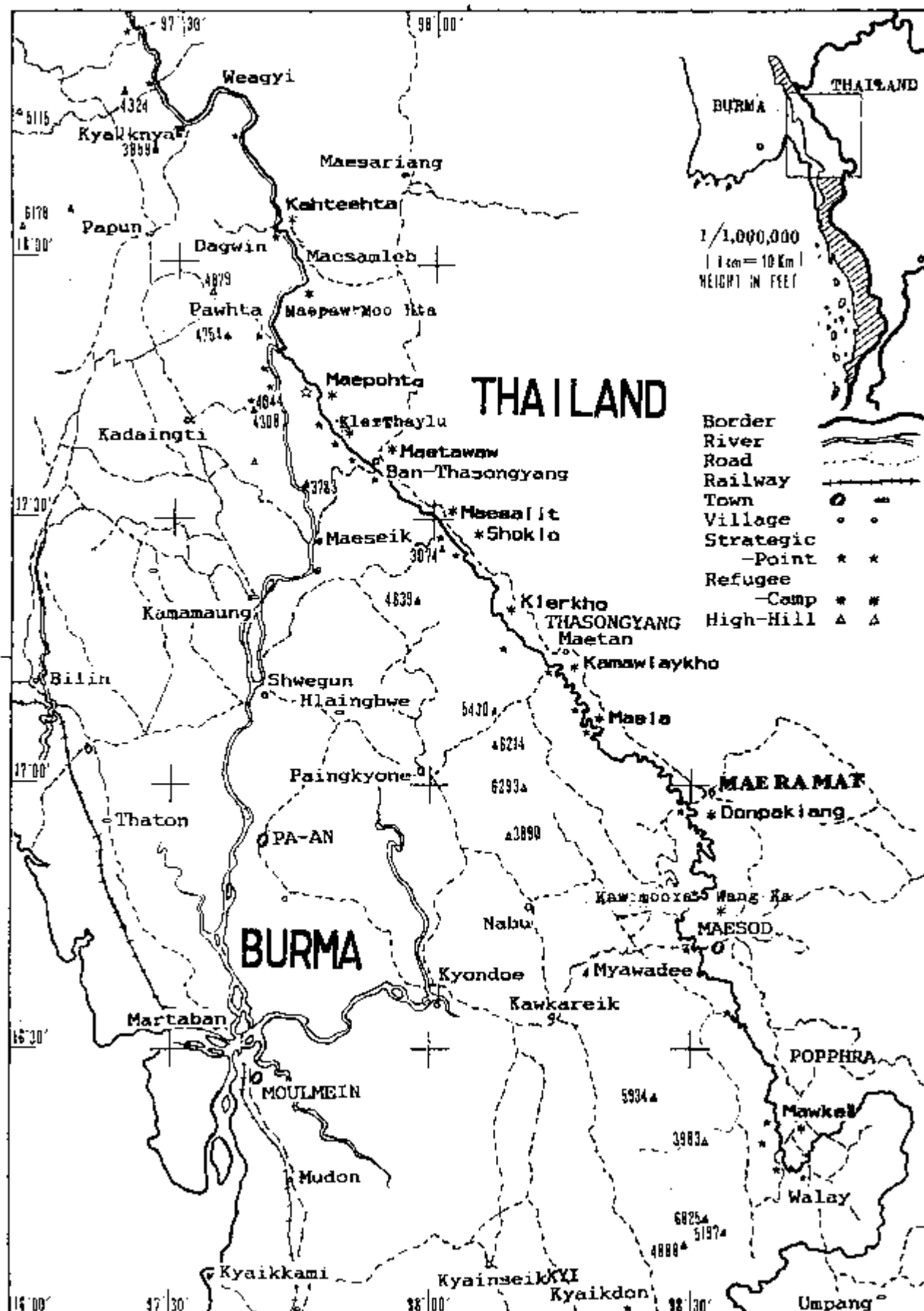


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Time goes by and we have come safely to the end of yet another month. Throughout the month, the situation along the Thai-Burma border continued to be quiet. However, movement of troops and occasional arm clashes still occurred inside Burma, especially in the Toungoo, Nyaunglebin and Thaton areas. Very little has changed for Karen civilians in these rural areas of south eastern Burma, They live in fear, in utter hardship and poverty.

This resulted in the arrival of more affected and needy villagers into the Karen refugee camps along the Moei river during the month. But at the same time, it is noted that the number of displaced Karens in the Karen refugee camps further down south had decreased , It therefore leaves the overall Karen refugee population figure at more or less, the same.

As the hot season approaches and the weather gets warmer, scarcity of water is greatly felt already in some of the camps. Water will be a big problem for the inhabitants of these camps during the summer months.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No. of families	TOTAL							
		Over 12 Yrs.	5 - 12 Yrs.	Under 5 Yrs.					
		M	F	M	F	M	F		
WANG KA	752	1181	1530	469	429	316	281	4206	
DON PA KIANG	494	927	840	295	285	191	281	2770	
MAE LA	1128	1379	1961	887	834	293	284	5638	
KAMAW LAY KHO	684	1164	1194	394	361	302	299	3714	
KLER KHO	552	1079	1040	351	352	244	290	3356	
SHO KLO	1547	2550	3197	1149	1065	544	644	9149	
MAE SA LIT	631	1104	1285	437	441	175	185	3627	
MAE TA WAW	901	1615	1856	818	808	425	420	5942	
MAW KBR	832	1705	1556	368	305	584	600	5118	
KLER THAY LU	126	199	237	80	64	27	27	634	
MAE PO HTA	187	157	311	102	112	25	26	733	
MAS PAW MOO HTA	395	801	877	304	278	185	207	2652	
KA HTEE HTA	403	570	692	323	344	151	198	2278	
SOUTHERN CAMPS		8632	14431	16576	5977	5678	3462	3693	49817
PER KLER	587	1120	1081	452	363	169	189	3374	
PANG SA NOK	401	687	618	233	258	149	154	2099	
NAT IN DAUNG	52	11*		22	16	27	24	242	
TOTAL:	9672	16312	18354	6684	6315	3807	4060	55532	

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC) ... 6097 sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF
AND REFUGEES (COERR) ... 350 sacks
6447 sacks

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:-

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)
Fish Paste ... 2265 tins
Salt ... 14810 kgs.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

<u>CAMP:</u>	<u>RICE</u>	<u>SALT</u>	<u>FISH PASTE</u>
WANG KA	637	1490	220
DON PA KIANG	416	990	147
MAE LA	816	2190	288
KAMAW LAY KHO	543	1340	192
KLER KHO	490	1070	173
SHO KLO	1361	3020	474
MAE SA LIT	544	1260	192
MAE TA WAW	870	1770	307
MAW KBR	770	1680	272
TOTAL:	6447	14810	2265

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

The committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to the individuals and agencies who through the years have done what they can to meet the basic needs of the Karen refugees. These help and support has enabled the refugees to survive when at the same time they also struggle hard on their part to get by from day to day.

The refugees dream of peace and the chance to go back home. They left their homes and their country because of war, because of terrible experiences and because of well - founded fears. Many of them have been living in the camps in Thailand for ten years now. They want to go back to a home and a country that is free from fear and persecution. It is our ardent wish that, through the concerted efforts of all peace loving people at home and abroad, a practical solution to the Karen refugee problem and to the Burma problem could be found.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee