KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

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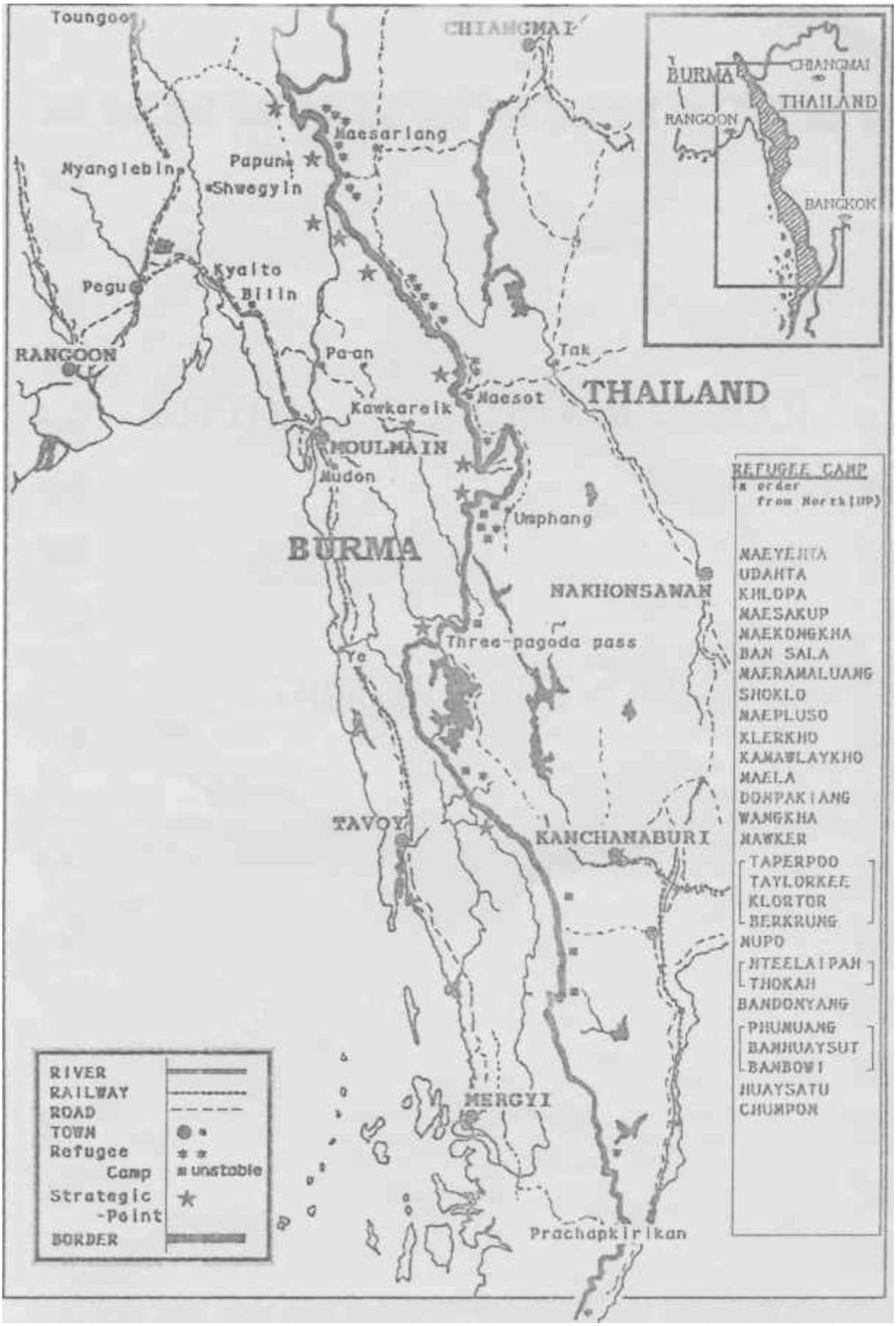
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REFUGEE CAMP
in order from North (UP)
MAEYEHTA
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MAEKONGKHA
BAN SALA
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Julius Caesar must have had many reasons to name the month of July after himself . For one, he must have taken note that great events took place during this time of year.

Of comparably recent times, the United States declared itself independent from Britain in July 1776. In July of 1937, Japan invaded China . The first nuclear device was detonated in July of 1945, ushering in the Atomic Age, and raising questions as to whether mankind was bent on eliminating itself from this earth. July also brings to mind the wholesale execution of Czar Nicholas and his family in 1918 and the great Quake at Tangshan in 1976, which killed a quarter of a million people.
In Burma, to which events we were always implicated, there was the assassination of the Leadership in July 1947, The demolition of the University Student Union Building in July 1962, and the agitation that was a prelude to the renowned Four Eights Protestations of 1988.

Now, in this July of 1998, there is concern that stems from the stand-off between one solitary Lady and the All-powerful Military Junta in Burma, which comes to show that brute force in its callousness always triumphs . For us Displaced People, Brute Force is not something new as all of us had experienced its application at one time or another.

Still, for us Displaced People in the Thai/ Burma Border Region, we can feel that, beginning this July, there is reasonable room for optimism , as the Government of Thailand in its wisdom and foresight has invited UNHCR for Cooperation in handling the problem of Displaced People. Now that the UNHCR has formally accepted the invitation , we can surely count on having better protection, better support and can look forward to achieving the ultimate goal of safe return and living in our own beloved homeland.

Meantime, there can only be appreciation and gratitude on our part for the patience and generosity shown by the Thai People and Government. Our thanks go out to the NGOs , aid / support groups and individuals who have made it their duty to help people who are in dire need of support and help.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS.

	CAMP	No.of families	Over 12 YRS		5- 12 YRS		Under 5 YRS		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
MAE SOT AREA	Wang Kha (Huay Ka Lok)	1625	2953	2780	918	803	469	488	8411
	Mae La	4943	10185	9291	4380	4055	1525	1581	30107
	Maw Ker	1349	3041	2615	799	715	632	612	8414
		7917	16179	14686	6097	5573	2626	2681	47842
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
S O U T H	Noh Po	1712	3276	2741	1208	1154	620	630	9629
	Ban Don Yang	350	465	499	272	234	102	88	1660
	Tham Him	1654	2340	2382	1037	1017	670	734	8180
	Kho Thay Lu	70	77	85	22	16	36	44	280
		3786	**6158**	**5707**	**2531**	**2421**	**1428**	**1496**	**19749**
	Grand Total	**14,879**	**28,734**	**26,090**	**10,981**	**10,101**	**5,308**	**5,521**	**86,735**

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH.

FROM	Rice 100kg sacks	Salt Kilos	F-paste 16kg tins	Yellow Bean Kilos	Mosquito Net size Pcs	Blanket Pcs	Plastic Mat Pcs	Cooking Oil 13.75 liter tins	Cooking Fuel Kg.
BBC	7,380	19,300	3 212	67,440	135	152	24	45,288	242,350
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DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED.

CAMP	ITEMS								
	Rice	Salt	Fish Paste	Yellow Bean	Mosquito Net	Blanket Pcs	plastic Mat	Cooking Oil	Cooking Fuel
Wang Kha	1,316	3,400	563	11,820	-	-	-	7,932	45,810
Mae La	5,050	12,450	2,075	43,560	35	52	24	29,256	155,620
Maw Ker	1,334	3,400	566	11,880	_	-	-	7,980	40,920
Noh Poe	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KRC/MSF	20	50	8	180	-	-	-	120	
Mae la Prosthesis workshop	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dr. Cynthia Clinic	-	-		-	100	100		-	-