

**ORGANIZATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA NAVY
HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE**

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A complete Hydrographic Office of the Republic of Korea Navy was established in March 1953. It had been under the Operations Bureau of Navy Headquarters as a Hydrographic Section since November 1949. The general structure of this organization is outlined below.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION

The Navy Hydrographic Office is a military centre designed for the pursuit of hydrography and navigation from the scientific and practical point of view. The mission of this Office is to collect, evaluate, compile, produce and distribute accurate and timely hydrographic, oceanographic and meteorological information, including nautical charts, sailing directions and related charts and publications calculated to afford the maximum possible navigational safety and facility to vessels of the Navy and merchant marine.

The Hydrographic Office consists of the following branches : Hydrographer, Deputy Hydrographer, Plans and Operations Division, Supply and Finance Division, Oceanography and Survey Division, Chart Division, Maritime Safety Division, and Survey Vessels.

Detailed responsibilities of the Divisions are as follows :

The Plans and Operations Division consists of the Planning Section, Management Control Section, and Research and Development Section. Functions of the Division are :

(a) To prepare policy statements, budget planning, and other programs necessary for the accomplishment of assigned tasks and missions of the Office.

(b) To be responsible for general administration and personnel administration affecting the Hydrographic Office.

(c) To prepare operational planning and issue operational orders.

(d) To be responsible for training of personnel and research for development of the Office.

(e) To supervise and control the administrations of other Divisions.

(f) To administer the international affairs involving the Hydrographic Office.

(g) To maintain the Library.

The Supply and Finance Division consists of the Finance Section, Supply Section, and Maintenance Section. Functions of the Division are :

(a) To administer the budgetary and fiscal program and all funds.

(b) Disbursing of all funds.

(c) To procure supplies, equipment, material and services.

(d) To maintain properties of the Office, storage and warehouse facilities.

(e) To maintain machines and survey equipment.



FIG. 1. — Republic of Korea Navy Hydrographic Office Building

The Oceanography and Survey Division consists of the Survey Section, Oceanography Section, Nautical Tables Section, and Laboratory. Functions of the Division are :

(a) To process hydrographic surveys and reconnaissance.

(b) To process oceanographic surveys.

(c) To collect, evaluate, calculate oceanographic data, and to publish nautical tables, manuals, and other navigational publications.

(d) To analyse seawater and bottom samples for compilation of chart construction data.

The Chart Division consists of the Cartography Section, Drafting Section, Lithography Section, Distribution Section, and Distribution Center. Functions of the Division are :

(a) To compile available data for new or revised charts.

(b) To edit all newly prepared nautical and miscellaneous charts, diagrams and illustrations prior to processing.

(c) To collect and evaluate data for correcting and bringing up to date Hydrographic Office nautical charts.

(d) To draft, draw, print and reprint charts, diagrams, and other navigational publications.

(e) To distribute all charts and publications published by the Hydrographic Office.

The Maritime Safety Division consists of the Notice to Mariners Section, Special Publications Section, and Hydro-Detachments. Functions of the Division are :

(a) To collect promptly all navigational information published by the Republic of Korea Government Agencies or by Hydro-Detachments of this Office.

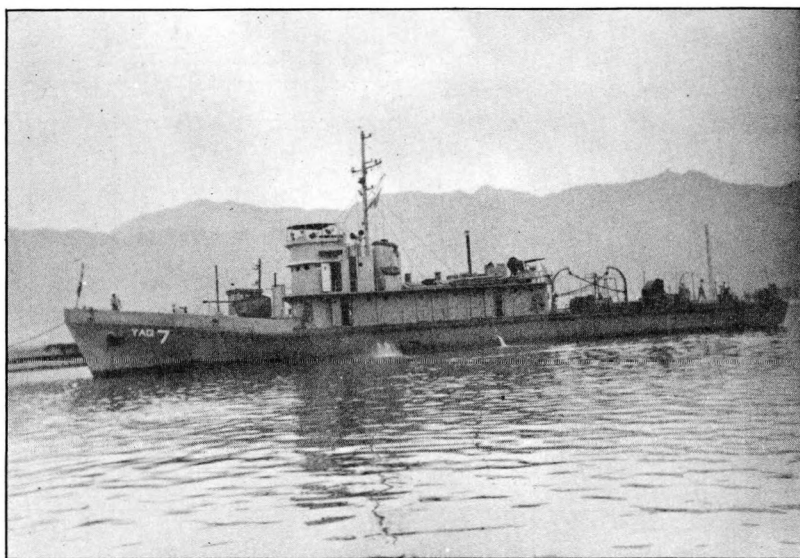


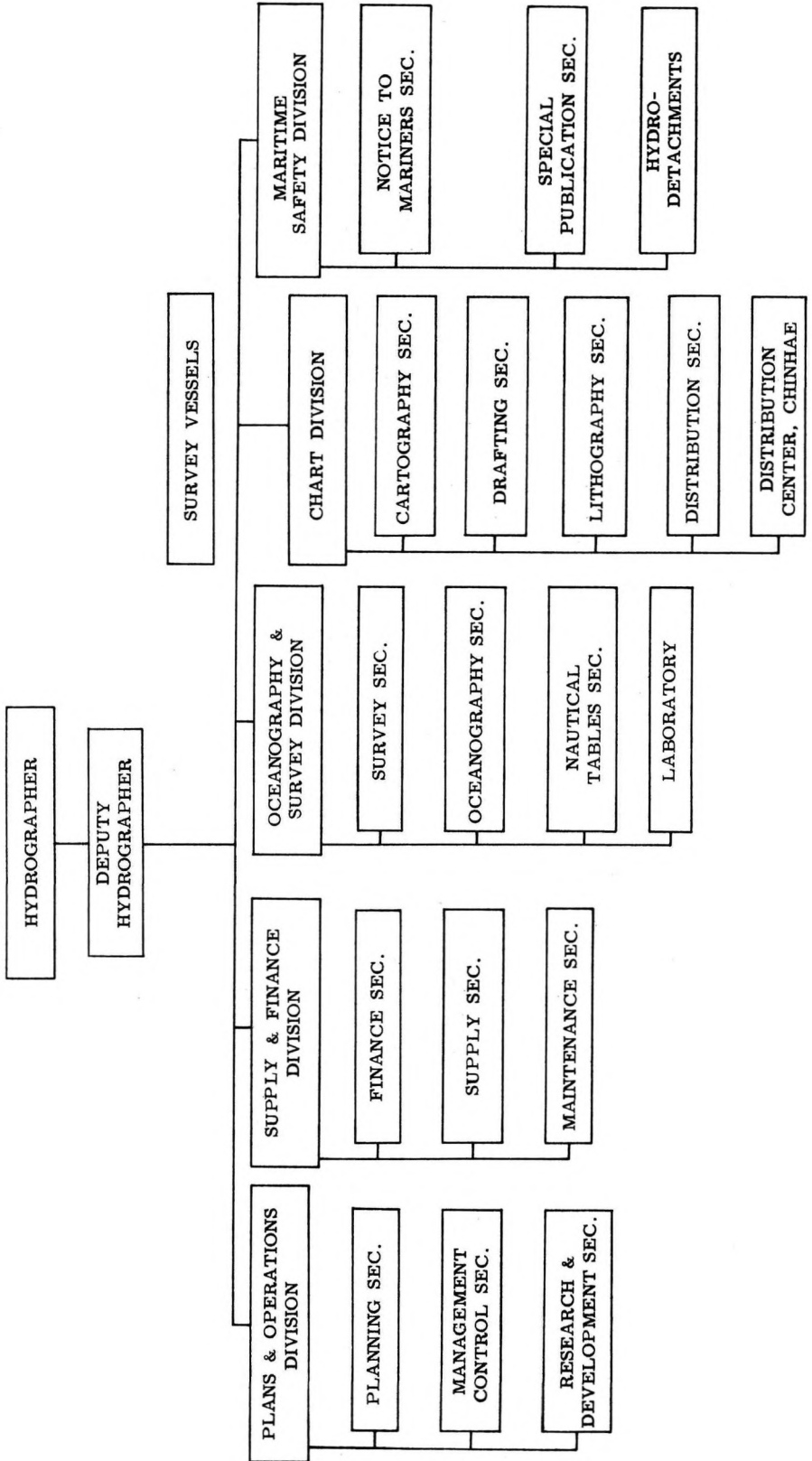
FIG. 2. — Republic of Korea Navy Hydrographic Office Survey Ship

(b) To collect navigational or hydrographic information from foreign Hydrographic Offices.

(c) To prepare and publish classified Notices to Mariners, Sailing Directions, Light Lists, Hydrographic Bulletins.

(d) To supplement officially published information by reports from the navigation personnel of merchant vessels, by required reports from naval vessels, by other routine arrangements, and by specific request to appropriate institutions, including foreign Hydrographic Offices.

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PERSONNEL

The following table shows the personnel organization of the Republic of Korea Navy Hydrographic Office :

<i>Duties</i>	<i>Number of persons</i>
Hydrographer : Captain	1
Deputy Hydrographer : Commander	1
Head of Plans and Operations Division : Commander	1
Members of Plans and Operations Division	9
Head of Supply and Finance Division : Lieutenant	1
Members of Supply and Finance Division	8
Head of Oceanography and Survey Division : Lt. Commander.	1
Members of Oceanography and Survey Division	24
Head of Chart Division : Lt. Commander	1
Members of Chart Division	25
Head of Maritime Safety Division : Lt. Commander	1
Members of Maritime Safety Division	26
Seagoing personnel	58

Method of training personnel

Officers are annually selected for training at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office under the MDA Program. The following officers have finished training in the U.S. and are now serving with this Office :

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service Number</i>	<i>Name</i>
Captain	80130	Chun Chul Ung
Commander	80728	Kim Chong Ku
Lieutenant	82646	Kang Ho Chin

7 officers are under training in the U.S. at present.

No special type of training method is established in our Office. Only constant supervision and advice are given to the members of the Office in the practical work for development of their skill.

Method of recruiting

1. *Officers.* — Most officers are assigned after they have finished hydrographic training at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office. Some others are those who have specific knowledge of oceanography, surveying, geophysics or other hydrographic fields.

2. *Civilian employees.* — Civilian employees are recruited by a selective test which is designed to measure ability and knowledge of specific works that are required in our Office.