6 pes.
9. ABC writing	1281 pes.	27. English number	25 pes.	45. Enamel	1 doz.
lO.Chalk	600 boxes	28. Caneball	12 pes.	46. Stamp pad(blue)	6 pes.
11.Colour Chalk	24 boxes	29. Caneball net	3 pes.		
12. Duster	40 pes.	30. Football (big)	6 pes.		
13. A 75 paper	240 reams	31. Volley Ball	10 pes.		
14. Stencil	12 boxes.	32. Volley Net	3 pes.		
15. Writing plate	12 pes.	33. Rubber ring	12 pes.		
16. Duplication ink	24 tubes.	34. Correction	12 bottles.		
17. Staple pin	10 dozens	35. Stamp pad (red)	6 pes.		
18. stapler (no-10=6,no-30=6)	1.dozen	36. World Map	12 pes.		

SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVEI);-

From COERR for Chumporn.

CHUMPORN

(1) Note books	10,050 pes
(2) Pencils	840 pes
(3) Erasers	70 pes
(4) Rulers	70 pes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED

From COERR for Maw Ker Camp

1. Exercise Book	17,640 pcs	20. Badminton Net	2 pcs
2. Pencil	10,800 pcs	21. Volley Ball	10 pcs
3. Blue Pen	3,720 pcs	22. Volley Ball Net	1 pcs
4. Erasers for Pencil	1,300 pcs	23. Ping pong Ball	10 Doz.
5. Erasers for Ink	400 pcs	24. Ping pong Paddle	3 pairs
6. Rulers	1,200pcs	25. Ping pong Net	1 pcs
7. Drawing Bool	1,100 pcs	26, Rubber Ring for throwing	5 rings
8. Painting Book	550pcs	27. Rope	5 pcs
9. Color Pencil	1,065 Boxes	28.TaKraw Ball	10 pcs
10. White Chalk	10 Boxes	29. TaKraw Net	1 pcs
11. Color Chalk	20 small boxes		
12. Pencil Sharpener	13 pcs		
13. Blackboard Brush	60 pcs		
14. Roneo Paper	40 pcs		
15. Stencil Paper	20 pcs		
16. Roneo Ink	12 tube		
17. Foot Ball	10 pcs		
18. Badminton Racket	2 pairs		
19. Plastic Shuttle Cock	20 Doz.		