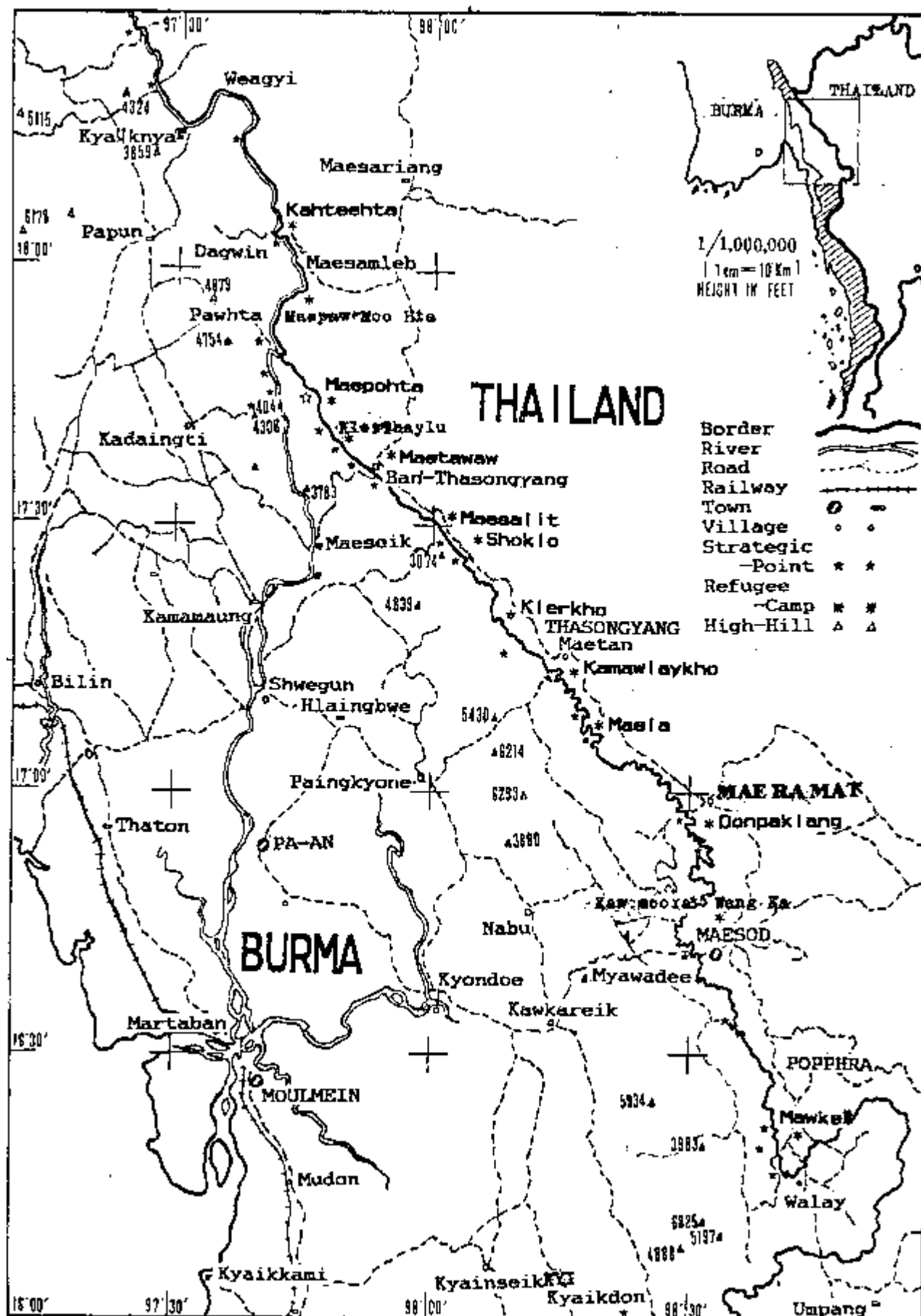




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We have come safely through another month and for this, we are sincerely grateful to all parties concerned for their help and support.

The rainy season will continue for one more month before the weather turns dry again. With regard to the situation in general, very little has changed, civilians from inside Burma were still arriving at the refugees camps during the month of August. The number however has not been high. This moat probably is because of the rain.

One of the many problems, and a major one indeed, currently facing the civilian population in many places across the hilly regions of south eastern Burma **is** the shortage of food. Many are finding it more and more difficult **to** survive. Harvest time is still many months away.

There had recently been some SLORC military movements on the border and further inside, but **so** far, it cannot be taken as signs of an impending military offensive.

In the refugee camps life goes on quietly. The refugees survive on aid provided **for** them and on their part, they try to **do** what they can **to** acquire those other items of need that **are** not provided. We **are** counting on the continued support of all parties concerned.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No. of families	Over 12 Yrs.		5 - 12 Yrs.		Yrs. Under 5 Yrs.		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	733	1133	1475	458	417	291	264	4038
DON PA KIANG	483	910	821	286	271	175	212	2675
MAE LA	1071	1317	1864	847	794	261	256	5339
KAMAW LAY KHO	659	1126	1155	372	338	278	274	3543
KLER KHO	521	1010	977	333	327	228	269	3144
SHO KLO	1528	2462	3143	1129	1052	498	581	8865
MAE SA LIT	612	1079	1232	417	423	163	171	3485
MAE TA WAW	792	1364	1583	732	726	342	351	5098
MAW KER	856	1764	1598	376	308	550	580	5176
KLER THAY LU	163	274	316	83	86	55	50	864
MAE PO HTA	224	396	419	133	131	94	35	1158
MAE PAW MOO HTA	383	763	849	295	266	168	192	2533
KA HTEE HTA	390	557	672	314	329	131	176	2179
	8415	14155	16104	5775	5468	3184	3411	48097
SOUTHERN CAMPS								
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	393	119	127	89	86	1189
TOTAL:-	9753	16236	18308	6651	6273	3685	3883	55036

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) 5831 sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF
AND REFUGEES (COERR) 350 "
6181 sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)
Salt 14520 1 kg. bags
Fish Paste 2177 tins (16 kg.)

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>RICE(sacks)</u>	<u>SALT(kgs)</u>	<u>F. PASTE(tins)</u>
WANG KA	605	1470	214
DON PA KIANG	400	970	142
MAE LA	768	2150	272
KAMAW LAY KHO	526	1310	186
KLER KHO	472	1050	167
SHO KLO	1329	3020	463
MAE SA LIT	522	1230	187
MAE TA WAW	779	1590	270
MAW KER	780	1730	276
	6181	14520	2177

The Karen Refugee Committee takes this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude 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 in need. This manifestation of kindness and goodwill is sincerely appreciated.

The committee is also sincerely grateful to the individuals and organisations concerned, for their help and support through the years. Without their help and support the refugees will not survive.

The refugees dream of peace and the chance to go home. But the future for them is still bleak and uncertain. It is our fervent wish that, through the sincere and concerted effort of all peace loving people around the world, the Burma problem will be resolved.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee