



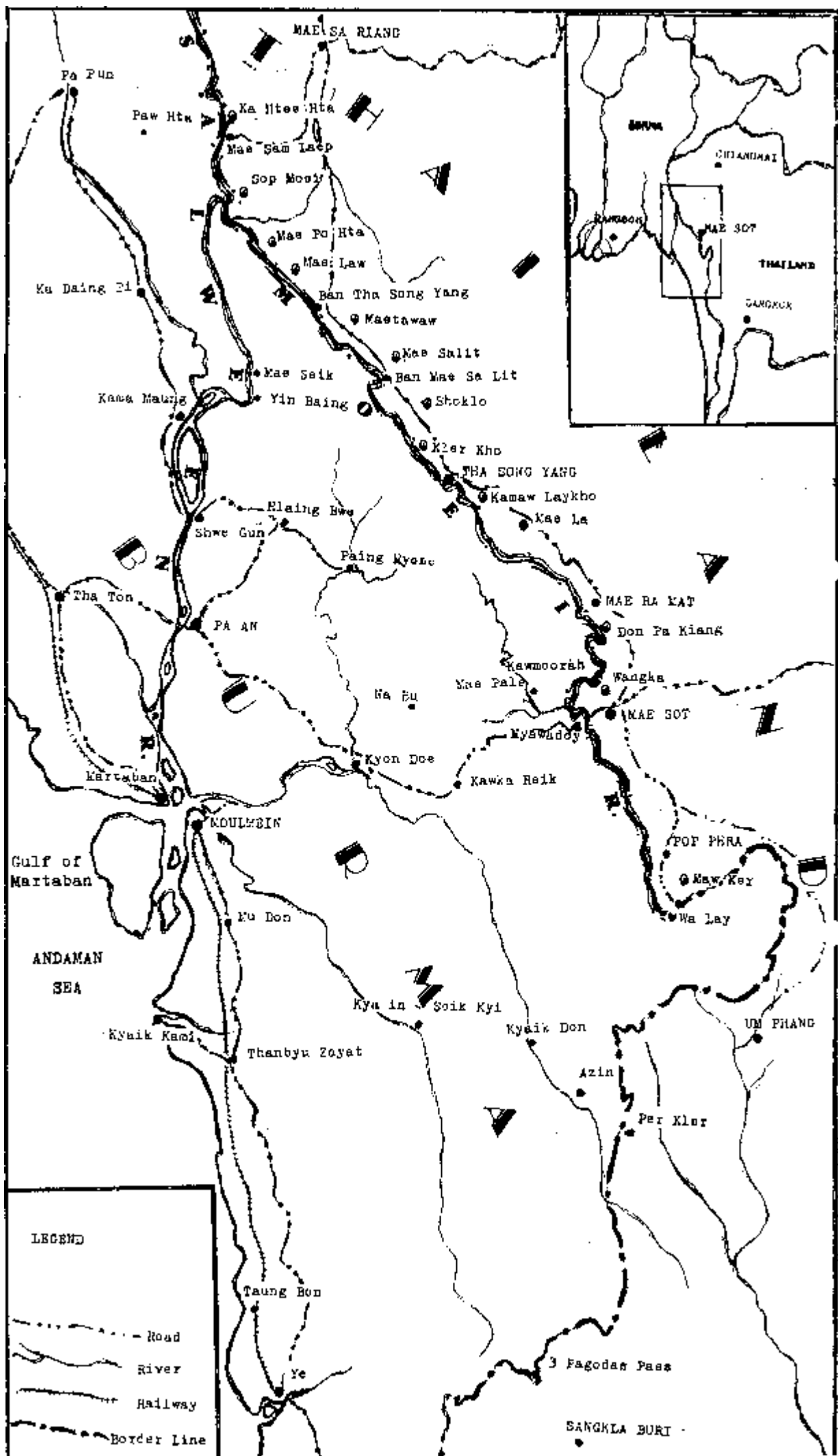
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The situation in Burma along its border with Thailand remains quiet for some time now but troops continue to be concentrated and dug in at the various battle fronts along the border. The rainy season has set in, though pretty late this year. It will go on for some months until rain stops usually around early October.

It looks as if the situation along the border will continue to be quiet through the rainy season. There is however very little chance for displaced people in the camps to sneak back across the border and grow crops. Some of them did try to do something but the prospect for them of gathering a harvest is bleak.

Sporadic fighting is reported in various places close to towns and villages inside Burma. Such military activities resulted almost all the time in reprisal by SLORC on civilians in the affected areas. Forced relocation is one of the drastic measures taken now by SLORC and as such, life for civilians in these affected areas has become more and more miserable and perilous. When life got too perilous and unbearable, many abandoned their homes and properties and fled from the area.

This program of forced relocation in different parts of the country has resulted in a remarkable increase again of late in the number of internally displaced people. Many fled to the border where as a large number of these people fled only to the hilly region in adjoining areas and are taking refuge there. It is not clear how long they could manage to survive there. If again survival for them is at stake they will have to move, most likely this time to the border to the refugee camps.

Schools in the camps have reopened now for the new academic year. As the camps population increases, the number of pupils in the camp schools also increases remarkably. The schools operate in very difficult circumstances but the parents and teachers in the various camp communities try to do the best they can for the education of the children. Help received from interested donors are of great benefit to the teachers and the students.

Likewise, the medical personnels and the camp communities work together for health and sanitation in the camps. Malaria is as ever a big problem in the camps. Respiratory infections and other tropical diseases are also common medical problems. Cases of dysentery have been reported in Wang Ka camp among children as well as adults.

RICE RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH

FROM:

-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM	...	4608	sacks
-CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF & REFUGEES (COERR)	...	350	"
-REV. DAE HEUNG, KANG	...	10	"
-KRC NIPPON	...	30	"

TOTAL;- 4998 sacks

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS

CAMP :	NO. OF FAMILIES	OVER- 12 YRS. M F	5 - 12 YRS. M F	UNDER-5 YRS, M F	TOTAL			
WANG KA	702	928	1347	437	449	256	266	3683
DON PA KIANG	467	794	793	269	262	204	271	2593
MAE LA	950	1075	1587	600	628	243	282	4415
KAMAW LAY KHO	672	1076	1134	338	296	283	308	3435
KLER KHO	421	806	770	275	258	135	166	2411
SHO KLO	1266	2074	2631	770	709	451	527	7162
MAE SA LIT	536	928	1081	348	361	121	134	2973
MAE TA WAW	551	876	1053	439	443	250	263	3324
MAW KER	931	1867	1708	406	338	490	550	5359
MAE PO HTA	177	353	359	101	90	27	22	952
KA HTEE HTA	230	345	403	184	173	75	93	1273
KLER THAY LU	79	121	137	44	37	37	30	406
THOO MWEH HTA (SOB Moei)	261	427	437	276	253	111	122	1616
	7243	11670	13440	4487	4297	2683	3034	39602
SOUTHERN CAMPS:								
PANG SA NOK (New S'Nay Pong)	350	475	514	256	238	221	223	1927
PER KLER								7475
NAT IN DAUNG (Huay Pa Kok)								789
								49793

OTHER ITEMS RECEIVED

PROM:-			
-BURMESE BORDER CONSORTIUM (BBC)			
	Salt	...	352 bags
	Fish Paste	...	1864 tins
-BBC & ZOA - SPORTS EQUIPMENT			
	Soccer (1)	...	20
	Soccer (S)		30
	Valley Ball	...	22
	" Net	...	22
	Cane Ball	«..	50
	" Net	...	20
	Rubber Rings	...	50

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS RECEIVED

CAMP	RICE	SALT	FISH PASTE
WANG KA	508	37	194
DON PA KIANG	370-	26	138
MAE LA	610	44	234
KAMAW LAY KHO	490	34	182
KLER KHO	342	24	127
SHO KLO	1042	72	380
MAE SA LIT	404	28	151
MAE TA WAW	468	33	174
MAW KER	764	54	284
TOTAL:-	4998	352	1864

DISTRIBUTION OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT

CAMP:	Soccer L	Soccer (s)	Volley Ball	Net	Cane	Ball Net	Rubber
WANG KA		2	2	2	3	2	3
DON PA KIANG	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
MAE IA		4	3	3	4	2	4
KAMAW LAY KHO	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
KLER KHO	1	3	1	1	3	1	3
SHO KLO	1	2			7		7
MAE SA LIT	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
MAE TA WAW	1	4	1	1	4		4
MAW KER		2			3	1	4
KLER THAY LU	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
MAE PO HTA	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
THOO MWEH HTA (Sob Moei)	1	2	1	1	3	1	3
KA HTEE HTA	1	1	1	1	3	1	3
LER PER HER	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
EXTRA	4	3	3	3	8	2	6
GRAND TOTAL:-	20	30	22	22	50	20	50

On behalf of the displaced Karens from Burma who are now taking refuge in Thailand and on behalf of every Karen in Burma, the Karen Refugee Committee tenders its sincere gratitude to the authorities and to the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for the sanctuary kindly granted to displaced Karens and other nationals from Burma. This noble gesture of goodwill will always be remembered.

The committee also tenders its sincere gratitude to individuals and agencies concerned, for the assistance given in various ways to help meet the basic needs of these displaced people in time of need.

It is difficult to know what the future holds for displaced people in the camps and for tens of thousands of internally displaced people inside Burma. This rainy season could be a lull before another storm.

We are encouraged by the fact that the Burma situation is getting more attention now from the outside world. We are also encouraged by the fact that parties in the Burma conflict are now trying to find ways and means of solving the problem. It is our earnest wish that the wind of change that is blowing would bring about a new situation wherein all parties concerned could work sincerely together for a solution that will bring peace, justice and mutual understanding back to Burma and its troubled peoples.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,



Robert Htwe

Chairman

Karen Refugee Committee