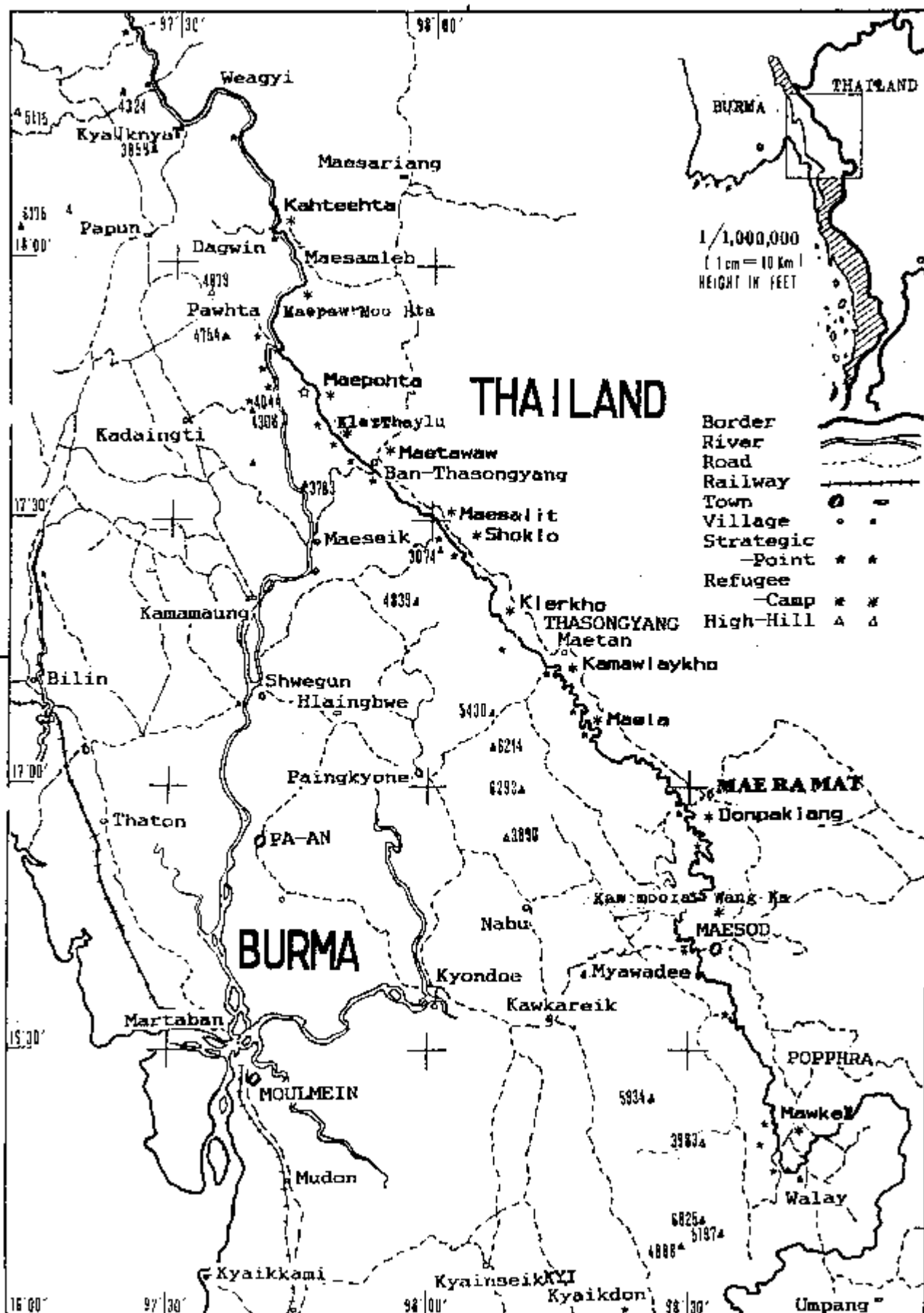




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The population figure of displaced Karens living in the various Karen refugee camps in Thailand remains more or less stable for the month of January.

Though the situation here along the border continues to be quiet, it had not been so in many places inside Burma. During the first half of January 1994, the Burma Army launched another military operation in the Tantabin hills of Toungoo district. Several villages were affected and it resulted in a relatively heavy loss in livestock, property and food supply of the local villagers, hill Karens who are among the poorest of the poor.

Occasional skirmishes are reported in other parts of the country as well during the month of January.

Apart from the difficult situation caused by the fighting in Burma, life for villagers in many rural areas is now made more difficult by crop failure that resulted from inadequate rainfall. Shortage of rice will continue to be a grave problem for a large number of them.

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	744	1163	1512	463	425	308	278	4149
DON PA KLANG	494	927	841	296	285	186	230	2765
MAE LA	1092	1341	1900	859	804	268	267	5439
KAMAW LAY KHO	670	1141	1170	376	345	297	290	3619
KLER KHO	535	1043	1006	346	338	240	285	3258
SHO KLO	1506	2481	3124	1121	1029	528	626	8909
MAS SA LIT	631	1104	1285	437	441	175	185	3627
MAE TA WAW	883	1579	1807	803	795	410	405	5799
MAW KBR	837	1712	1565	370	304	581	599	5131
KLER THAY LU	126	199	237	80	64	27	27	634
MAE FO HTA	187	157	311	102	112	25	26	733
MAS PAW MOO HTA	377	754	840	291	263	176	202	2526
KA HTEE HTA	403	570	693	323	344	148	198	2276
	8485	14171	16291	5867	5549	3369	3618	48865
<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
TOTALS	9823	16252	18495	6743	6354	3870	4090	55804

RICE RECEIYBD FOR THE MONTHFROM:

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) ... 6013 sacks

-CATHOLIC OFFICS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF
AND REFUGEES (COBRR) ... 350 sacks

6538 sacks

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)
(Northern camps for 3 months
February 1994- April 1994) ... 2820 sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

Salt	14660	kgso
Fish Paste	2236	tins

BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)

(Northern camps for 3 months
February 1994-April 1994)

Salt	7010	1
Fish Paste	855	

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE (sacks)	SALT (legs,)	FISH PASTE (tin
WANG KA	632	1480	218
DON PA KIANG	406	970	143
MAE LA	801	2150	283
KAMAW LAY KHO	543	1340	192
KLER KHO	485	1070	171
SHO KLO	1360	3020	474
	80	180	30
MAE SA LIT	532	1240	188
MAE TA WAW	834	1710	295
MAW KER	770	1680	272
	95	220	35

6538 sacks 15060 kgs. 2301 tins

Northern camps for 3 months (Feb. - Apr. 1994)

KLER THAY LU	305	790	105
MAE PO HTA	350	1170	130
MAE PAW MOO HTA	1140	2660	325
KA HTEE HTA	1025	2390	295
	2820	7010	855

The Karen Refugee Committee expresses its sincere gratitude to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the kindness they have accorded 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 Karen refugees and by the Karens of Burma.

The committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to all the individuals and agencies who through the years have done what they can to meet the most basic needs of the Karen refugees. Without the help and support received, these people in the camps will not be able to survive.

The refugees dream of peace and the chance to go home. They want to go back to a home that is free from fear. Many of them have been living in these camps in Thailand for ten years already. It is our ardent wish that through the concerted effort of all peace loving people around the world, a practical solution to the already ten years old Karen refugee problem could be found.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee