

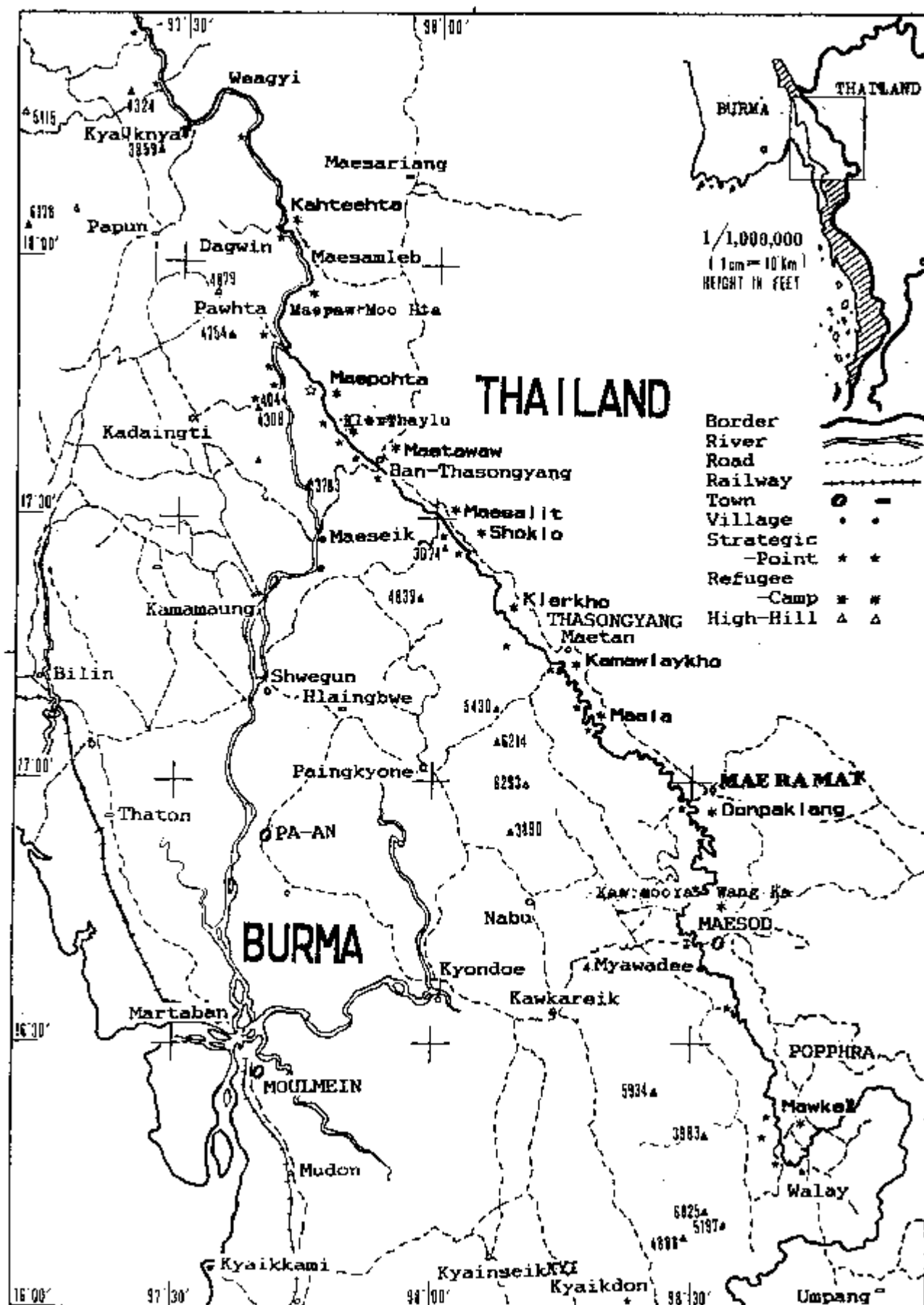


KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

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Throughout these summer months, the situation along the border remains quiet as it relatively has been far the past two years or so. It however cannot be readily inferred that the situation in general is improving at last. In fact, Karen civilians in the hilly regions and rural areas of south eastern Burma continue to live and struggle for survival in very difficult and perilous circumstances. Apart from constant threat of war and its terrible consequences, nature also has not been so kind to them and this is making their already difficult plight worse.

Around the end of March, order was given out to villagers of at least 20 villages situated on both sides of the Hlaing Bwe - Paing Kyone road to move to roadside and relocate there. Some of these villages are not so far from the road but some are more than ten miles away, laced by this order and the many problems that came along with it, many villagers from villages situated far from the road had fled to the border.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP:	No. of families	Over-12 Yrs. 5 - 12 Yrs. Under-5 Yrs,						TOTAL	
		M	p	M	P	M	P		
NAB SOT AREA	WANG KA	755	1189	1536	471	431	322	204	4233
	DON PA KIANG	503	946	859	306	291	190	234	2826
	MAE LA	1184	1477	2090	958	902	298	291	6016
	KAMAW LAY KHO	696	1178	1216	407	374	307	306	3788
	KLSR KHO	586	1121	1103	366	377	276	305	3548
	SHO KLO	1546	2545	3194	1149	1065	545	648	9146
	MAS 3A LIT	631	1004	1284	437	436	176	186	3523
	MAS TA WAW	960	1728	1975	868	857	462	451	6341
	MAW KER	830	1700	1550	368	305	608	601	5132
		7691	12888	14807	5330	5038	3184	3306	44553
NORTH	KLSR THAY LU	196	309	355	129	102	57	52	1004
	MAS PO HTA	200	138	215	324	68	49	42	836
	MAS PAW MOO HTA	382	776	861	295	265	190	207	2594
	KA HTEE HTA	416	582	721	337	359	156	204	2359
		1194	1805	2152	1085	794	452	505	6793
SOUTH	PER KLER	588	1316	1097	455	365	172	193	3598
	PANG SA NOK	410	690	618	263	263	149	159	2142
	NAT IN DAUNG								300
									6040
									57386

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THB MONTH

FROM	RICE	SALT	FISH PASTE	NETS
	100 kg. sacks	1 kg. bags	16 kg. tins	
B.B.C.	6338	15200	2353	-
B.B.C.	6180	14450	1855	1770
COERR	350	-	-	-
	12868	29650	4208	1770

B.B.C: - BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM

COERR:- CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP:	RICE	SALT	FISH PASTE	NETS
WANG KA	652	1510	226	-
DON PA KIANG	420	990	148	-
MAE LA	854	2260	302	-
KAMAW LAY KHO	574	1390	203	-
KLER KHO	520	1130	184	-
SHO KLO	1408	3110	492	-
MAE SA LIT	550	1270	194	-
MAE TA WAW	934	1870	330	-
MAW KER	776	1670	274	-
	6688	15200	2353	-
KLBR THAY LU*	580*	1520*	205*	160
	30*	70*	10*	-
MAE PO HTA*	670*	2250*	240*	190
	65*	. 150*	25*	60
MAE PAW MOO HTA*	2350*	4600*	670*	660
KA HTEE HTA*	2485*	5860*	705*	700
	6180	14450	1855	1770

* For MAY to OCTOBER 1994.

The Karen Refugee Committee again 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. The committee is fully aware of the fact that this kindness and understanding is most vital for the survival and well being of the displaced refugees during their stay in Thailand. This noble gesture of kindness and goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered by the Karen refugees and the Karens of Burma.

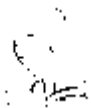
The committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to the individuals and agencies who through the years have done so much to provide the displaced people in the various Karen refugee camps with the most basic items of need.

The refugees left their homes and their country because of war, because of terrible experiences and because of well-founded fears. Hundreds of thousands of their compatriots remaining on the other side of the border are struggling hard in very difficult and hostile circumstances for survival. They all dream of peace and a life that is free from fear and oppression. The efforts for peace in Burma has offered a glimmer of hope for them but the future is still bleak and unpredictable.

It is their ardent wish that, through the concerted effort 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.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee