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MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2005

The Organization of Mon Relief and Development Committee

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Aim and Objectives of Mon Relief and Development Committee

Aim:

Provide temporary shelters, basic needs and development assistance to refugees and the displaced persons who become homeless and helpless situation due to the oppression of Rangoon military regimes in Mon territory along Thailand-Burma border.

Objectives:

1. To help the welfares of the refugees in border areas and IDPs who are displaced inside the country, with foods, shelter and possible protection.
2. To coordinate with local Mon people in developing the grassroots community in the fields of health, education, literacy, agriculture and other rural development projects.
3. To empower the local community for the participation of decision making processes for their own lives and communities.
4. To struggle for the human rights.

Monthly Report of Mon Relief and Development Committee (April 2005)

Completion of Supply Transport to Bee Ree and Tavoy

In 2005, as MRDC had the opportunity to buy supplies earlier this year, MRDC could complete all sending in supplies before April 2005 to Bee Ree and Tavoy resettlement sites.

As two resettlement sites – Bee Ree and Tavoy – are locating far from the border areas, it is difficult for MRDC to send in supplies and it is more difficult to send in supplies in early rainy season. Therefore, MRDC has planned to send in and stock-pile these supplies in the rainy season.

Since before the end of February 2005, the MRDC can order the rice supplies and planned to bring in supplies to these two resettlement sites. Then, MRDC could organize the trucks and other automobiles to send in supplies. However, there is some restriction in sending in supplies to Tavoy.

In sending in supplies, MRDC staff faced some difficulties due to some restrictions on Ye-Tavoy motor road. MRDC also approached to NMSP officials in the area and discussed the problems of moving out restriction. In early March, MRDC could solve the problems and started sending in supplies.

Only limited number of trucks were allowed to send in supplies while MRDC was sending the supplies to Tavoy camps. Therefore, it also have to send in supplies with 2 four-wheels trucks and then, MRDC also has to hire the trucks which involved in logging concessions in Tavoy river. There is about 17 Kilometers from temporary rice store to Tavoy camp, and about 4 trucks have to carry all supplies during 6 weeks time.

However, sending in supplies to Bee Ree has been smooth and the MRDC can organize many trucks to load and send in supplies to Bee Ree camp. The rice supplies were temporarily stored in one place near Ye river in a temporary rice stores and then carried with over 20 four-wheels trucks to Bee Ree resettlement site, which has about 23 Kilometers.

In the comparison to the road, the roads to Bee Ree have more mountains than the road to Tavoy resettlement sites. But the road to Tavoy resettlement site has deeper river. As it was in the dry season, transport of supplies have less problems in crossing river.

Therefore, before the Songkaran festival, transport of supplies have nearly completed, but remained some supplies to support to teachers and medics, and for the displaced persons in Che-daik villages.

The rice supplies that needed to stock-piled in both resettlement site for six-months. In order to have self-reliance among the returned refugees, MRDC and donor agencies have reduced the supplies for them. However, in reality, the refugees themselves could not find the sufficient food for many years and they have been still relying on the assistance from donor agencies.

On the other hand, the population displacement because of gross human rights violations committed by SPDC authorities and troops of Burmese Army have occurred in the area.

Food supplies supports to the displaced persons and returned refugees are still necessary in the current situation while the political problems is unsettled and the civil war in the country is on-going situation.

Therefore, on behalf of Mon returned refugees and displaced persons, MRDC still request the donor agencies to continuously consider for the support for living of them.

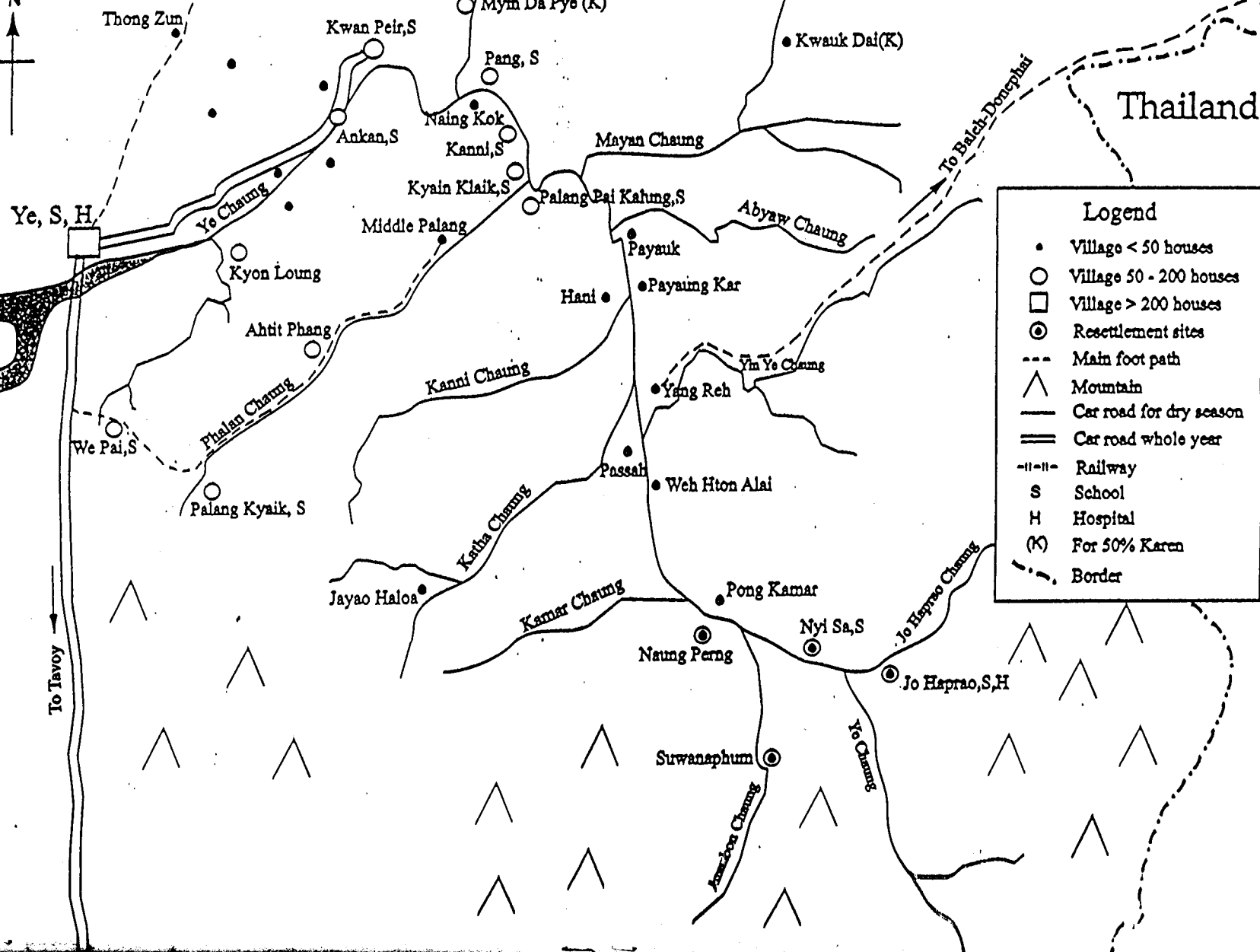
THE REFUGEE POPULATION OF THE THREE RESETTLEMENT SITES
(April, 2005)

No.	Camp	Number of Family	Over 12 years		5-12 years		Under 5 years		Total
			M	F	M	F	M	F	
1	Bee Ree	719	1316	1424	446	449	177	204	4016
2	Tavoy	559	986	998	322	341	153	159	2959
3	Halockhani	949	1635	1592	803	665	276	344	5315
	TOTAL	2227	3937	4014	1571	1455	606	707	12290

THE MATERIALS RECEIVED
BY THE MON RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(April, 2005)

No	Organization	Rice (Sack/100 kg.)	Fish Paste (kg.)	Salt (kg.)	Bean (Kg.)	Remark
	TBBC	1581	-	-		
	TOTAL	1581	-	-		

Map of Ye River
Resettlement site (Feb, 2004)

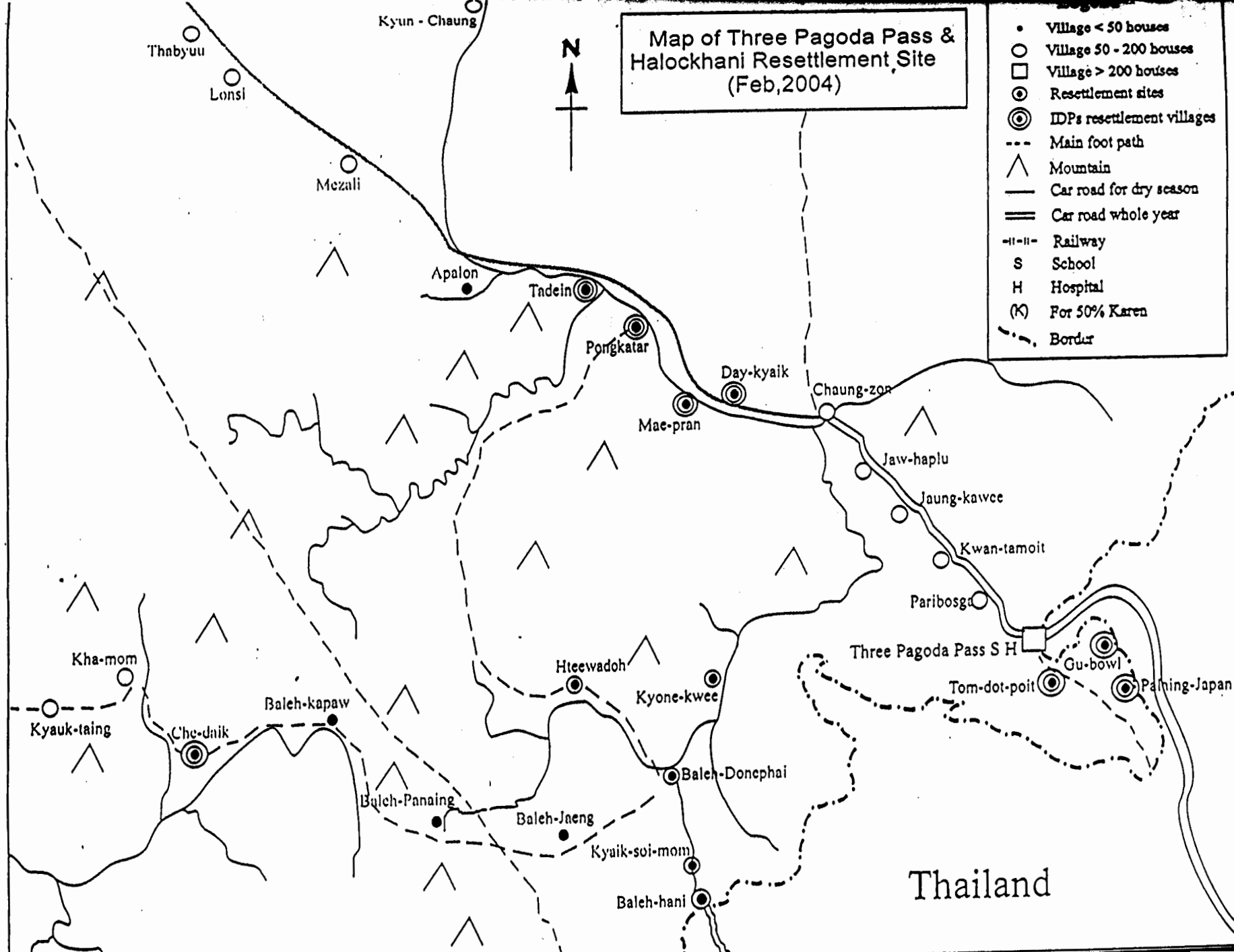


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- Main foot path
- △ Mountain
- Car road for dry season
- == Car road whole year
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- H Hospital
- (K) For 50% Karen
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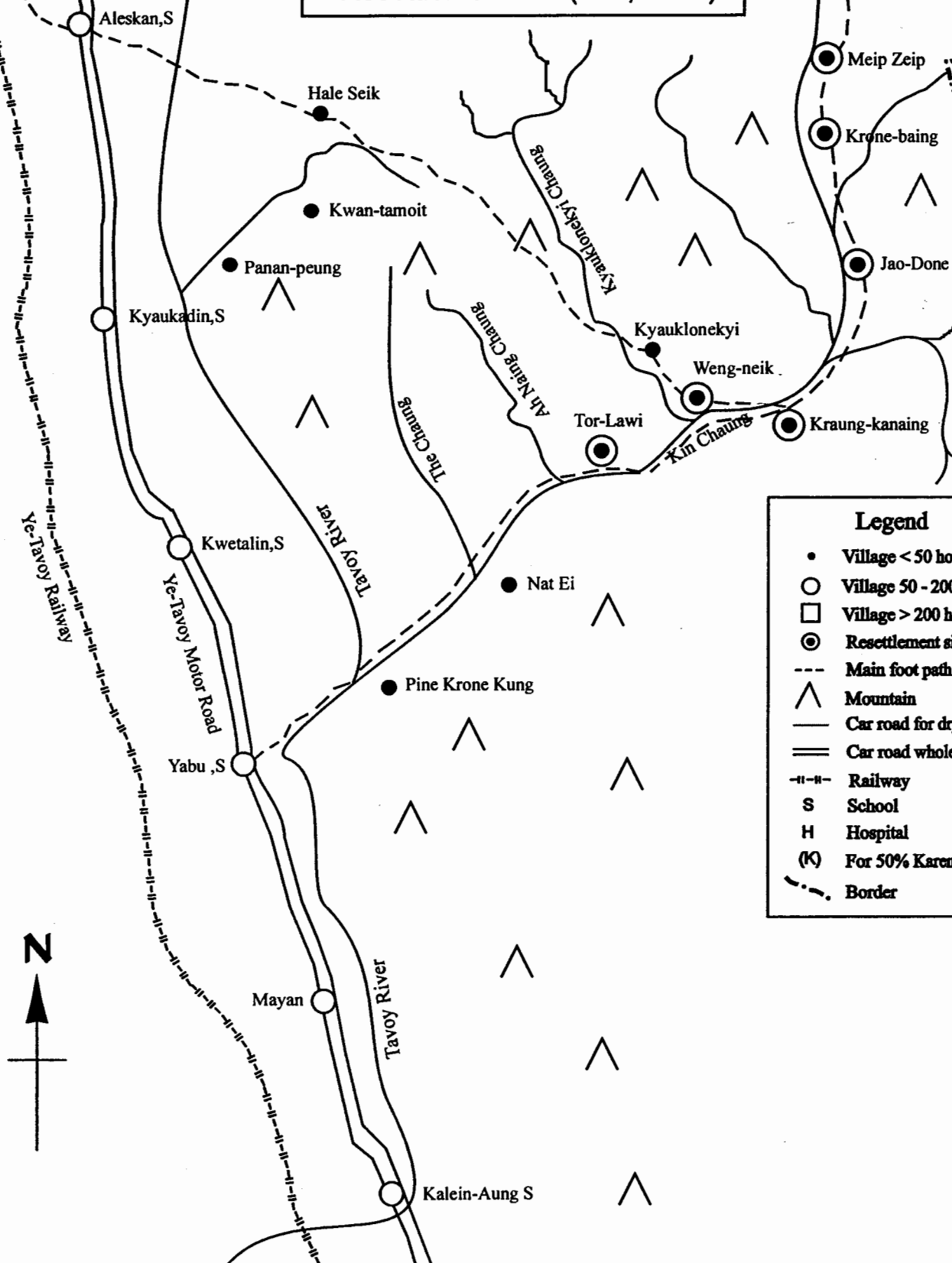
Map of Three Pagoda Pass & Halockhani Resettlement Site (Feb, 2004)

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Map of Tavoy District & Tavoy Resettlement site (Feb, 2004)

Thailand



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