



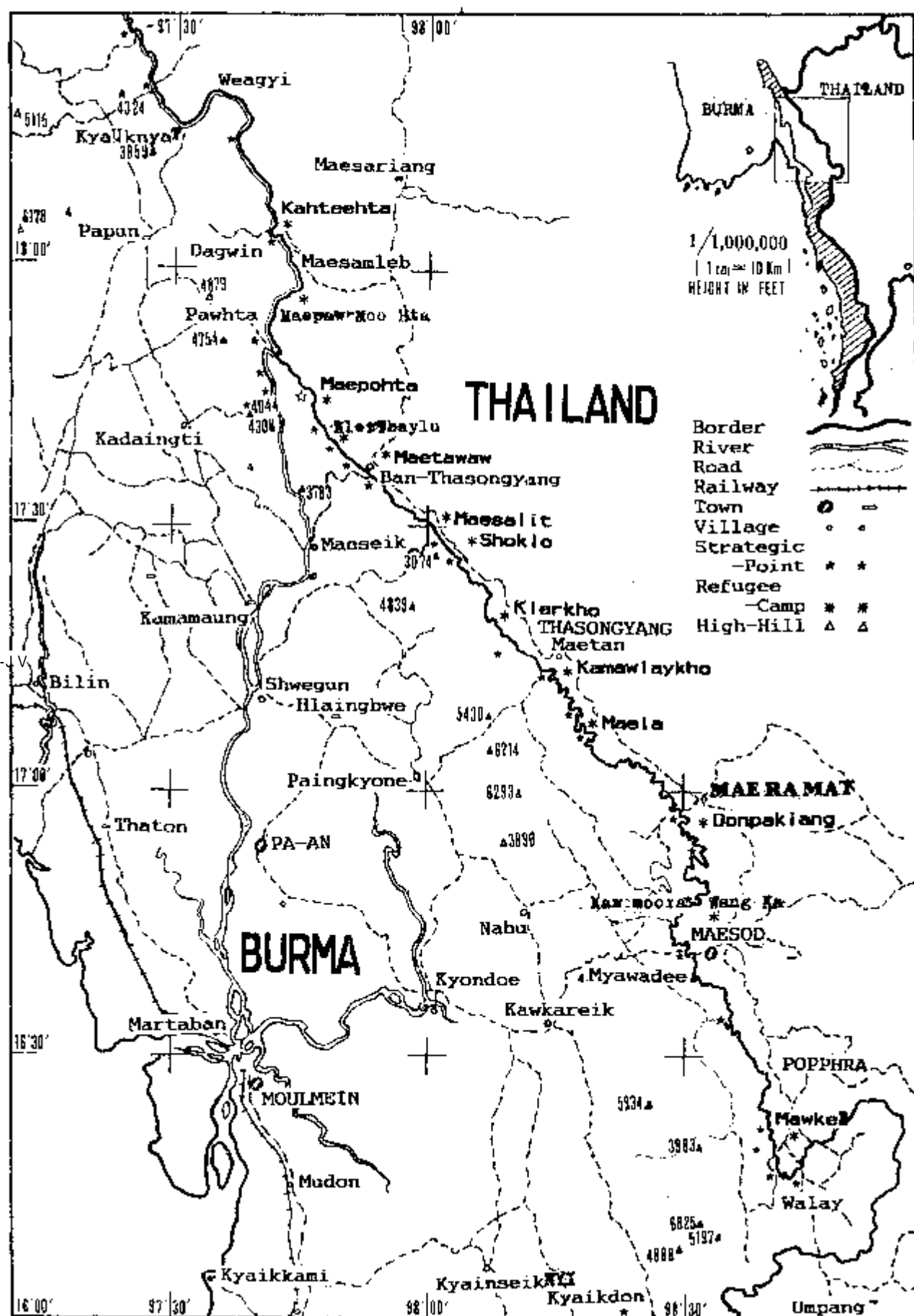
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Rain is here and the situation along the Thai-Burma border remains quiet, but displaced and uprooted civilians from inside Burma keep coming to many of the Karen refugee camps in Thailand. Another 1243 new arrivals had been recorded during the month of June.

Most of these new arrivals, like those who had moved in during the previous months, are from villages in Hlaing Bwe township which is situated east of the Salween river. Conscription of porters and other porter-related obligations imposed on them continues to be the reason behind their exodus. Whereas formerly only men were affected, it is alleged that nowadays people of all ages and both sexes are affected. Porters are so consistently required that the villagers are left with almost no time to work for their own livelihood. Those who come to the camps said that they no longer had the strength nor the will to labour as porters.

To make matters worse, the price of rice is rising steadily and in many places it has reached an exorbitant price of Kyat 1000 for a basketful of rice (approximately 32 kilograms). The villagers find it too difficult now to survive in such hostile circumstance.

In Thaton, Bilin, Kamamaung and Kadaingti areas situated on the western side of the Salween river, killings, atrocities and persecution of Karen civilians had been reported. Civilians from these areas had to travel many days so as to get to the border. They could bring very little along with them in their flight to the border.

Here in the refugee camps, the people are provided with the most basic items of need, and on their part they struggle from day to day according as the situation allows, to acquire those other items of daily necessity that life demands.

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	729	1112	1453	454	411	280	260	3970
DON PA KIANG	483	910	821	286	271	175	212	2675
MAE IA	1071	1311	1838	678	709	271	314	5121
KAMAW LAY KHO	652	1114	1148	367	332	274	269	3504
KLER KHO	514	997	963	329	324	228	266	3107
SHO KLO	1473	2357	3010	1063	993	478	557	8458
MAE SA LIT	606	1069	1218	415	416	159	168	3445
MAE TA WAW	776	1318	1537	715	715	328	346	4959
MAW KER	866	1776	1610	379	308	541	569	5183
KLER THAY LU	163	274	316	83	86	55	50	864
MAE PO HTA	224	396	417	133	131	45	35	1157
MAE PAW MOO HTA	382	762	847	293	265	167	191	2525
KA HTEE HTA	390	557	673	314	329	129	173	2175
	9329	13953	15851	5509	5290	3130	3410	47143
<u>SOUTHERN CAMPS</u>								
PER KLER	566	952	1043	459	409	221	206	3290
PANG SA NOK	501	754	768	298	269	191	180	2460
NAT IN DAUNG	271	375	412	123	133	93	90	1226
TOTAL:	9667	16034	18074	6389	6101	3635	3886	54119

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-		
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	5287	sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEE (COERR)	350	"
-CHIYOKO JOJO	4	"
	5876	sacks
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) (additional supply to the northern camps for the rainy season)	760	sacks
TOTAL	6636	sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

FROMs-		
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)		
Salt	396	bags (22 kg/ bags)
	20	"
Fish Paste	2087	tins
	90	"
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) (Additional supply to the northern camps for the rainy season)		
Salt	112	bags (8 kg/ bag)
Fish Paste	180	tins

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE (100 kg/bag)	SALT (22 kg/bag)	F.PASTE (16 kg/tin)
WANG KA	572	39	207
DON PA KIANG	382	27	142
MAE LA	8»2	58	305
KAMAW LAY KHO	484	34	180
KLER KHO	428	30	160
SHO KLO	1302	94	477
MAE SA LIT	482	34	180
MAS TA WAW	674	48	252
MAW KER	740		274
		416	2177
		(8 kg/bag)	(20 kg/tin)
KLER THAY LU	200	30	60
MAE PO HTA	200	50	70
MAS PAW MOO HTA	110	22	35
KA HTEB HTA	250	10	15
	6636	112	180

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR SOUTHERN CAMPS

(For the rainy season - APRIL '93 - DECEMBER '93)

FROM:-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>RICE</u>	<u>SALT</u>	<u>F.PASTE</u>	<u>M.NET</u>	<u>BLANKET</u>	<u>MATS</u>
	(kg.)		(tin)			
PER KLER) PANG SA NOK)'	1784	11700	624	1600	~	1600
NAT IN DAUNG	153	100	10	120	19	
TOTAL	7337	11800	634	1720	19	1600

The Karen Refugee Committee is sincerely grateful to the authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the kindness and goodwill manifested in granting refuge to the Karens and other displaced people of Burma.

The Karen Refugee Committee is also sincerely grateful to every individual and agency concerned for their commitment to make life easier for the refugees who are in trouble and need.

These noble deeds will always be remembered by the Karen refugees as well as by every Karen in Burma.

Life continues to be difficult and perilous for Karens and other nationals in many parts of Burma. The exodus of civilians by the thousand each month especially during these last three months is a grim reminder that the situation has not improved. On the contrary, it could even be getting worse.

We are earnestly counting on the continued help and support of sympathisers and peace loving people around the world. At the same time, we wish and pray that through the concerted effort of every peace loving people around the world, the Burma conflict will be resolved and peace will come back to the land.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee