

# HYDROGRAPHIC WORK OF CHINA

between the years 1937 and 1947

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Prior to 1937, the Republic of China had already launched a programme of general maritime construction. The development of Hydrography, the broadening of sea routes, the making of navigational charts, the compiling of Lists of Lights, the publication of Notices to Mariners at trading ports, etc., were undertaken; and under the guidance of the International Hydrographic Bureau, and with the cooperation of the States-Members, the corner stone of our maritime construction was laid.

Then, at the first shot at Lu Kou Chiao, 1937, the war broke out and invaders came in, China was forced to turn all her power to the defence of her territory, and the preservation of her sovereignty. The enemy proved too formidable for us, and we gave ground, inch by inch, from the coast inward. In the eight years of continuous slaughter, the loss in men was tremendous on both sides, and some of our hydrographers who joined the military units in the interior have never returned to us. With the loss of men came the loss of our surveying boats, instruments, and materials, which was too heavy for us to stand-up under, and our years of construction ended in smoke.

The victory came, we began preparations for a new maritime reconstruction; the following works were undertaken :—

- 1° The clearing of dangerous elements such as mines, wrecks, and obstructions ;
- 2° The resumption of surveying in inner waters and seas ;
- 3° The strengthening of navigational establishments ;
- 4° The publication of sea charts; the giving out of tidal information and Notices to Mariners, etc. ;
- 5° The replenishing equipment for chart making ;
- 6° The study of oceanic currents.

The above activities have been pushed on energetically, and it is now the desire of the Chinese Navy that all should be carried out most scientifically, and after the pattern of the most advanced of the States-Members, with a technic up to the minute. It is hoped that the International Hydrographic Bureau and its Members will generously extend a helping hand in our hour of need.



## BATHYMETRIC CHART OF THE OCEANS

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Correction to Sheet A'IV of the " General Bathymetric Charts of the Oceans " 3rd Edition, July 1938

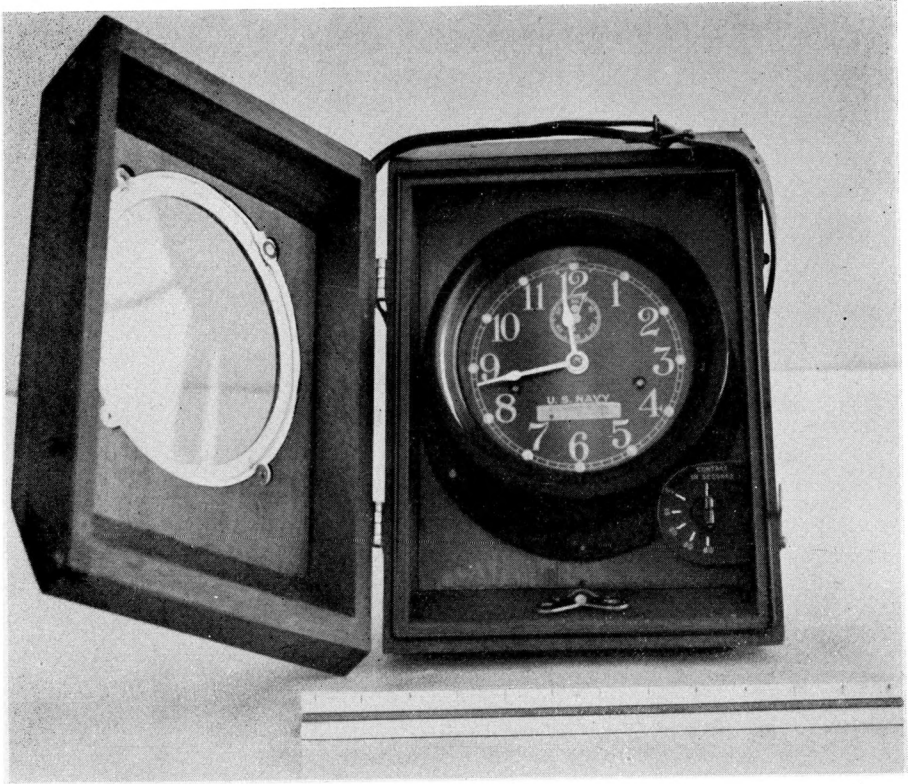
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Sounding numbers shown on Lake Victoria should be divided by 6.

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**Fig. 1**  
Sounding Clock.