

104th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT

DETACHMENT PERIODIC REPORT

RESTRICTED

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Detachment NCB 104 (WESPAC)

Wonsan, Korea

1200 I 6 Nov 1950

Enclosures (Maps, Charts, Photos)

None

1. Personnel situation at end of period:

(a) Location of activities	- Yokesuka:	7 Officers	- 254	enlisted men	
(b) Troop Strength	- Inchon	: 1	"	- 8	" "
	Wonsan	: 3	"	- 31	" "
	APA 33	:		66	" " (Wonsan Harbor)
	* " 218	:		18	" "
	" 220	:		11	" "
	" 237	:		16	" "
	AKA 94	†		9	" "
	" 104	:		5	" "
	" 108	:		6	" "
	USS ASKARI			28	" " (Wonsan Harbor)
	" MT. McKINLEY			5	" " " "
	" CONSOLATION			2	" " " "

NOTE: LTJG Dilley declined the emergency leave - now at Yokesuka.

Pay Clerk Belfiere detached from Detachment - date not known.

*Ships are travelling in Korean and Japanese ares.

2. Personnel Replacements - 4 Officers - 192 enlisted men.

3. Discipline - No cases.

4. Morale - see paragraph 7.

5. Miscellaneous Personnel Matters: None.

6. Intelligence -

(a) Enemy capabilities which may affect accomplishment of unit mission - None.

(b) Weather and hydrographic conditions - Wonsan

	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Official Temp Deg Far</u>
October 30	rain - cloudy	1 mi to unrestr	Min 51 Max 58

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6. (b) (cont'd)

October 31	partly cloudy	unrestricted	Min 50	Max 70
November 1	Clear	5 miles	" 49	" 70
" 2	cloudy	6 miles	" 48	" 59
" 3	partly cloudy	unrestricted	" 49	" 63
" 4	cloudy	"	" 41	" 63
" 5	cloudy	3 mi to unrestricted	" 40	" 50

(c) Beach Characteristics - Wonsan

Unloading is entirely over the harbor docks - 22' maximum draft vessel accommodated.

7. Operations -

Pontoon structures have been towed into Wonsan Harbor: Two 2x30 sections and two barges are moored - not in use. One barge is being used as a casualty evacuation stage at the air field. One barge is being used as a small boat landing by Fleet Activities, Wonsan.

The unit ashore at Wonsan (augmented daily by CBs from the BAYFIELD) has established the usual tent and field galley camp for the Beach Group in Wonsan near the docks; also repaired the Beach Group headquarters, mess hall, and barracks buildings; constructed 6 fifty foot (three timber) canals.

The Unit on the ASKARI is aiding in the repair of LSTs and amphibious boats. The Unit on the BAYFIELD is serving in the engineer force of the ship, working on boats and working ashore.

The Yokosuka Unit is assembling a 2x30 section from pontoon gear on hand and organizing to receive gear and assemble more pontoons upon arrival of the Detachment ship from CONLUS; and outfit and train.

The Inchon Unit is using the warping tugs and pontoon docks as lighterage for the Army Port Authority.

The morale of the group at Wonsan is satisfactory - removing men from the beach as they are no longer needed plus hot and prepared food, and better quarters, and regular receipt of mail has all added to the increased morale level. Too, the increased resistance being met by our troops and the unknown Chinese communist future plans have added a concrete purpose to the work locally. And lastly acclimatization has been accomplished.

The Inchon Unit's morale is also satisfactory due to acceptable living and messing conditions.

The report from Yokosuka reveals all hands being properly housed and fed in Base facilities.

8. Training - Wonsan

Entirely operational as outlined in paragraph 7.

Yokosuka and Inchon

As outlined in paragraph 7.

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9. Supply-

(a) Yokosuka - Detachment dumps

Inchon - Pontoons - 2 warping tugs
 2 5x30
 1 5x15
 4 2x30

Wonsan - 2 2x30

4 barges

Camp operating gear and equipment

(b) Wonsan - Operating gear is now at a premium. Survey of situation does not justify shipping here from Yokosuka.

10. Transportation and heavy equipment - Secured.

Wonsan - 4 D8 dozers

3 6x6 cargo trucks 2½T

1 6x6 dump truck 2½T

3 jeeps

3 light plants

All will be ready for complete overhaul when this unit is secured.

Comments: Weekly reports have been received from Yokosuka and Inchon. Action has been initiated to relieve all officers (except OinC Det) and men at Inchon and Wonsan with personnel recently received at Yokosuka from CONLUS. Relieved personnel will return to Yokosuka for duty. The health of the men ashore at Wonsan and Inchon has been excellent. It is noted that cold weather living in the field quickly teaches the most careless the necessity for carefully caring for personal gear. This, I believe, is the hardest lesson our various Beach Group Units' newly indoctrinated personnel have had to learn.

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