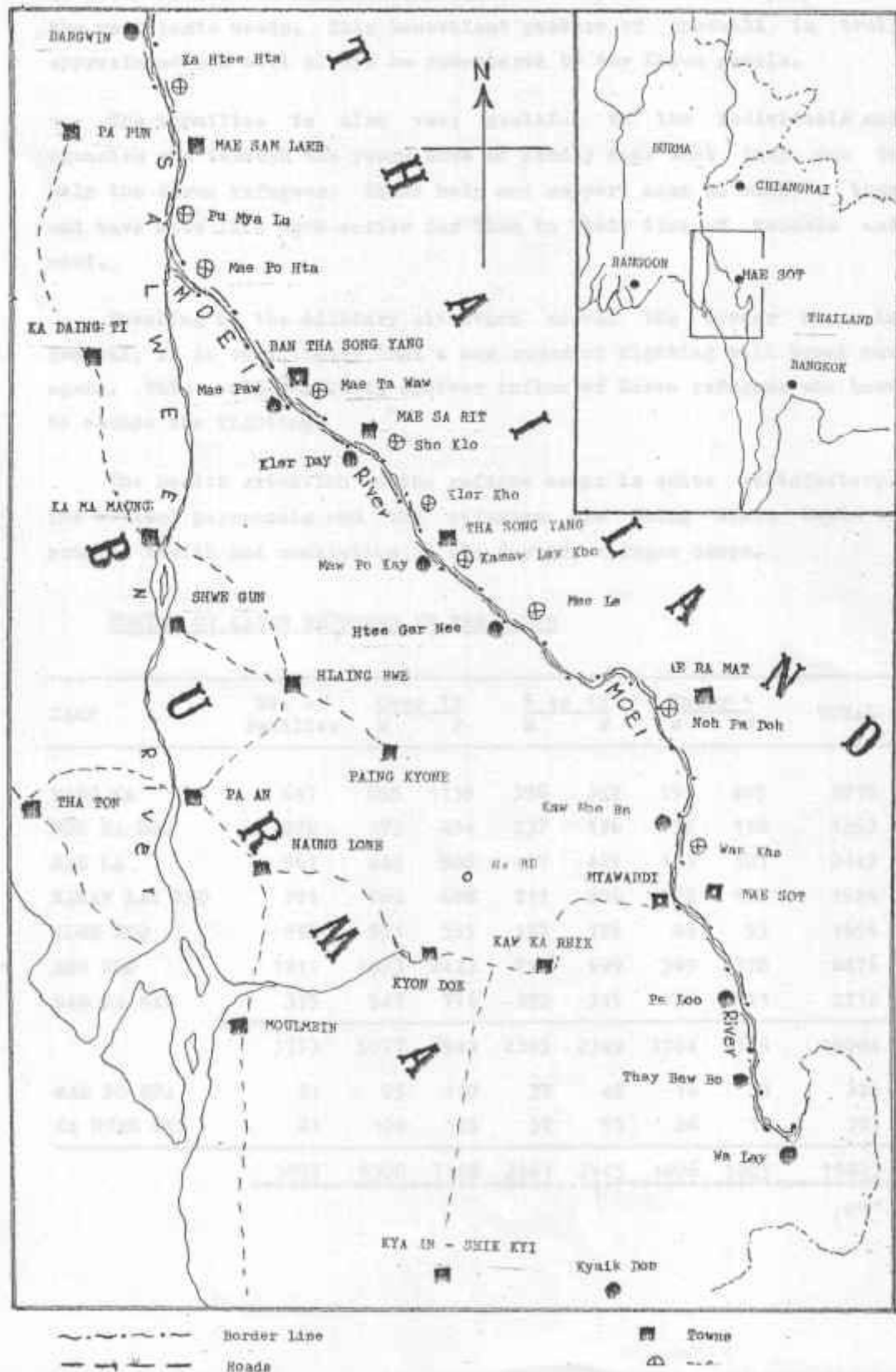




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The Karen Refugee Committee expresses its sincere gratitude to the Thai authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their kindness in granting refuge to the Karen refugees displaced by the fighting across the border. The committee is sincerely grateful to the authorities concerned for the permission granted which has made it possible for the humanitarian agencies to provide these people with the most basic needs. This benevolent gesture of goodwill is truly appreciated and will always be remembered by the Karen people.

The committee is also very grateful to the individuals and agencies who through the years have so kindly done what they can to help the Karen refugees. These help and support mean so much to them and have made life much easier for them in their time of trouble and need.

Speaking of the military situation across the border here in general, it is very likely that a new round of fighting will break out again. This could result in another influx of Karen refugees who have to escape the fighting,

The health situation in the refugee camps is quite satisfactory. The medical personnels and the refugees 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	647	695	1139	396	392	191	205	3018
NOH PA DOH	270	373	454	237	136	135	118	1353
MAE LA	561	449	908	407	425	133	121	2443
KAMAW LAY KHO	391	569	688	211	206	122	130	1926
KLER KHO	298	551	555	197	176	84	93	1656
SHO KLO	1211	1893	2423	714	699	369	378	6476
MAE TA WAW	375	547	776	323	315	130	121	2212
	3753	5077	6943	2385	2349	1164	1166	19084
MAE PO HTA	61	95	110	37	45	16	23	326
KA HTEE HTA	81	128	135	37	51	26	14	393
	3895	5300	7188	2461	2445	1206		19803

RICE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

From:

- CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	...	2012	sacks
- INTER AID (ICA)	...	300	"
- CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REFUGEES (COERR)	...	225	"
- FULL GOSFEL CHURCH	...	100	"
		2637	sacks

NEED OF RICE AND RICE SUPPLIED

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>Rice Needed</u>	<u>RICE</u>	<u>SUPPLIED</u>	(100
WANG KA	470	425		
NOH PA DOH	204	173		
MAE LA	386	380		
KAMAW LAY KHO	291	266		
KLER KHO	261	215		
SHO KLO	1017	868		
MAE TA WAW	348	310		
	2977	2637	sacks	

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN AGENCIES (CCA)	- Salt	150	bags
	- Fish Pasta	865	tins
INTER AID (ICA)	- Fish Paste	135	tins

DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Salt (bags)</u>	<u>Fish 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 WAW	19	127
	150	1000

We are sincerely grateful to all parties concerned for the noble work done in many ways to make life easier for the Karen refugees who are displaced and uprooted by the war that is raging on in Burma. The majority of them have been in the refugee camps for more than five years now but the end to their trouble and misery is still not in sight. In fact the future for them is bleak and dreary. 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 deeds that you have done for us, the least of your brethren in distress.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Htwe', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

Robert Htwe
Chairman
Karen Refugee Committee