KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER , 1994.

THAILAND
BURMA
1/1,000,000
(1cm=10Km)
HEIGHT IN FEET
Border
River
Road
Railway
Town
Village
Strategic
-Point
Refugee
-Camp
High-Hill
Weagyi
Kyaukkyi
Maesariang
Kahteehta
Papun
Dagwin
Maesamleb
Pawhta
Maepaw
Moo Bta
Maepohta
KlerThaylu
Maetawaw
Ban-Thasongyang
Kadaingti
Maesalit
Shoklo
Maeseik
Klerkho
THASONGYANG
Maetan
Kamawlaykho
Kamamaung
Bilin
Shwegun
Hlaingbwe
Maela
Paingkyone
MAE RA MAT
Donpakiang
Thaton
PA-AN
Kawmoora
Wang Ka
Nabu
MAESOD
BURMA
Kyondoe
Myawadee
Kawkareik
Martaban
POPPHRA
MOULMEIN
Mawkel
Mudon
Walay
Kyaikkami
Kyainseikkyi
Kyaikdon
Umpang

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The month of December has unexpectedly brought with it some basic changes in the general situation which for the last two years had relatively been quiet here along the border. During the month, fighting broke out in at least three different points along the border. More movement of SLORC troops points to the fact that a new large scale offensive could begin.

Displacement of civilians caused by the recent fighting had not been so significant. It is however believed that, should fighting break out again, a large number of civilians will be affected.

According to reports received, forced relocation is still a problem faced by Karen villagers in certain area not too distant from the border.

Life in the refugee camps goes on quietly. The refugees rely mainly on the basic items of need they are provided with while on their part, they also struggle hard from day to day according as the situation permits, to acquire those other items of daily necessity that life demands.

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	
MAESOT	Wang Ka	803	1223	1574	481	442	353	320	4389
	Don Pa Kiang	525	940	857	306	293	236	275	2907
	Mae La	1147	1581	2366	1041	954	245	287	6274
									12
	Kamaw Lay Kho	696	1177	1216	407	374	319	320	3813
	Kler Kho	584	1122	1097	368	377	287	314	3565
AREA	Sho Klo	1134	2058	2535	1328	1280	586	497	*8284
	Mae Sa Lit	621	1033	1349	471	454	118	110	3535
	Mae Ta Waw	963	1718	1976	871	857	260	497	6429
	Maw Ker	873	1747	1684	482	421	508	464	5306
	Klay Mo Hta	563	953	1060	413	381	216	210	3224
		8109	13552	15510	6168	5833	3128	3285	47736
NORTH	Kler Thay Lu	164	246	286	99	84	49	38	802
	Mae Po Hta	212	152	242	319	81	53	45	891
	Mae Paw Moo Hta	361	789	860	261	238	188	207	2624
	"								81
	Ka Htee Hta	493	686	851	396	421	221	263	2836
									63
	Wei Gyi	136	199	151	165	133	89	162	839
		1366	2327	2390	1240	957	600	715	8118
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
	Grand Total								61894

* **Remarks**

General population in Sho Klo camp = 8284
Hospital patients and attendants = 215
Total population in Sho Klo camp = 8499

RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM	RICE 100kg.Sacks	SALT 1 Kg.Bags.	FISH PASTE 16Kg. Tins
B.B.C	6892	16320	2580
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	7242	16320	2580

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	F.PASTE
Wang Ka	675	1610	234
Don Pa Kiang	438	1010	152
Mae La	946	2400	362
Kamaw Lay Kho	578	1400	200
Kler Kho	536	1160	186
Sho Klo	1273	2670	452
Mae Sa Lit	535	1270	202
Mae Ta Waw	973	1930	342
Maw Ker	800	1740	273
Klay Mo Hta	488	1130	177
Total	7242	16320	2580

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 from Burma who are in trouble and need. The committee is fully aware of the fact that this kindness and understanding is utterly vital for the survival of these displaced people during their time of refuge in Thailand. This noble gesture of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will forever be remembered by the Karens of Burma.

The committee also takes this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to the individuals and agencies who through the years have done what they can to make life easier for these displaced people in the various Karen refugee camps in Thailand.

Another year has passed, but the situation remains as bleak as ever for these people in the camps. Sound of fighting is heard again in some places along the border. This will only make the situation worse.

The people of Burma have been suffering for so long now. They are longing for peace. They are desperately catling out for help. We still hope and pray that, through the concerted efforts of every peace loving people at home and around the world, a practical solution to the Burma problem could be found. We hope and pray that the new year will be a year of joy and peace for all mankind.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee.