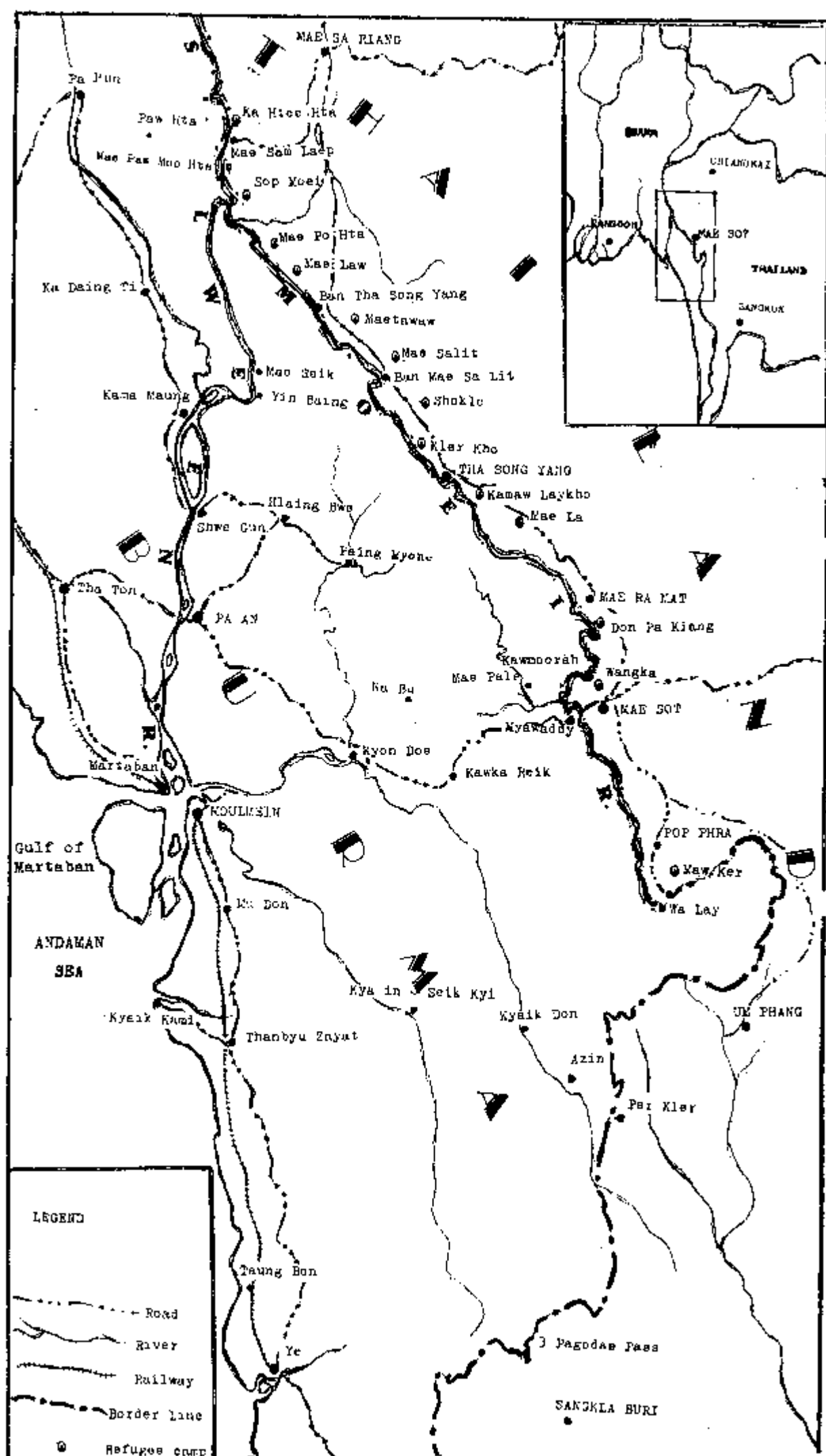




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The situation along the Thai-Burma border continues to be quiet through yet another summer month.

A remarkable increase of the refugee population in the Karen refugee camps during the month, however, is an indication that, quiet though the situation seems to be, life for civilians especially in the rural areas is still perilous and miserable. To make matters worse, civilians living in areas affected by the fighting that broke out last year around harvest time are facing with food shortages. This problem will grow bigger when the rainy season begins.

Schools in the camps are now closed for the summer holidays and will reopen in June, This also is the time when people in the camps are busy with renovation work on their houses and school buildings.

The medical personnels and the camp communities work together for the promotion of better health and sanitation in their respective camps.

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	
WANG KA	713	1061	1401	443	401	262	246	3814
DON PA KIANG	478	892	811	282	268	169	203	2625
MAE LA	1071	1247	1804	654	699	271	314	4989
KAMAW LAS KHO	628	1075	1108	343	308	256	253	3343
KLER KHO	484	940	901	314	290	210	239	2894
SHO KLO	1354	2093	2696	932	863	426	493	7503
MAE SA LIT	585	1032	1178	394	404	143	158	3309
MAE TA WAW	681	1131	1302	607	612	286	301	4239
MAW KER	870	1790	1620	381	306	516	552	5155
KLER THAI LU	101	183	194	40	41	24	41	523
MAE PO HTA	206	380	390	117	111	39	29	1066
MAE PAW MOO HTA	325	610	677	238	224	146	173	2068
KA HTEE HTA	314	454	536	244	247	106	133	1720
SOUTHERN CAMPS	7810	12878	14618	4989	4774	2854	3135	43248
PER KLER	501	754	768	298	269	191	180	2460
PANG SA NOK	566	952	1043	459	409	221	206	3290
NAT IN DAUNG	173	377	415	123	133	93	90	1231
TOTAL:	9050	14961	16844	5869	5585	3359	3611	50229

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH
FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	5026	sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICER FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	350	
-BBC (to southern camps)	1037	"
TOTAL ..	6412	

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

Salt	...	376	bags
"		1700	kgs.
Pish Paste	...	1989	tins
Il	...	87	
Bean	...	120	kgs.

' ITEMS RECEIVED.

CAMP	RICE	F.PASTE	SALT	BEAN
WANG KA	560	202	38	
DON PA KIANG	376	140	27	
MAE LA	712	265	50	
KAMAW LAY KHO	488	182	34	
KLER KHO	400	150	28	
SHO KLO	1062	388	73	
MAE SA LIT	456	170	32	
MAE TA WAW	586	218	42	
MAW KER	736	274	52	
PER KLER)	884	76	1500 kgs.	
PANG SA NOK)				
NAT IN DAUNG	153	11	200 kgs.	120 kgs.
	6413	2076		

The Karen Refugee Committee is sincerely grateful to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in granting refuge to the Karens and other displaced people from Burma who are in trouble and need. This noble gesture of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered by the Karens of Burma.

The committee is also sincerely grateful to the individuals and agencies concerned for everything that they have done to help. Without these help and support, the refugees will not be able to survive.

We would like to mention here again the fact that displaced civilians of Burma are scattered along both sides of the Thai-Burma border. The majority of them are living on their own side of the border in great hardship and poverty. With some security and enough food, they will go on living even if they have to struggle real hard to survive. If however, no more food is available in the area and survival is at stake, they will have to leave their homes and move to the border to the refugee camps in Thailand for food and shelter.

We are greatly encouraged by the realisation that the world is following the Burma situation more closely now. We hope that through the sincere endeavour of every peace loving people around the world, the Burma problem will be resolved,.

Yours faithfully,



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