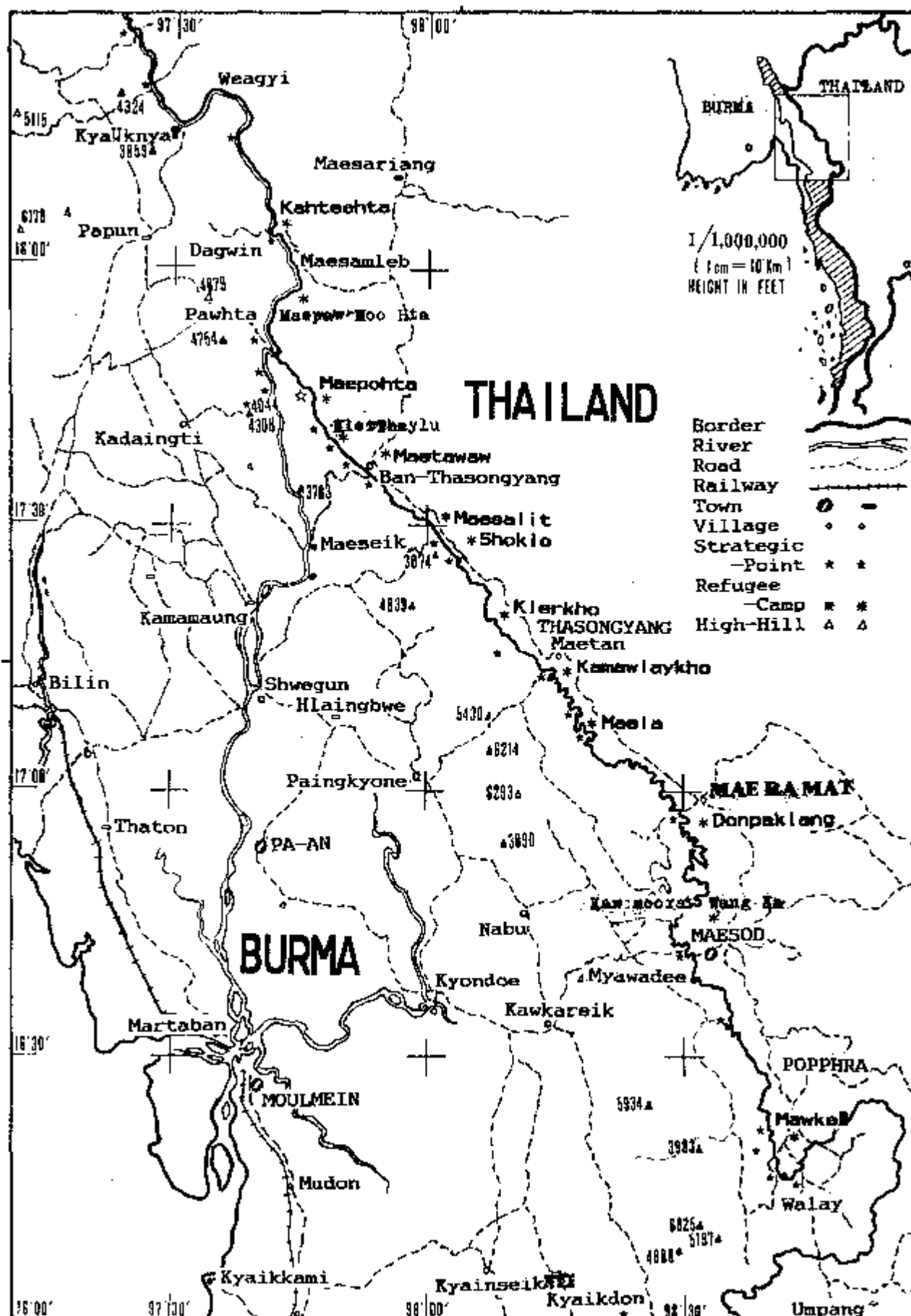




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The month of October has ended and November is heie. The weather gets cooler as winter sets in, interrupted occassionally by brief spells of rain. The general situation along the border continues to be calm, but among the refugee population, there is a mixed feeling of hope and anxiety as they ponder on what this dry season can bring for them.

Life in the camps goes on quietly. The refugees are provided with their most basic items of need and on their part, they struggle from day to day to acquire those other items of daily necessity that are not provided. In this way they manage to make ends meet.

Inside Burma, life for civilians continues to be very difficult and in some places, even perilous at times. Rising cost of living is seriously hurting the general population in rural as well as urban areas across the country. Shortage of rice has become a big problem for Karen civilians in the Toungoo, Papun hills and for those in the rural areas of Pa-an and Thaton districts. Harvest time is still a month or so away when it is hoped that they will be able to gather their harvest in peace.

Apart from the many dangers and hardships that civilians in Burma are confronted with, diarrhea and dysentery has now become another threat to the life and safety of Karen civilians in Bilin and Pa-an townships in the Thaton area. Cases of acute diarrhea and dysentery in the area were first reported in late September. The disease is still rampant and bad reportedly claimed the lives of at least a hundred people in the affected area. This disease is said to have also occurred, though not so serious at the moment, in some other areas as well

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No, of families	<u>Over 12 Yrs.</u>		<u>5 - 12 Yrs.</u>		<u>Under 5 Yrs.</u>		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	735	1139	1486	460	418	294	266	4063
DON PA KIANG	484	912	823	288	273	175	212	2683
MAE LA	1071	1317	1864	847	794	261	256	5339
KAMAW LAY KHO	662	1127	1158	373	339	292	284	3573
KLER KHO	531	1031	996	340	330	231	275	3203
SHO KLO	1528	2459	3142	1128	1052	510	594	8885
MAE SA LIT	617	1080	1245	425	428	168	175	3521
MAE TA WAW	831	1463	1682	754	757	371	376	5403
MAW KER	844	1726	1575	373	309	563	589	5135
KLER THAY LU	163	274	316	83	86	55	50	864
MAE PO HTA	224	393	419	133	131	44	36	1156
MAE PAW MOO HTA	383	763	849	295	266	173	198	2544
KA HTEE HTA	403	574	693	323	344	142	192	2268
	8476	14258	16248	5822	5527	3279	3503	48637
<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	393	119	127	89	86	1189
TOTAL:-	9814	16339	18452	6698	6332	3780	3975	55576

RICE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH
FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	6178	sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	350	sacks
	6528	sacks
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)		
to Northern camps for (3) months (November '93 to January '94)	1215	sacks
To Kler Thay Lu and Mae Po Hta (November '93)	305	sacks
	1520	sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH
FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)		
Salt	4980	kgs.
Fish Paste	2266	tins
Blanket	390	boxes
		(1 box » 40 blankets)
		(2 blankets per family)
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)		
to Northern camps for 3 months (Nov. '93 to Jan. *94)		
Salt	5180	kgs.
Fish Paste	627	tins
Blankets	1640	nos.
to Kler Thay Lu and Mae Po Hta (November '93)		
Salt	720	kgs.
Pish Paste	90	tins

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	P.PASTE	BLANKETS
—	(100 kg./sack)	(kg.)	(16 kg.tin)	(boxes)
WANG KA	621	1470	214	37
DON PA KIANG	402	970	142	25
MAE LA	833	2150	283	54
	90	210	35	
KAMAW LAY KHO	536	1330	189	34
KLER KHO	478	1060	169	27
SHO KLO	1382	3070	472	77
	60	140	22	
MAE SA LIT	528	1230	186	31
MAS TA WAW	828	1650	282	42
MAW KER	770	1700	272	43
KLER THAY LU	130	310	40	9
MAE PO HTA	175	410	50	11
	(For 3 months November '93 to January '94)			
MAE PAW MOO HTA	1170	2730	331	20
KA HTEE HTA	1045	2450	296	21

The refugees dream of peace. They dream of the day when they will, be able to go back to a home that is free from fear, a home that is free from oppression and persecution. But the future for them is still bleak and uncertain. We are counting on the continued support of all our friends, sympathisers and well wishers. It is our fervent wish and prayer that, through the concerted effort of all peace loving people around the world, the Burma problem will be rightfully resolved.



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