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Wuchou Shipyard Kuei River (Figure 1) has been in operation since [redacted] Two vessel types which appeared in North Vietnam in early [redacted] have been observed in production exclusively at this yard. Since neither vessel is commonly seen in China, it is reasonable to conclude that this yard was initially constructed to support and produce vessels for North Vietnam.

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Wuchou is located at the confluence of the Hsi and Kuei Rivers in a mountainous area of southern China. The shipyard is 1.7 nautical miles north of Wuchou and 175 nm (via the Hsi River) from the coast.

The yard did not exist in [redacted] and there was no evidence of construction at the site; however, by [redacted] the yard was nearly complete, but there was no discernible vessel production.

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[redacted] at least two probable SL-1 small logistics vessels (Figure 2) were fitting out and at least two more were on the ways. The last coverage of SL-1 production was in [redacted] and the SL-1 program was probably terminated shortly thereafter.

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The first observation of SL-1 units in North Vietnam was during the Tet truce in early [redacted]

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From the available coverage, it is estimated that a total of 25 (+ 6) SL-1 units were produced. The first units probably took about four months from keel-laying to launch; the later units appear to have required only three months. Although the fitting out period is impossible to determine, it is estimated at two months.

There was no interpretable coverage of the Wuchou area between [redacted] [redacted] Determination of activity on the ways was precluded on the [redacted] coverage, but eight probable Type-40 POL barges (Figure 3) were fitting out. Barges of this type appeared in Haiphong as early as [redacted]

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FIGURE 2. SL-1 IN TONKIN GULF

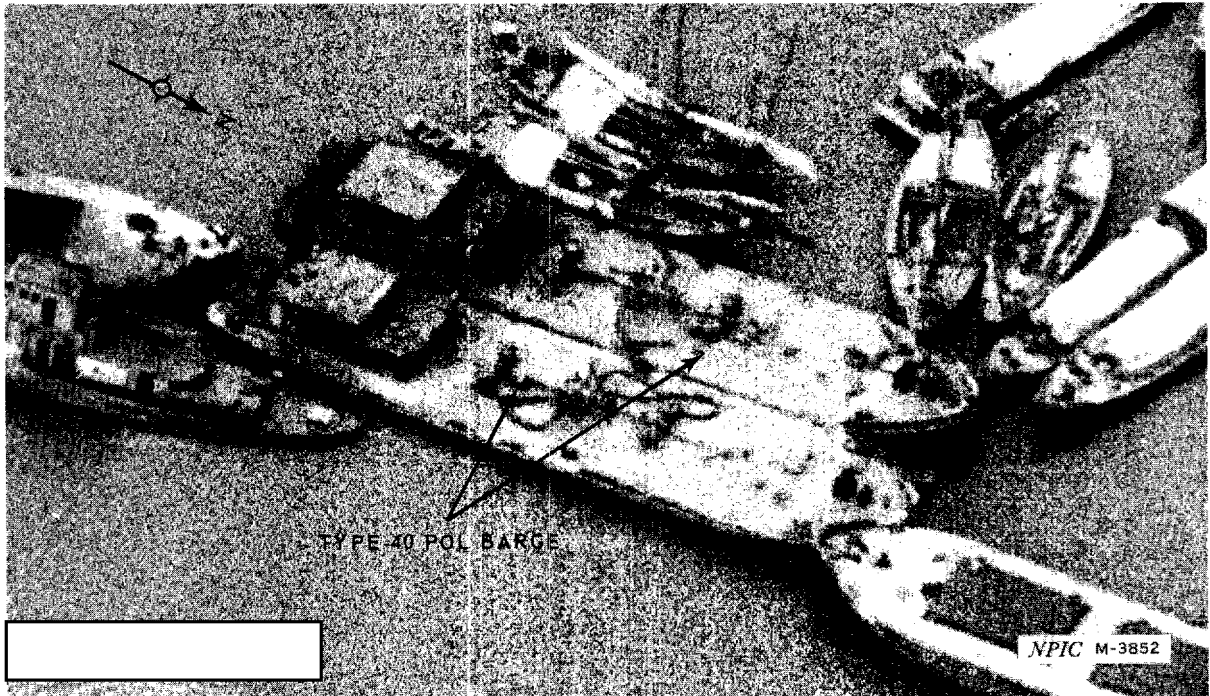


FIGURE 3. TYPE-40 POL BARGES IN HAIPHONG

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