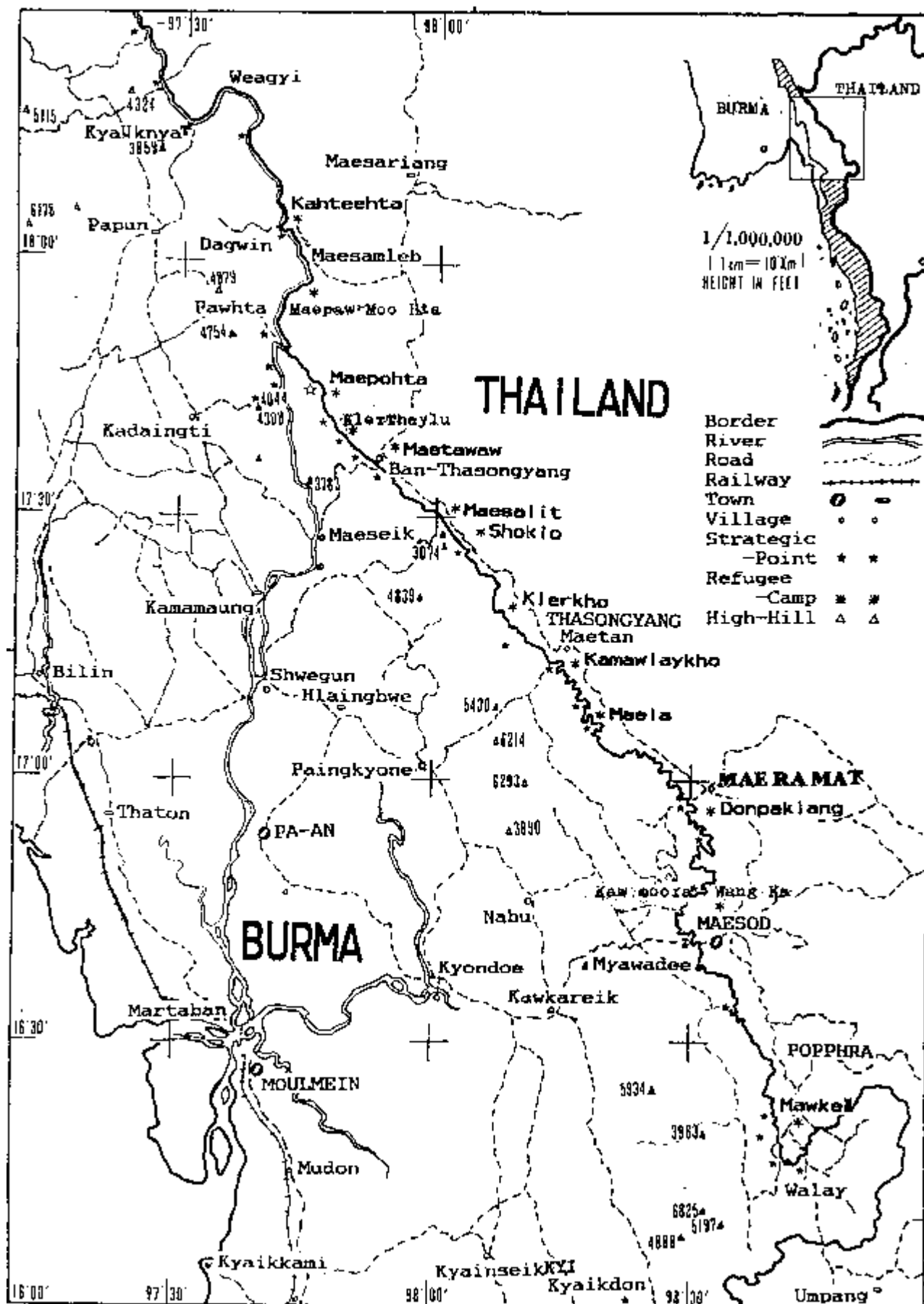




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WINTER IS HERE AND WITH IT RICE HARVEST TIME. THE SITUATION REMAINS RELATIVELY CALM AND IT IS HOPED THAT VILLAGERS IN THOSE RURAL AREAS OF BURMA WHERE RICE SHORTAGE HAS BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME NOW WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER THEIR HARVEST IN PEACE. HOWEVER CROP FAILURE IS RECENTLY REPORTED IN SOME AREAS BECAUSE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH RAIN. CIVILIANS IN THESE AFFECTED AREAS WILL CONTINUE TO FACE WITH SHORTAGE OF RICE.

ACUTE DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY IN THE RURAL AREAS OF PA-AN AND BILIN TOWNSHIPS HAS REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 300 VILLAGERS IN THE AREA. AN UPDATE REPORT ON THE SITUATION IS HOWEVER, NOT YET AVAILABLE.

IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS LIFE GOES ON QUIETLY. THERE IS A MIXED FEELING OF HOPE AND ANXIETY AMONG THE REFUGEE POPULATION AS THEY PONDER OVER WHAT THE DRY SEASON CAN BRING FOR THEM.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	NO. OF FAMILIES	OVER 12 YRS. M	5 - 12 YRS. F	5 - 12 YRS. M	12 YRS. F	UNDER 5 YRS. M	5 YRS. F	TOTAL
WANG KA	738	1147	1493	460	418	296	267	4081
DON PA KIANG	484	912	823	288	273	176	217	2689
MAE LA	1071	1317	1864	847	794	261	256	5339
KAMAW LAY KHO	670	1141	1170	376	345	297	290	3619
KLER KHO	523	1021	986	337	328	227	270	31&9
3H0 KLO	1576	2537	3242	1175	1090	532	619	9195
MAE SA LIT	619	1078	1248	429	434	171	179	3539
MAE TA WAW	852	1512	1726	777	777	381	384	5557
MAW KER	839	1716	1564	373	306	574	592	5125
KLER THAY LU	135	263	295	86	75	38	43	800
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	147	195	2276
	8517	14374	16372	5899	5581	3317	3546	49089.
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:	9855	16455	18576	6775	6386	3818	4018	56028

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-			
BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)	5959	SACKS	
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	350	"	
-BURMESE BOEDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) TO KLER THAY LU & MAE PO HTA FOR DECEMBER 1993 AND JANUARY 1994	610	"	
	6919	SACKS	

OTHBR ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THB MONTH

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

Salt ... 14640 kgs.
Fish Paste ... 2213 tins

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

To Kler Thay Lu 4; Mae Po Hta
for December 1993 and January 1994

Salt 1475 kgs.
Fish Paste 180 tins

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F. PASTE
	(100 kg/sack)	(kgs.)	(16 kg/tins)
WANG KA	624	1470	215
DON PA KIANG	402	970	142
MAE LA	801	2150	283
KAMAW LAY KHO	536	1330	189
KLER KHO	480	1070	170
SHO KLO	1358	3070	473
MAE SA LIT	528	1240	187
MAE TA WAW	800	1650	282
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MAW KER	770	1690	272
KLER THAY LU	260	630	80*
MAE PO HTA	350	845	100*
TOTAL:-	6919	16115	2393

* (For 2 months: Dec. '93 and Jan. *94)

The Karen Refugee Committee expresses 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 of Burma. This manifestation of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered by the Karens of Burma.

The Karen Refugee Committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to every individual and agency concerned for the care and concern that all have shown through the years in the desperate plight of the displaced and affected Karens from Burma who are now taking refuge in the various camps in Thailand. Unless- for the help and support provided, they will not survive.

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. The future for them is dreary 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.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee