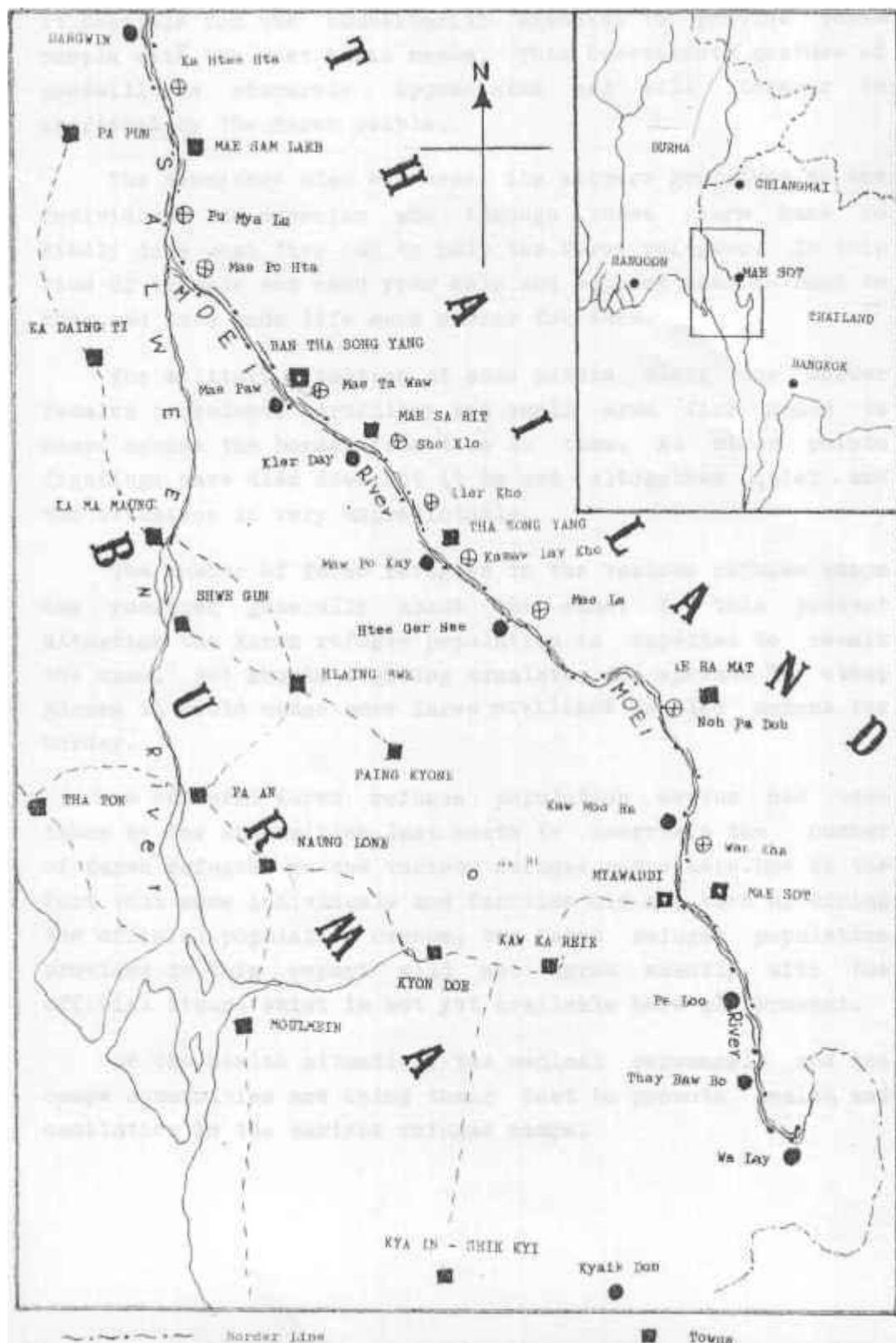


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KAREN REFUGEE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

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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 their kindness in granting refuge to the Karen refugees displaced by the fighting across the border. The committee expresses its sincere gratitude to the authorities concerned for the permission granted which makes it possible for the humanitarian agencies to provide those people with the most basic needs. This benevolent gesture of goodwill is sincerely appreciated and will forever be cherished by the Karen people.

The committee also expresses its sincere gratitude to the individuals and agencies who through these years have so kindly done what they can to help the Karen refugees. In this time of trouble and need your help and support mean so much to them and have made life much easier for them.

The military situation at some points along the border remains turbulent. Artillery and small arms fire could be heard across the border from time to time. At other points fightings have died down but it is not altogether quiet and the situation is very unpredictable.

The number of Karen refugees in the various refugee camps has remained generally about the same. In this present situation the Karen refugee population is expected to remain the same. But should fighting escalates and spreads to other places it could cause more Karen civilians to flee across the border.

An official Karen refugee population census had been taken by the authorities last month to ascertain the number of Karen refugees in the various refugee camps here. Due to the fact that some individuals and families did not turn up during the official population census, the Karen refugee population provided in this report will not agree exactly with the official figure which is not yet available here all present.

On the health situation, the medical personnels and the camps communities are doing their best to promote health and sanitation in the various refugee camps.

NUMBER OF KAREN REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS

Camp	No. of Families	Over 12		5 to 12		Under 5		TOTAL
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
WANG KA	572	718	1167	385	349	200	202	3021
NOH PA DOH	270	373	454	137	136	135	118	1353
MAE LA	549	441	892	402	418	130	120	2403
KAMAW LAY KHO	374	548	649	292	202	119	127	1847
KLER KHO	303	509	546	231	250	95	65	1696)
SHO KLO	1211	1893	2423	714	699	369	378	6476'
MAE TA WAW	375	547	776	323	315	130	121	2212
	3654	5029	6907	2394	2369	1178	1131	19008
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	37	45	16	23	326
KA HTEE HTA	81	128	135	39	51	26	14	393
	3796	5252	7152	2470	2465	1220	1168	19727

RICE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

From:-

CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES	2,000	sacks
I C A	...	300 "
C O E R R	225	*
FULL GOSPEL CHURCH	100	"
TOTAL	2.625	sacks

NEED OF RICE AND RICE SUPPLIED

Camp	Rice Needed	Rice Supplied (100 kg./sack)
WANG KA	470	410
NOH PA DOH	204	173
MAE LA	380	376
KAMAW LAY KHO	287	266
KLER KHO	269	215
SHO KLO	1017	875
MAE TA WAW	348	310
		2625

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

From:-

CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES	Fish Paste	865	tins
	Salt	150	tins
-I C A	Fish Paste	135	tins

DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

	<u>Salt (bags)</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Paste (tins)</u>
WANG KA	21		142
NOH PA DOH	10		70
MAE LA	20		138
KAMAW LAY KHO	16		110
KLER KHO	14		87
SHO KLO	50		326
MAE TA WA	19		127
	<u>150</u>		<u>1000</u>

We are sincerely grateful to all parties concerned for the noble work done to make life easier for the Karen refugees who have been displaced and uprooted by the war that is raging on in Burma. Most of them are here in the refugee camps for more than five years now but the future for them is bleak and dreary. The prospect for them to go back and live peacefully again is obscure and desolate. Your continued help and support is earnestly needed for them to go through this difficult time. Please also remember them in your prayers.

May God bless all of you for the noble deed that you have done for us, the least of your brethren, in distress.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee