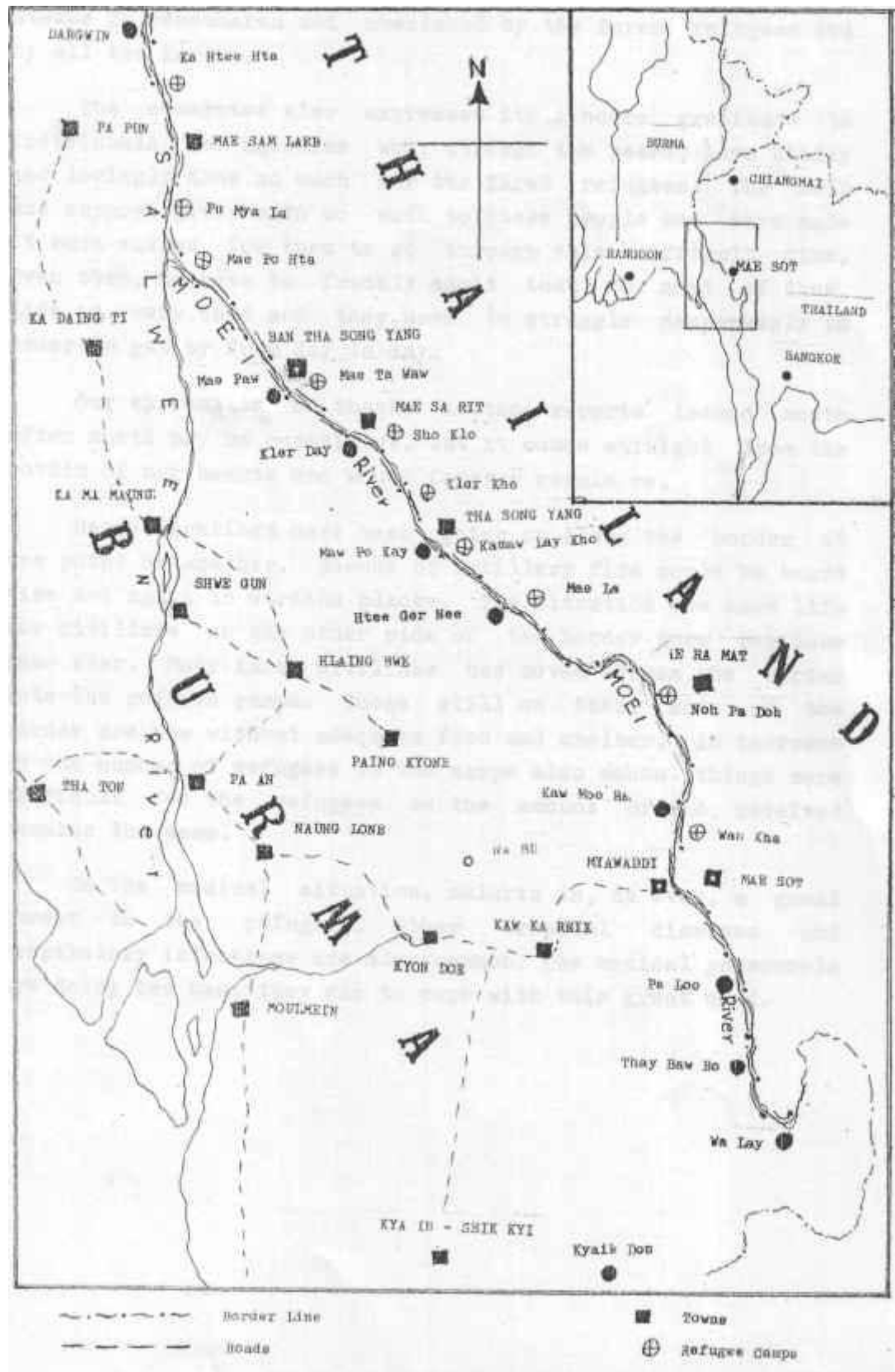




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The committee humbly expresses its sincere gratitude to the authorities concerned and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in allowing the uprooted and displaced Karen refugees to sojourn here in the various refugee camps along the border of Thailand during their time of trouble and need. This benevolent gesture of goodwill will always be remembered and cherished by the Karen refugees and by all the Karens.

The committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to individuals and agencies who, through the years, have kindly and lovingly done so much for the Karen refugees. The help and support given mean so much to these people and have made it much easier for them to go through this difficult time. Even then, we have to frankly admit that, for most of them, life is very hard and they have to struggle desperately in order to get by from day to day.

Our expression of thanks in the reports issued month after month may be repetitive, but it comes straight from the bottom of our hearts and would forever remain so.

Heavy fightings have been going on along the border at one point or another. Sounds of artillery fire could be heard time and again in various places. The situation has made life for civilians on the other side of the border more perilous than ever. Many Karen civilians had moved across the border into the refugee camps. Those still on their side of the border are now without adequate food and shelter. An increase in the number of refugees in the camps also makes things more difficult for the refugees as the amount of aid received remains the same.

On the medical situation, malaria is, as ever, a great threat to the refugees. Other tropical diseases and respiratory infections are also common. The medical personnels are doing the best they can to cope with this great need.

NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS

CAMP	No. of Families	Over 12		5 To 12		Under 5		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	538	565	942	309	335	182	162	2495
NOH PA DOH	250	406	422	150	148	98	83	1307
MAE LA	731	592	1032	381	332	233	218	2788
KAMAW LAY KHO	473	612	840	233	223	158	178	2244
KLER KHO	299	502	539	228	248	81	53	1651
SHO KLO	1206	1885	2405	683	645	370	405	6393
MAE TA WAW	445	595	863	388	409	150	155	2560
	3942	5157	7043	2372	2340	1272	1254	19438
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	37	45	16	23	326
KA HTEE HTA	81	128	135	39	51	26	14	393
	4084	5308	7288	2448	2436	1314	1291	<u>20157</u>

RICE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

From:- CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES	...	2180	sacks
- C O E R R		225	"
- I C A		220	"
- FULL GOSPEL CHURCH		100	"
TOTAL	...	2725	sacks

NEED OF RICE AND RICE SUPPLIED

The amount of rice needed per person per month is calculated on the basis of 6 adult units for every 100 kg3/sack of rice. Those 5 years and over get 1 adult unit each whereas, children under 5 years get one half of the adult unit each.

1 adult unit is equivalent to approximately (100kgsdividedby6)=16.6kgs.

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>RICE NEEDED</u> (100 kg/sack)	<u>RICE SUPPLIED</u> (100 kg/sack)
WANG KA	387	290
NOH PA DOH	203	174
MAE LA	427	390
KAMAW LAY KHO	346	288
KLER KHO	264	218
SHO KLO	1001	895
MAE TA WAW	401	<u>360</u>
	3029	2615
MAE PO HTA	79	55
KA HTEE HTA	79	55
	<u>3187</u>	<u>2725</u>

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES - Salt	.	145 bags
Fish Paste	.	900 tins
Blankets	.	40 pcs.
(From ZOA)		
School sets	.	10106 sets
I C A		
Fish Paste	.	135 tins

Distribution of other items received

Camp	Salt (bags)	F. Paste (tins)	School Supplies (sets)
WANG KA	18	130	777
NOH PA DOH	12	65	-
MAE LA	17	134	-
KAMAW LAY KHO	15	104	354
KLER KHO	13	84	-
SHO KLO	49	319	-
MAE TA WAW	21	135	-
MAE PO HTA	-	30	-
KA HTEE HTA	-	34	-
	145	1035	1131

School supplies from ZOA had yet been distributed to only 2 of the camps during the visit of some executives from CCA. Blankets are distributed to new comers according to the need.

Though the number of refugees in the camps here on the Moei side shows a slight increase, that on the Salween side decreases remarkably. Many had a fairly good harvest and decide to stand on their own whereas some had decided to take the risk of going back to their village even if the situation there is still unpredictable.

Our thanks once again to everyone for standing with us through the years. May God bless all of you for the noble deeds that you have done for us, your brethren in distress.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe

Chairman

Karen Refugee Committee