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经过将近六世纪之后,中国再度以海事强权的角色出现,此次重视的焦点在于其水下作战能力。1996年到2006年间,解放军取得了30艘以上潜舰¹。这些舰艇包含两种新型核能潜舰-改良型宋级柴油潜舰及元级柴油潜舰(根据某些报导,此为美国情报单位预期外的新型潜舰²。除了上述野心勃勃的海军建军计划外,在2005到06年间,人民解放军接收了八艘强大的基洛级潜舰(及武器系统)。这几艘在2002年时购买的潜舰,加上原有的四艘同型潜舰后更如虎添翼。以海南岛为驻地的新型核能潜舰基地,可能更进一步地宣告了解放军海洋作战新纪元的到来。

东亚安全分析家间现多专注于北京潜在的航空母舰建军及部署之议题。然而这项说法,至少就近期而言,可说是一个转移注意力的作法。在可预见的未来里,解放军并非把重点完全置于「掌控海权」,而是追求东亚近海制海权:此一范围较小,且更易理解的目标。在解放军的第一艘航母照片流出后,毫无疑问地增添了此议题的讨论空间,然而其海军在近期更着重于有效,且较少受到关注的海战类型-水雷作战。这个议题及其他非对称类型的海战,对于东亚的军事平衡有举足轻重的影响。

解放军的海军战略家宣称水雷战具有「易布难扫、隐匿效果强、破坏力高及长期威胁价值」等特色³。解放军对于水雷攻击策略的关键目的在于「封锁敌人基地、港口及航道、摧毁敌人海上运输能力、攻击或限制敌舰行动、削弱或耗尽敌人战力」⁴,就未来沿海作战而言,普遍地认为「水雷是各国海军的主要威胁,对于航母作战群及潜舰更加为甚」⁵。且这点更加呼应解放军在作战评估上认为「相对于其他种类作战,(美国海军)水雷战能力极弱」⁶。中国海军战略家认为二次世界大战以来,遭击沉或严重损害的 18艘战舰中就有 14艘是被水雷所破坏⁷。如同解放军报所称「当军事专家放眼于开阔海域作战时…隐匿的潜舰鱼雷攻击及水雷的巧妙部署依然是现代海军的主要作战工具」⁸。当代解放军准则中「布雷」这个名词,在 2008 年的中国国防白皮书中使用了不下 3 次,由此可见被重视的程度⁹。正当多数国家投入于研究水雷反制时,仍有少数国家枉顾普世价值而追求攻势水雷作战 ¹⁰。例如 2006 年出版的战役学(着重于解放军准则作战及战略的研究)中,提到「(我们必须)全面地运用(水雷)…前进至敌港及经济航道,以进行大规模地布雷」 ¹¹。

联合潜舰作战能力后,中国似乎正努力地提升其水雷作战的技术。相较之下,潜舰体积大更难隐匿,加上其他军事强权的情报机构磨刀霍霍般掌控解放军潜舰发展的状况。相对地,水雷作战的能力较易隐藏,因此可称为军事手段上的「杀手锏」¹²。美国的说法中,就是解放军的「银弹」(silver bullet)。这个术语在某些中国消息来源,包含解放军本身 ¹³ 都明确地使用于水雷作战中 ¹⁴。目前的解放军仅靠水雷就已经能够将台湾及西太

平洋海域重要的海运航线完全封锁。如 Thomas Christensen (柯庆生)曾发表「台湾海域邻近中国大陆…台湾在贸易上对海运的依赖…扫雷本身的困难性,及美国极弱的扫雷能力,特别在(太平洋)作战区…等等因素,让水雷封锁...对于中国来说…是一个极具诱惑的策略」¹⁵。水雷作战除强化其他作战能量之外,的确对于美国海军在东亚军事版图上是一个致命的重大挑战。 依上述论点,此报告中对其他近期发表的研究报告,例如:中国的水雷作战能力被过度夸大,在对台作战想定中不具决定性因素之说法提出质疑 ¹⁶。该研究报告的结论可能在过去某段时间内成立,但此说法现在已过时,并轻忽了水雷战对部署于亚太区域的美国海军造成严重威胁的可能性。

这份报告分为10个部分。首先是讨论波湾战争促进了中国发展现代水雷作战。第 二阶段将以此脉络,讨论中国水雷作战鲜为人知的历史。接下来的两个阶段将详述中国 海军的水雷储备及各种布雷的方式。第五阶段将讨论中国水雷作战发展中的人员因素, 简述近期训练及操演的特色。接着说明解放军海军发展中的水雷作战准则的现阶段轮廓。 第七阶段将讨论未来水雷反制扮演的战略因素;第八阶段则讨论可能的想定场景,特别 是台湾海域的封锁,并着重于未来亚太海域安全环境中,水雷战可能形成的全面性评估。 接着从另一个角度来切入中国的水雷战发展。最后阶段将讨论美国国防及外交政策与此 相关的议题。

促进中国水雷战发展的历史转折点

除了 1895 年中日甲午战争中遭受大败的清朝舰队外,中国在近代海军史舞台中并非主要角色。中国的军事理论家因此深感中国海战经验及实战知识的不足。最明显的是二次世界大战时,中国并无能力迎战横越太平洋到中国沿海的大型舰队。难怪国防分析家习惯将中国叙述为「大陆强权」(continental power)。

1978年以来,因中国的开放政策,中国专家有系统地吸收外国经验,并提供政策家(planners)海军发展的研究分析。这些研究树立了水雷战的重要性。根据中国水雷战教材,二次世界大战期间约布署了81万枚水雷,击沉了约2,700艘舰艇¹⁷。 此外中国海军战略家更是赞叹在单次战役中,德国就因同盟军的水雷而丧失了27艘U型潜舰¹⁸。中国海军战略家也对1945年美国对日本的水雷战有极大兴趣¹⁹,认为这项策略对日本无条件投降有极大影响。他们认为美军共部署了12,053枚水雷,击沉了670艘日本舰艇²⁰。中国海军战略家认为了福克兰战役中,阿根廷因未使用水雷对抗英国皇家海军,是其战败的主因²¹。

中国战略家所分析的许多军事战役中,波湾战争(1990-91 年)特别的重要。此战震惊了经历邓小平时代下国防预算削减、军事技术低、战备贫乏阶段的人民解放军。根据 David Shambaugh(沈大伟)所说「在人民解放军 70 年历史中,只有韩战让人经历了如此全面性的再思考」²²。这个冲击「对人民解放军有如当头棒喝」。Shambaugh 解释: 「(解

放军的)政策家从未想象美国所发展的新型高科技可如此运用…几乎任何军事观念都提醒着解放军高层其未逮之处」²³。这些研究中有个值得注意的现象被忽略,但却暗自影响了中国海军之后发展;因此,中国分析家详细的分析了 1990-91 年的军事冲突中的海军战役。²⁴中国军事著作引用此战役中水雷破坏了两艘美军战舰的例子,认为水雷战几乎是全面的 ²⁵。

以众多水雷战及水雷反制著作闻名的中国军事专家傅金祝,在 1992 年 3 月中国船舶重工集团公司(CSIC)的「现代舰船」期刊上,发表了一篇关于波湾战争在水雷战的全面性分析 ²⁶。傅认为水雷战非预期性地扮演了一个重大的角色,突显出水雷是小国能对抗大国最有效的方法之一,但傅也小心地指出大国亦可有效地部署水雷 ²⁷。傅认为成功地让黎坡里号(USS Tripoli) 及普林斯顿号(USS Princeton)触雷,说明了美军在水雷反制上「相对地势弱」。他认为此论点在伊拉克水雷战失败中特别明显,傅列出了在作战规划及整备上的不足,例如未布署足够数量的水雷(伊拉克「仅」布署了 1,100 枚水雷),错用了系留雷,不够巧妙地隐匿水雷作战或实施长距离水雷作战等因素。虽然认同伊拉克在水雷战中善用了民船,但同盟军的空优则是阻碍伊拉克从空中布雷的主因,并消耗了大量伊拉克水雷数量。此外,傅更加确认此历史事件本质上显示出「反水雷艰巨性」。

在波湾战争的海军作战中亦有篇研究报告呼应上述论点²⁸。此分析报告强调,其讽刺之处在于波湾战争普遍地被认为是「高科技作战」,然而传统武器(如水雷)却扮演了重要的角色。作者认为水雷战具惊人的经济效益,并以「价廉物美」来形容它。认为水雷对中国来说为特别适切的武器,不仅在守势作为上,更因中国具有长且复杂的海岸线,因此也适用于攻势作为,可制造封锁敌港、破坏海上交通线的机会²⁹。如同傅金祝,此分析家强调可师法伊拉克经验,因为「水雷也应该运用高科技」。在改善的方法及技术当中,以反水雷反制装备为先、接续为「智能化水雷」、快速布雷、及「多载台布雷手段」等。如前所述,第二份研究分析也相当地不赞赏同盟军的水雷反制作为:「虽然四个国家共布署了13艘舰艇,结果仍未达期望,这批联军受制于各舰艇作业能力不同,因此(在对抗伊拉克水雷上)只有缓慢的进展」。

傅金祝于 2004 年时,在中国造船工程学会(CSNAME)期刊-「舰船知识」中的发表,暗示关于前述及相关分析观点已成为解放军的海军战略家间普遍的看法。开头便说「我们都知道在 1991 年的海湾战争中,伊拉克的水雷发挥了重要的作用,重创美海军的 2 艘大型战斗舰和 1 艘改装的猎雷舰」³⁰。这篇研究中分析了 2003 年伊拉克战争中水雷战及水雷反制,并检讨为何此次同盟军在水雷反制作为上明显优于 1991 年。傅认为伊拉克水雷并未造成同盟军的伤亡,因此 2003 年的水雷反制作为是成功的。然而,他认为即使运用了许多新型系统(例如 AN/AQS-24 猎雷声纳),同盟军水雷反制上还是有许多问题。据他观察,在水雷反制作战开始的 36 小时内,只搜获了 6 枚水雷(相对于约 90 枚布雷),且当时最先进的水雷反制系统仍受到海底杂迹(例如假目标)的影响 ³¹。再回到本段主题-波湾战争分析上,傅强调伊拉克水雷战的失败,在于同盟军掌握了相关空域

及海域完全掌控权。傅认同水雷战的效果,但也说明水雷反制本质上的困难,他引用了伊拉克战争中负责水雷反制战的美海军官员说法:「即使在最佳的海象及作战环境下,猎雷及扫雷作业仍是缓慢的,带给人员挫折感及威胁」³²。

在水雷战的历史中,1991年波湾战争显然对于解放军的海军发展上有显著的影响。 西方的国防分析家很明白地表示波湾战争对整体解放军来说是一个转折点,暴露出中国 弱于美国军力上的显著差距,而驱使中国急起直追的欲望。然而,中国对于波湾战争水 雷战及水雷反制上的评估,进而注意到美国在此类作战能力上的致命点。正如一位中国 分析家在2004年中国海军官方报-人民海军上发表在中美军事冲突时水雷战可能扮演的 角色:

美军需要从海上移动补给品。但中国不是伊拉克,中国具有先进的水雷…这对美国的海上运输来说是个致命的威胁…当台湾海峡爆发冲突时,,解放军海军可以布署水雷。 美军舰艇在反潜战前,需先执行区域扫雷。美国在波湾战争时,花了超过半年时间才将 所有伊拉克水雷扫除。因此,美军在扫除解放军水雷时必不轻松³³。

除了对于外国水雷战经验的详细分析外,中国亦运用某些自身经验。

中国水雷战的发展史

虽然波湾战争及其他国水雷战的分析可能促进中国发展水雷战,但无视中国本身在这个领域下鲜为人知的努力却是错误认知。中国的水雷发展等同于其海军的盛衰史-从古代的强盛而转衰颓到近期的复苏³⁴。

值得注意的是中国宣称发明了水雷,³⁵ 在明朝(16 世纪中期)发明及生产,³⁶ 之后亦广泛地运用 ³⁷。早在 1363 年,据传明朝就在战役中使用分壳布雷船作战 ³⁸。在 1558 年,唐顺编撰的「武编」一书就详细记载了沉雷的设计,从 14 世纪到 16 世纪时,就用作攻击中国沿海倭寇的布雷方法 ³⁹。清朝时设立了天津水雷学堂 ⁴⁰,并期望恢复中国的制海权并防御领土的完整性。

几世纪后,在中日战争期间,共军与国民党合作布雷,抵抗日本在长江上的运输⁴¹。 在中华人民共和国于 1949 年建立后,「海军军官发现水雷武器的独特作战性:威胁时间 长、攻击隐匿、难以预料等」⁴²。人民解放军在 1949 年时,使用渔船清除汕头港的水雷 ⁴³,解放军必须建立一支扫雷部队以扫除国民党在长江所布下的水雷。在俄国专家的指 导下,四艘登陆舰改装成扫雷舰,于当年 10 月成功地完成扫雷任务 ⁴⁴。

西方及中国战略家都同样熟悉在元山战役时的联军扫雷作战⁴⁵。中国消息明确指出 北朝鲜成功布下了3千枚水雷,并暂时延缓了美军攻进沿海的时间⁴⁶。联军成功地扫雷 或摧毁了 225 枚水雷,但也付出了惨痛的代价。4 艘美军扫雷舰及 1 艘舰队拖船被击沉, 五艘驱逐舰受到严重的损害。水雷也击沉了南韩的扫雷舰 YMS-516,并伤害了几艘南 韩舰艇 ⁴⁷。在此役中带领前进兵力的美海军准将 Allan Smith,这样叙述此事件:「这个 国家在没有海军,仅靠一次大战前的武器及过时的船只的状况下,就让我们丧失了制海 权₁ ⁴⁸。

人民解放军在韩战期间初次进行了水雷战,这是一个被西方广泛忽略的事实。在 1953 年 2 月,北京海军司令部派遣了一只派遣队布署水雷屏障,预防美国两栖渗透兵力进入共产党领土。4 月 6 日,5 艘舰艇组成的分遣队抵达清川江口,并根据俄国准则试图布雷(因环境参数影响而适时调整,并革新战术)。⁴⁹ 经此开端后,共产党在韩战的作战经验成了中国近代水雷战的滥觞。解放军海军引进俄国水雷同时也决定开始仿制。

在韩战期间制定的国家政策决定,在此战役结束后购买不同型的外国扫雷舰。1951年制定的政策,对于解放军海军的发展有着长久的影响,让中国决定「从苏联获得技术转移权利并自制军舰」到「从仿制(舰艇)到半本国自制」,而最后「一步一步地从半本国自制到完全自制」。⁵⁰中国因此购买并改装了二次大战的扫雷舰,以及苏联在1948年造的数艘扫雷舰。在此动机下,中国同时将渔船改装成扫雷舰,并开始制造首艘专用猎雷舰。根据1953年中俄协议⁵¹,莫斯科将6605及6610型扫雷舰的造舰计划及装具交付中国,而后于武昌造船厂组建。在1960年代起开始量产。⁵²

在 1950 年代中期,根据 1956-67 年的国防科学及技术开发计划的指导 ⁵³,中国开始发展水雷建设。北京当局设立了水雷专业委员会,负责指导水雷研发。以及水中武器研究机构,负责相关资料收集及分析。 ⁵⁴于 1958 年,山西省汾西机器厂开始自制中国第一枚水雷:型号 M1-3型,为仿制俄国原型之水雷。

在 1956 年,中国开始设计第一艘自制猎雷舰: 057K 型,由第一机械制造工业部下的造船工业管理局的第一产品设计室负责 55。第一代的港区扫雷舰是由中船重工(CSIC)下的 708 研究所负责监造,主要的船厂有江南、中华、江西等 56。1965 年经过海上测试后,首艘猎雷舰便交给解放军。中国在日后会将此舰跟 058 型舰艇布署到越南。058型舰设计始于 1967 年,解放军于 1972 年时接收。此型舰采低磁性特征钢,并使用消磁装备(用以降低磁性特征)⁵⁷。在 1970 年代时 58,依照东德"Troikas"型舰研发了约 50 艘312 型无人扫雷舰执行河川的扫雷作业;这批舰艇后来也在越南使用。⁵⁹

水雷发展在文化大革命期间(1966-76)仍持续进行着,也许是因为跟毛泽东的人民战争准则路线相近的关系而保留着。为了建立能抵抗俄国核子攻击下的偏远「第三线」国防建设,打击了中国的军事产业也丧失极大的效率,影响甚至延续到今日 ⁶⁰。当时研发许多模块化、简单构造的浅水雷,例如 C-4 及 C-5 型沉底雷等 ⁶¹。这个时期的水雷普遍具有开发时间长的问题;后续也多需要升级引信才可延续可用性。现在仍不清楚这些

浅水雷在今日中国的战斗序列中能扮演何种角色。

在1972年5月9日,美国海军在越南海防港布雷。中国立即回应河内的求助,并于5月12日时正式地谴责封锁行动 62。中国接下来在研讨后,不寻常地派兵至战区,注意当时中国在水雷反制上是缺乏经验的。而且他们亦坦率地承认文化大革命折损了中国原有的实力 63。当月稍后中国水雷调查工作队抵达了海防港,并开始分析寻获的美军水雷。在当年7月到1973年8月之间,解放军派遣了12艘扫雷舰、4艘支持舰及318名官兵到越南。64在多名伤员及至少一人死亡的状况下,中国的扫雷舰航行了27,700海浬,运用了音响触发、水下作业员及其他方式等,清除了46枚美军水雷。65这些清除水雷的经验让解放军在越战后期已经相当熟悉美军水雷战的工法及硬件架构。中国在美国对北越的水雷战中学到的经验还包含了:夜间时空中布雷的战术,以求出人意料的效果。并在心理战上以「布多说少、布少说多」的手段取得上风66。中国后来也在1974到75年间,利用这项水雷反制的经验帮助柬埔寨的赤柬67。

在1970年代,解放军固化了其生产基本型、俄式装备的能力。这是一个(军事)起飞的时代;到1980年代时解放军在研发上的能力已大有进展。许多从前构想的设施也成功地开发并生产。早期生产的设施亦能以新科技改良。中国第一型国制水雷 M-4型系留雷,在1974年起服役;其改良型水雷后续于1982年及1985年问世。C-3型水雷是中国第一个具抗扫能力的国制水雷,自1974年起服役。后续引信的改良,于1986年产生了改良型 C-3B型水雷。在1975年,中国决定了第一个使用晶体管科技设计的水雷:C-2型深水沉底雷。其后续的改良型将改善引信的感应。新型的水雷反制舰,编号082型港区扫雷舰于1976年时建案,在1984年开始兴建,于1987年起服役。68

邓小平于 1978 年崛起后,降低国防预算以促进经济发展,但「改革开放」政策也鼓励解放军在几十年里,第一次全面地引进外国科技及构想。在 1980 年代中期,作为「战略转变」的一环,将部分过时的人民战争教范转换为高科技下进行有限、本地的战争,另将大陆作战重心转移到海洋领土防卫,解放军海军将专业布雷舰的发展列为其优先考虑。延续先前的俄国经验,中国开始研发专用布雷舰艇。在 1988 年,经过从 1981 年开始的漫长设计及测试阶段,918 型布雷舰-舷号 814 开始加入舰队服勤。⁶⁹ 经报导,814 号可利用多向吊臂实施无码头补雷,为一机械式的运雷系统,并配有先进射控雷达,可携带 300 枚水雷。但其航速慢、易被侦测等性质似乎欠缺了作战上的优势;可能是被当作技术测试平台了。也许就是为何到现在也仅造了 1 艘 918 型舰的原因吧。⁷⁰

照片 1 (涡池级水雷反制舰。詹氏年鉴内列有六艘,由两个船厂兴建。设计上与先前中国建造的俄国型式扫雷舰相似,但舰长多出 5 米。)



在此议题上不应忽略解放军扫雷舰的发展,据报导于 2004 年 4 月 20 日时,求新船厂生产了新型的六百吨扫雷舰 ⁷¹。解放军广州军区政治部门所发行的日报中报导 2005 年时,海军成功地「开发了新型扫雷舰之新装备训练及作战战法」 ⁷²。2005 年后,解放军接收了两种型式的国造新制水雷反制舰: 六艘涡池级,及目前仅一艘的涡藏级 ⁷³。央视的军事频道 CCTV-7 基于某种目的,于 2007 年上半年播放了中国水雷反制操演的特集中,播出涡藏级使用线传遥控载具(ROV)进行水下猎雷作业的画面,此举显然是解放军海军的第一次。 ⁷⁴ 根据一名水雷战专家指出这个遥控载具可能没有声纳,但似乎能施放引爆炸药,且可能具备扫雷刀,可割断水雷的锚炼。与美军水雷处理系统相当类似。然而就外观而言,它并不像是直接从西方水雷反制系统中仿制而来。 ⁷⁵ 东海舰队的一支扫雷支队 ⁷⁶ 在 2008 年时以型式相似的遥控载具支持了水雷反制。 ⁷⁷ 放大标准来看,使用猎雷无人水下载具(UUVs)虽表示中国在水雷反制能力上是新的进展,但相对于当世水平上来说,复杂程度不高。

照片 2 东海舰队扫雷战队指挥官张建明与猎雷遥控载具。此型遥控线接式猎雷载具在外观上像意大利的冥王(PLUTO)系统,在前端的「泡泡」处有扫雷刀装置,可用于割断水雷炼,在「泡泡」内有摄影镜头,也可能在其下方的黑色金属壳处运用炸药引爆沉底雷。



邓(小平)时代现代化所遗留的资产在于加速了海军水下战技术发展。努力积极地引进外国经验当中,较特别的是源自美国的鱼雷科技。而在水雷反制的领域内,据说中国已从以色列获得了先进的扫雷技术。⁷⁸

特别是中国自 1981 年开始发展火箭水雷,于 1989 年时初次生产。⁷⁹ 在后天安门时代,这项研究更获得大笔军事经费、强势经济抬头及稳定国家科技建设等因素支持。美国国防大学⁸⁰ 在 2002 年出版的 21 世纪海战主要专题论文与一般看法不同,文中认为火箭水雷及其改良型式,在这 20 年来势必已在解放军弹药库占有一席之地了。

中国水雷储备

中国目前的水雷储备包含许多致命性武器。公开、不保密的水雷存量总数约五万到十万之间。⁸¹ 然而值得注意的是水雷可轻易隐匿储放位置。因此上述估计量因谨慎视之。

战斗序列

一篇中国近期的文章宣称中国握有超过五万枚水雷,其中「有超过 30 种触发感应、磁性感应、声响感应、水压感应、复合感应、遥控水雷、火箭上升水雷及移动水雷等各式水雷。」⁸² 在表 1 列出的是目前公开的中国水雷清单。其范围从较旧型的系留雷、精密的沉底雷到火箭水雷等都有。

系留雷: 典型水雷,从一次世界大战开始使用在军事上。1991 年及 1988 年时分别破坏了美军黎坡里号(USS Tripoli)及山姆罗勃号(USS Samuel B. Roberts)可证明其杀伤力依旧。⁸³ 系留雷漂浮在海平面下,透过锚固定于定点。通常用直接接触舰艇或旧式的引爆机制来实施引爆。系留雷中,例如中国的 EM 31 型及 EM 32 型受限于锚炼(缆)长度及水深不超过两百米。⁸⁴ 水雷锚炼及引爆简单等特征,让此类水雷在获知布放情报后,即便以一般扫雷舰也可轻易扫除。⁸⁵

漂雷:是一种「自由漂浮」的水雷,解放军海军已大量研发及生产。根据报导,解放军在枉顾国际法规下,至少制造了3种漂雷,占其传统水雷类的大宗之一。但目前在生产、存量、布署等信息均不明。

漂雷主要被认为用以攻击水面舰。由中船重工(CSIC)在湖北省宜昌的710研究所研发⁸⁶,大连起重机厂生产,漂-1型这种自动、稳定、深漂雷有大型及小型两种。用于攻击中小型舰艇,可由军舰或一般民船布放。漂-1型据报于1974年起服役。其施放深度为2到25米、作战寿命为2年、爆炸半径为10米。根据报导,漂-1型具隐匿佳、生产价格低、难扫且可设定漂浮深度。

漂-2型这种小型、自动、稳定、深浮水雷是由710研究所开发,由大连起重机厂生产。漂-2型水雷的外观为长型火箭体,容量相对较小、净重125到150公斤、可漂浮于固定深度,主要用于攻击中小型水面舰艇。漂-2型可实施分解,俾利人工布雷,可利用小艇或渔船之类简单的载台作业。漂-2型原设计用于沿海作战及封锁海上航道。有迹象显示中国已经开发了第三代漂雷。漂-3型:漂浮深度在2到7米间。⁸⁷此型漂雷可能将特别用在封锁台湾东部海域的水面舰艇航道,因其深度太深而不适用上升水雷。

型式	引信	类型	布放载台	攻击深度(米)	任务目标	尺寸/弹头	寿限(年)	开发历史	改良型式	开发技术	开发单位
C-1 500	音响频率	沉底雷	水面舰 飞机	6–30	攻击水面舰	495 公斤; 300 公斤炸药; 直径 533 MM	4	1965 年起服役		仿制俄国非接 触深沉底音响	710 研究所; 西安东风仪表
1000	磁感信号	N N H	水面舰 潜舰鱼雷	6–60	及潜舰	1080 公斤; 700 公斤炸药; 直径 533 MM	'			诱发雷	厂;汾西机械厂
C-2 500	磁感信号	沉底雷	水面舰	6–50	攻击中大型沿	直径 533 MM	2	1965 年起开 发; 1966 年海 上实测; 1975	针对因淤泥沙掩盖而降低灵敏度进行多种改良	中国第一个使用晶体管技术	由 710 研究所 设 计 , 先 锋 (Vanguard) 电
1000	低音波(<20Hz)	D U/KN FH	潜舰	6–100	海舰艇			年研发计划终了		的水雷	器厂; 汾西机械厂
C-3 500	音响频率	沉底雷	水面舰 潜舰	6–50	攻击中大型水	直径 533 MM	2	1974 年 11 月	1982 年改良引信; 1986年12月的C-3B型改	中国的第一个国制研发的水	由 710 研究所 设计;上海先
1000	磁感信号	が以は田	飞机	6-100 面舰、港	面舰、潜舰	且任 333 MM	2	起服役	良施放最大深度到200米	雷, 具抗扫及 抗干扰功能	锋电器厂生产
C-4	磁感信号 低音波 (<20Hz) 水压感应	沉底雷	海军舰艇 民船 人工	5–15	攻击中小型舰 艇,「人民的海 上战争」	小型、轻型模块化设计	4	1976 年研发计 划终了		具强大的抗扫 及抗干扰功能	由 710 研究所 设计; 东风仪 表厂制造
C-5	超音波感应水压感应	沉底雷		5–15	攻击中小型舰 艇	小型、模块化、下半部 为短筒状、上半部为半 球体: 210 公斤	4	1973 年继续开 发计划; 1975 年服役		因 1974-75 年 间协助赤柬夺 取柬浦寨政权 而在 1978 年获 得国家科技成 就奖	由 710 研究所设计; 东风仪表厂制造
C-6	磁感信号 水压感应 低音波 (<20Hz) 音响频率			10–300						仿制意大利 MR-80 系列	
EM-52	超音波(>20kHz) 磁感信号 使用三种引信: 传机 战斗(音响) 爆炸(水压)	火箭推进 直接上升	水面舰艇	2–200	反水面及反潜 作战	短粗鱼雷外型,长度 3.7 米、直径 0.45 米、 629 公斤、140 公斤炸 药	1	1981 年开始研 发,1987 年积 极测试及修改 原型,1989 年 继续研发	改良施放深度 (目标 500 米) , 1994 年起持 续改良炸药	从计划深度 200 米到水面 时间 5 秒, 对 周围舰艇达 80% 打击率 , 中国产销	由 710 研究所管理研发。

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EM-53	音响/磁性, 磁性影响	沉底雷 遥控		6–60	防御水雷战斗 数组,封锁海 湾、海峡及航 道等			1978 年起开 发;军方于 1986 年接收 原型		三种功能: -解除启动 -战斗 -最大战略弹 性引爆	
EM-54					选择目标:飞 机或合适排水 量的航母						中国舰船研究室研发
EM-55	主动、音响、被动								EM-52 的 改良型	中国产销	
EM-56	音响、震动、压力	自走	潜舰 可能由岸基单 位发射	从 13 公里到最 大 45 公里,可 漂浮发射	反水面作战	380 公斤				中国产销	
EM-57 500 1000	音响/磁性	沉底雷 遥控 改良距离至 730 公里	空中 水面舰	6–100	反水面及反潜 作战	300 公斤炸药 700 公斤炸药			500 公斤 1000 公斤	中国产销	
MAFOS-1		自动搜寻及 判别型式									
M-1	接触引爆	大型系留雷	水面舰 潜舰	12–263	大型水面舰艇		1	1962 年起服 役;停产	M-1B,新增 非接触引信	仿制俄国水雷	汾西机械厂
M-2	接触引爆	中型系留雷	水面舰 潜舰	15–110	航道及 港口封锁		1	1964 年起服 役;停产	新增 非接触引信	仿制俄国水雷	汾西机械厂
M-3	接触引爆	大型系留雷	水面舰 潜舰	12–430	攻击潜舰		1	1965 年起服 役;停产	新增 非接触引信	仿制俄国水雷	汾西机械厂
M-4	音响信号 超音波 (>20kHz)	系留雷	水面舰 潜舰	200	深水封锁 攻击中型舰 艇、潜舰	600 公斤	2	1973 年 11 月 研发计划终 了; 1974 年服 役	1982 年 M-4A 增加浮力及引 信稳定度; 1985 年 11 月 M-4B 型改良 引信电路整合	中国第一个国产水雷;第一个非接触深水超音波水雷	710 研究所研 发;汾西机械 厂制造
M-5	接触、计时、音频	上升水雷		200							

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漂-1/2	接触	漂浮、中型自 动定深	人工 小艇 渔船	2–8+	攻击中小型船 舰	长型火箭体 低容量 125-150 公斤	2		中国的漂-1 原型缺乏辨别敌我的功能。难以使用,可能已停产		710 研究所研 发;大连起重 机厂生产
漂-3	音响、接触	漂浮	潜舰 水面舰	2-7上下 (+/-1米)	反水面作战	130 公斤	受限于水中 最大寿命				
PMK-1	感应、计时、音频	(火箭?) 推进鱼雷	水面舰 潜舰	200-400 (1000 米锚深)	反水面及反潜 作战	350 公斤				俄国制造	
PMK-2	被动、主动、音响	(火箭?) 推进鱼雷内装 弹头	空中 潜舰 水面舰	400 米 (锚深 100-1000 米) 可联机	反潜作战	相当于 110 公斤 TNT 炸药				俄国制造,以 MPT-1M 热感 鱼雷为原型	
Т5	音响、磁感、水压	自航									
特 2-1	遥控「安全/战斗/引 爆」等功能	遥控		6–65				1978 年开始 研发		上海交通大学 及海军工程学 院协助	上海先锋仪表 厂、上海电子 装备自动化研 究所、海军测 试基地
500 型		深训水雷	飞机 (特指海军航 空部队)		练习海上布雷			1987 年 12 月 设计计划终 了	可回收		710 研究所、 汾西机械厂、 海军航空部队
ग्र∥-1	可选择 C-1、-2 及 -3 等引信	沉底雷 训雷	潜舰		潜舰布雷练习 用			1982 年 11 月 后继续开发	操演后浮至水 面		710 研究所、 汾西机械厂

表 1. 中国水雷一览表

来源包含:林长盛「潜龙在渊-解放军水雷兵器的现况与发展」第 22-33 页; Ling Xiang (凌翔)「Raise Mighty Chinese Sea Mine Warfare Ships on the Sea」第 152-61 页; 詹氏年鉴-水下作战系统,参考网址 www.janes.com ; Wayne Mason 着「Naval Mine Technologies」等。

照片 3 「漂型」漂雷。中国海军已生产了大量的自由漂雷,但目前生产的状况、存量及部署等都不明。



根据某些中国消息来源,解放军因漂雷难以控制的特性,已经停止开发。⁸⁸ 但 2007 年的某中国水雷战教材中讨论了大量漂雷的内容。⁸⁹ 而且近期在 CCTV-7 频道中亦出现了似乎为近代水雷,且「标示为漂雷」的影像。⁹⁰

关于漂雷的研发,中国的实际处置及盘算仍不明确。然而上海国际研究机构的报刊「国际展望」的编辑表示「漂雷…能在桥及港口等设施,用以攻击航行舰及锚泊舰。漂雷并不受限于水深或海上,很可能会漂出海上战区,并伤及非交战国的船只。因此国际条约禁止使用漂雷。当然实际状况下不会如此理想化。」⁹¹ 漂雷的确在广泛认知的军事冲突法律下是不合法的,主要在于其无差别攻击的特性:它们可以轻易地将民船误认为合法的军事目标般摧毁。而且几乎无法追踪位置。海珊(Saddam Hussein)因在波湾战争(1990–91)中使用漂雷而受世人谴责。只有在施放后不久即成为惰性的漂雷才有可能合法,即便如此,漂雷中仍有危险的化学物质并持续漂流,也让人质疑其正当性。⁹²

相当于中国最新的作战法手册中,说明 1907 年海牙第 8 公约「关于敷设自动触发水雷公约」限定水雷使用,但是缔约国在二次大战期间仍多有违反此限制。「因而严重地破坏此协议的规则」⁹³ 最后,这群中国分析家总结国家利益无可避免地高于法律协议。不难想象中国在台湾冲突时,使用「维护领土完整」的理由自外于此类国际公约吧。

沉底雷: 顾名思义可知此型雷直接布于海底,感应经过船只的磁场、电场、音响或水压的变化,在满足其触发条件时引爆。⁹⁵ 是一种危险且有效的武器,1991 年沙漠风暴时普林斯顿号(USS Princeton)触雷事件可应证。解放军某些旧式沉底雷,例如500及

1000 型等,被评估具有计算通过船只的功能,在引爆之前最多可感应到 15 次船只造成的环境变化。它们也具有启动延迟的机制,在实际布署前最多停滞 250 日,其自毁定时器可设定最多达 500 天。⁹⁶中国的 C 系列沉底雷从 1960 年中期时的浅水沉底雷开始改良,到 1975 年后加强深水布署及多重引信等复杂度。⁹⁷ 中国的沉底雷 EM-11 及 EM-53型较系留雷更难侦测及从水里扫除。⁹⁸ 在 1991 年时,某位水雷专家写过:「依目前状况,满足磁场、音响及水压等条件顺序下,进行扫雷作业几乎是不可能的。」⁹⁹,710 研究所根据报导,在近期已与巴基斯坦共同开发新世代的灵敏引信沉底雷。¹⁰⁰ 受限于感应范围及炸药等条件,沉底雷被限制布署在水深 200 米或更浅的深度。¹⁰¹

遥控雷:某些水雷可透过传输编码音响信号而解除,让友舰安全通过后可重新启动,限制敌舰通行。在中国技术文件中明显有许多关于此功能的研究。¹⁰² 中国被认为可依此方式控制 EM-53 及-57 型沉底雷。¹⁰³ 遥控雷虽符合守势水雷的目的,在攻势作战中一样有用。

潜射自走雷:中国具有一定存量,例如 EM-56型。可自行移动至最终目标区域。 104 中文称「自航水雷」。 这型水雷可到其他方式无法到达的地点,单纯就鱼雷壳体装填弹药后航至该区。一般使用废弃的鱼雷改制(例如中国 YU 型系列的早期模型),从潜舰发射。将沿着使用者规划的航线航行一段时间。当抵达预设的终点时(可能是某港口的中心),鱼雷的引擎停机,而雷体就沉到海底。而弹头就由类似其他沉底雷的引信所控制。如大部分的水雷,这型水雷也限用于浅水区。

上升水雷:另一种型式的水雷,以「上升水雷」得名,可被用于深水区。西北工业大学有关火箭上升水雷的一篇学术论文中提到:「它们可用于深水区以扩大制海范围,并适用于中国的海洋环境。」¹⁰⁵ 这型雷以系留方式固定,但其漂浮炸药的部分-鱼雷或弹头火箭,将在系统侦测到符合的通行船只时释放。而鱼雷或火箭从该深度升起后,导向并摧毁其目标,一般目标为潜舰。某消息指出:所谓的「指向性火箭上升水雷」就是一种具有精准控制、导引及主动攻击能力的高科技水雷...攻击速率(例如攻击潜舰目标)可达每秒 80 米。¹⁰⁶ 例如中国从俄国进口的 PMK-2 型上升鱼雷水雷,据说能在水深 2 千米的深度施放。¹⁰⁷ 而系留缆材质的改良可能加深最大的锚深。中国已获得俄国早期的 PMK-1 型,并可能反向开发出自制型式。中国也已开发出,并出口至少两种上升水雷。¹⁰⁸ 伊朗于 1994 年购买了数量不明的中共 EM-52 型火箭上升水雷,¹⁰⁹ 据报导至少有两百米的作战深度。¹¹⁰

近期对上升水雷研发的关注,显示出中国「对水雷战的新认知」:有必要开发有效的广大深海区域水雷战,并研发并配备能够执行...机动攻击的火箭水雷。¹¹¹ 解放军正扩储 1970 及 80 年代时,原用以对抗冷战强权攻击,防御沿海区域的水雷存量;这些武器多数「仅能布署于浅水区」,仅有少数能布署于略深水域中。解放军已经「开始筹购垂直火箭上升水雷,并积极研发指向性火箭水雷、火箭上深导引飞弹水雷及火箭助推水

无效率的国防产业氛围不太可能限制中国的水雷开发,因为其国家无法本地开发的部分可能已从俄国获得。中国已获得俄国的水雷、技术,很有可能包含俄国工程师,以强化其本身的自制水雷计划。¹¹³ 自从冷战结束后,水雷战技术「因前苏联水雷专家出走及世界市场等因素而快速地扩散」。¹¹⁴ 一份中国主要海军刊物中的文章引述俄国为「世界的水雷王国」。¹¹⁵ 傅金祝相信俄国在水雷上的成就甚至超过英美。¹¹⁶ 中国分析家举证三大因素说明俄国的水雷战特色: 天然(地理)屏障因素利于水雷战、击溃优势海军的能力、以便宜价格大量生产的能力。¹¹⁷ 很明显地,这个分析结果壮盛了中国水雷战的论点。再者,中国战略家已经对俄国及苏联时期的水雷战役有相当透彻的研究。¹¹⁸ 这些分析检视了土(耳其)俄战争及日俄战争中水雷的角色。有众多研究检视苏联在二次世界大战时,所设下的约8万枚水雷所扮演的重要角色。¹¹⁹ 延续这个主题,近期在「国际展望」于一篇极详细的研究中,附上了1941年时在芬兰海湾所布署的俄、德及芬兰雷区图。¹²⁰

中国在新的硬件架构中整合了对俄国水雷发展史及准则的认知。中国分析家认为在俄国总理赫鲁晓夫执政期间,俄国在水雷企图上稍有减弱,但于 1960 年代后期又再次复兴,并认为传统战争想定中的水雷将扮演更吃重的角色。¹²¹ 另有中国消息来源强调俄国「持续开发高速水下火箭科技」。¹²² 根据此消息及其他中国研究显示,俄国火箭水雷(例如 PMK-1)为理想的对抗美国核子潜舰用武器。这些武器具每秒五十米的追杀力,可高速攻击核动力潜舰 (SSNs),使其无法及时反制。它们也被认为是对抗美制的单船体潜舰的有效武器。据说藉由部署此型武器,即使相对旧型的柴油潜舰也能抗衡核能潜舰,此为传统的俄国战略。

而解放军明显在训练中使用 R 级或明级潜舰,于敌港布放 EM-52 型火箭上升水雷,暗示这些潜舰的战时任务,并说明了中国保存这些潜舰的理由。¹²³ 据报有俄国科学家参与中国的水雷计划。¹²⁴ 在此作战领域中,俄国广泛的支持正符合解放军军事上的优先发展需求,但其合作的规模仍不可知。

研究方向

解放军持续地寻求外国装备、科技及专业人才等,支持其快速的水雷发展。但中国并不单纯满足于获得先进的俄国及他国水雷。受其科学及科技革命上的影响,中国已取得了丰富的水雷研究成效。从中国持续的研究焦点,可知她正专注于发展并加强深水上升水雷的效果。¹²⁵ 中国于 1981 年开始研发火箭上升水雷,1989 年生产第一型。青岛潜舰学院的学者已于近期计算出,在某特定海域中,需多少自走雷可完成封锁。¹²⁶ 而实际上,在潜射机动水雷(SLMM)领域上亦有广泛的研究 ¹²⁷,特别是其障碍或反制作为。

¹²⁸ 中国海军航空工程及大连海军学院的科学家已发展出预测火箭推进水雷攻击可能性的方法。¹²⁹ 另外有许多研究分析发射载台稳定性 ¹³⁰、水下火箭推进 ¹³¹、及发射轨迹路径 ¹³²等。如其他国家,中国也广泛地测试水雷战模型。测试领域有「水雷封锁战」 ¹³³、水雷反制(MCM) ¹³⁴ 及军舰磁场等。 ¹³⁵ 某些关键的数学模型证实了中国水雷战及水雷反制是「基于五十年来解放军自身及研究他国海军的成果」。 ¹³⁶

中国 710 研究所作为水雷研发中心已有多年。近几年来,研究人员研发了引信触发 ¹³⁷ 及影像等议题。¹³⁸ 并帮水雷设计出了 USB 型式的「高容量内部记录器」。¹³⁹ 在与大学及多国机构合作下,开发出「水雷深度量测及控制系统」。¹⁴⁰ 值得注意到,他们推崇在水雷软件开发中采用「国家军事标准」。¹⁴¹ 同样地,哈尔滨工程大学的某个学生提倡发展可靠的「军用自动测试系统」,以确认武器战备。¹⁴² 其他水雷研究则针对目标追踪 ¹⁴³、爆炸半径 ¹⁴⁴、最大化 ¹⁴⁵ 及对舰损害程度 ¹⁴⁶ 等研究。某中国顶尖的科技大学研究人员则分析在何种程度下,目标能反应并回避深水上升水雷。¹⁴⁷ 且他们建议使用目标舰艇的被动特性来瞄准水雷。¹⁴⁸

另有某些观点认为潜舰适合作为上升水雷的发射载台;在大连海军学院的一篇文章中建议解放军将兴趣放在潜射机动水雷上。¹⁴⁹ 某位 705 研究所研究员提倡获得封装鱼雷式水雷,类似美国冷战期间使用的卡普托水雷(Captor)。此型水雷可部署在深水区域,攻击经过的潜舰。¹⁵⁰ 技术上的需求可经由实地测试确认:

特定新型水雷的潜舰测试曾于中国南海执行。此测试领域的资深工程师Zhang Zhaokui 及Jin Shujun 在狭隘的鱼雷发射舱间内工作超过2个月,并精确地收集到每个 群组资料。之后由海军的军事训练部将这些及珍贵的技术参考数据纳进作战手册内,提 供新装备使用上的科学基础。¹⁵¹

引信是中国研究的另一个主题。水雷设计师设计出较精密的引信系统,来解决早期水雷易扫的问题。中国正将其旧型水雷翻新为现代化、高性能,实际上不可能扫除的型式。¹⁵² 这解决了中国大批库存濒临汰除的水雷问题。其成效就是「聪明」或「智能型」水雷,更能抵抗水雷反制外,亦可具选择特定舰型目标。¹⁵³ 其中一个重要的研究方向就是数字引信,¹⁵⁴ 这是使用神经网络作为强化抗扫性的一种方法。¹⁵⁵ 在 710 研究所及海军工程大学的研究员研讨改良水雷引信压力感应的方法。¹⁵⁶ 其他研究包含侦测舰艇弱磁场的改良方法。¹⁵⁷ 中国的 M 型系留雷系列就展示了这个开发过程:早期在 1960年代的最先两种旧式雷,据推测是因容易扫除而不再使用,而 M-4A 及-B 型在 1980年代升级时引进了更新、更精密的引信。改良后的引信造就了更加强大的沉底雷。使用这种方法,搭配其他措施,解放军持续与时俱进,抗衡外国更加精密的水雷反制作为。¹⁵⁸ 如解放军报所报导:

实测不仅要验证对目标的射击,同样仰赖它们收集到大量的科学研究资料。新型

水雷的设计最终阶段的测试中,施放后的水雷并没有如默认目标作动,且其测量及记录相关的「黑盒子」也无所获。然而使用同样接口的目标射距测量仪具却清楚地记录了各种数据。从目标射距的科学分析可得知水雷的「脑」在电子系统的设计上有瑕疵。因此目标射距分析数据将让此水雷「脱胎换骨」。一年后,此高效能智能型水雷在评估后已达标准。159

从空中布雷亦是一个日益重要的主题。举例来说,值得注意在 2007 年发行的有关水雷战教材发展的共同计划中,参与的五所大学其中两所就有附属的航天研究机构,分别是西北工业大学及北京航空航天大学。¹⁶⁰ 无人飞行器的研究所已进行水雷降落伞轨迹参数的研究。¹⁶¹ 太空科技也投入降落伞设计中。¹⁶² 西北工业大学及中北大学的研究者已于近期发表数篇研究报告,以空投水雷撞击水后的影响为模型。¹⁶³ 某位中国专家已设计出精密的数学模型,可决定空中布雷的最佳参数。¹⁶⁴ 因此,如同其他研究领域,也已透过实测来决定最佳的施放方法:

实测中与参与测试的研发机构及单位紧密的接洽及合作,使用了一系列的措施。经过努力后的新装备大型科学研究模型,是一个三维、研发、测试及运用的模型。某个空投鱼雷已具有完善,达世界先进等级的技术文献。但遗憾总有几个小零件容易勾到降落伞,在发生时,水雷就会直接落水并破裂。根据这个缺陷,参与实测的科学研究机构及工业机构共同合作解决了这个困难的问题。¹⁶⁵

中国分析家细心地跟随美国海军发展的脚步,持续研究美军的弱点。¹⁶⁶ 广泛的中国水雷侦测研究中,¹⁶⁷ 包含青岛潜舰学院的概率论水雷反制决策研究 ¹⁶⁸、海军工程大学的压力与水雷触发参数研究 ¹⁶⁹ 等,都可适用于此领域上。令人不安的是海军分析中有些假设性研讨,考虑在水雷中使用战略性核子武器。例如在 2007 年的水雷战教材中就触及了上述议题。¹⁷⁰ 在论及俄国水雷战的某篇类似分析报告中就谈及了核子水雷可将敌核动力潜舰于 2 千米外距离击沉,而核子水雷亦可从 7 百米外距离将航空母舰或其他大型舰船摧毁。¹⁷¹ 第二篇研究中发现核子弹药在逻辑上是个增加水雷破坏力的方式。¹⁷² 而第三篇研究中则认为核能水雷战特别有望运用在未来深水反潜战中。其结论为「许多国家在此时正积极研究这类极强大的核能水雷」。¹⁷³ 在 2006 年 7 月的解放军海军期刊-「当代海军」中有篇文章,讨论解放军海军在水雷运用的未来发展,也提及到核子水雷的潜在性战斗价值。¹⁷⁴ 尚有其他证据显示相关的基础研究,像是某篇水下大爆炸的研究报告。¹⁷⁵ 这种武器除了违反 1971 年的海床公约外,也抵触了中国不先动武政策,并削弱其历史性的核子武器中央集权管控力量。虽无直接证据显示中国存有这样的海军战略核子武器计划,仍有必要紧密监控她是否有任何朝此方向发展的迹象。

中国的研发者显然进行破坏力较低,但更具作战潜力的航空器攻击水雷-特别是反直升机的水雷开发。¹⁷⁶ 某位中国分析师解释,直升机因其明显的优势,使其成为水雷反制的理想工具。然而文中更一步说明,在实施水雷反制时,直升机通常以 8 到 25 节

飞行速度,并维持在 80 到 100 米的高度,这正提供了反直升机火箭上浮水雷的攻击机会。¹⁷⁷ 此型水雷会受直升机的音响特性触发。¹⁷⁸ 根据消息来源指出,「现已知 710 研究所已进入『火箭上浮导引飞弹水雷』研发的进阶阶段」¹⁷⁹ 在 2007 年水雷战教材中也论及此型「导弹式水雷」,可以新方式攻击水面舰。¹⁸⁰ 此型水雷似乎比反直升机水雷更加复杂,且可能攻击水面舰艇及海上巡逻艇及其他飞行器。根据这个观念,飞弹透过水雷发射到空中,然后靠降落伞在空中保持位置直到可锁定目标。作者宣称此型先进水雷尚未进入到工程研发阶段,但解放军「仍坚定执行此型水雷的计划…因此问题就在于什么时候会开发成功了」。¹⁸¹

关于这些计划,值得注意的是在 2002 年中国海军百科全书中,已描绘出上述两种对空水雷观念图。¹⁸² 另一个潜在的水雷战发明,则是据报中国正研发「火箭助投水雷」,希望在 380 公里的距离外,在大约几小时内将此种水雷布署到敌港外。¹⁸³ 综合上述观点,这些论调实质上暗示着中国目前已走在水雷科技发展的尖端。

水雷布放载台

中国能藉由水面舰、潜舰、飞机及改装的民商船或渔船布放水雷。解放军已经使用过上述载台实施布放演练。¹⁸⁴

水面舰

解放军的许多水面舰艇都配有布雷的装备,包含四艘现代级驱逐舰(可配载最多40



枚水雷)、12 艘旅大级驱逐舰(38 枚水雷),及约 27 艘的江湖级护卫舰(最多 6 枚水雷)。中国并不使用其最先进的江凯 II 级护卫舰,或旅洋 II/旅洲级驱逐舰实施布雷。而她们似乎确未配有执行此类任务的装备。解放军中数百艘「汰除」、老旧及小型炮舰(例如上海级及海南级)、扫雷舰及鱼雷舰等,每艘都能携带并布放少量水雷。解放军的专用水雷舰(舷号814)据报导能携带最多 300 枚水雷。¹⁸⁵ 使用水面舰布雷的优点在于她们的携行量大、人员受过训练及指挥管制上较单纯等。缺点则是缺乏隐匿、速度受限及易受攻击等。¹⁸⁶

照片 4. 施放训练用沉底雷。如同照片中的沉底雷操演的环境因素一样,施放水雷的条件包含了吊架、合适的甲板空间、全球定位系

统及海象等条件。

舰型	载台型式	水雷携行量	现存量	备考
海岸扫雷舰 082 型	水面舰艇	10 枚 M-1 型或 8 枚 C 1000 型	2 艘	布雷轨道
舰队扫雷舰 5、 10型 (T43)	水面舰艇	10 枚 M-1 型或 8 枚 C 1000 型	37 艘	布雷轨道
海珠级驱潜艇 037 I 型	水面舰艇	12 枚 M-1 型或 C 500 型	2 艘	布雷轨道
沪新级驱潜艇 037 型	水面舰艇	12 枚 M-1 型或 8 枚 C 1000 型	?	布雷轨道
黄河级 (Huanghe)登陆 舰 037 型	水面舰艇	60 枚 M-1 型或 51 枚 C 1000 型	?	布雷轨道
江湖级 1 型 053-H 型号	水面舰艇	最多 60 枚	12 艘	布雷轨道
江湖级 2 型 053-HI 型号	水面舰艇	最多 60 枚	7艘	布雷轨道
江湖级 3 型 053-HG 型号	水面舰艇	最多 60 枚	3 艘	
江湖级 5 型 053-H II 型号	水面舰艇	最多 60 枚	3 艘	布雷轨道
旅大级 1型 051型号	水面舰艇	38 枚	10 艘	布雷轨道
旅大级2型	水面舰艇	12 枚 M-1 型或 20 枚 C 1000 型	4 艘	
旅海级 167	水面舰艇	18 枚 M-1 型或 30 枚 C 1000 型	2 艘	
旅沪级 112、113	水面舰艇	18 枚 M-1 型或 30 枚 C 1000 型	2艘	
海巡艇 037 IS 型	水面舰艇	12 枚 M-1 型或 C 500 型	2 艘	?
汕头级炮艇 101 型	水面舰艇	8 枚 M-1 型或 6 枚 C 1000 型	?	布雷轨道
现代级导弹驱 逐舰	水面舰艇	24 枚 M-1 型或 40 C 1000 型	2 艘	布雷轨道

舰型	载台型式	水雷携行量	现存量	备考
沃雷级布雷舰	水面舰艇	200 枚 M 型	1 艘	布雷轨道
G 级潜舰	潜舰	40 枚	1 艘	
汉级核潜舰	潜舰	28 枚	4 艘	
基洛级 636 型	潜舰	24 枚 AM-1 型	10 艘	
基洛级 877 型	潜舰	24 枚 AM-1 型	2 艘	
明级潜舰 035 型	潜舰	28-32 枚	11 艘	
明级潜舰(改良 型)035 G 型	潜舰	28-32 枚	8艘	
R 级潜舰 SS33 型	潜舰	28 枚	8艘	
商级核潜舰	潜舰	28 枚(?)	2 艘	携行量应类似 汉级
宋级潜舰	潜舰	24-30 枚	13 艘	携行量应类似 基洛级
元级潜舰	潜舰	24-30 枚	3 艘 (持续建造 中)	携行量应类似 基洛级
H-6 轰 6 轰炸机	飞机	最多到 18 枚(?)	估算可能为 100 架	
JH-7/7A 战斗轰 炸机	飞机	最多到 12 枚 250 公斤等重型 式(?)	估算可能为 100 架	

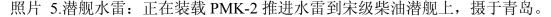
表 2. 解放军海军布雷载台一览表。

来源包含:海林「岛内军事利物利载防务专家预测」页次 17、18; 詹氏年鉴战斗舰艇数据库,参考网址 www.janes.com 及 Sinodefense.com。

潜舰

中国海军战略家似乎相当看重潜舰布雷。例如某位分析家表示「在两次世界大战中,所有国家的潜舰兵力都进行了潜舰布雷,而且成效显然相当卓越」。¹⁸⁷ 该分析家进一步说明「在敌方控制下的海域及防卫区内作业的潜舰能够实施攻势布雷,进而制造奇袭及长期威慑的效果」。¹⁸ 解放军的所有潜舰都能够携带水雷,包含约 20 艘的汰除及噪音大的 R 级潜舰也能携带 28 枚水雷。而约为 19 艘型式类似,但更新、更安静的明级潜舰可携带最大量到 32 枚水雷;约 10 到 12 艘现代化宋级潜舰则可携带到约 30 枚水雷。中国拥有的 12 艘基洛级潜舰能够携带 24 枚水雷。目前 3 艘或以上数量的新型元级潜舰可携带约最多 30 枚潜舰,剩余的四艘核动力汉级潜舰携行量为 28 枚。¹⁸⁹

据说解放军潜舰使用的感应水雷沉-1、-2、-3及-6型,适合部署在近港口外海。T-5型自走雷则适合布于港外海域及港口航道上。而俄制 PMK-1型及中国制的锚-5型火箭上升水雷适用于港外,水深可高达 15公里范围内。¹⁹⁰如下图所示,改良的 PMK-2型水雷也加入潜用水雷系列。潜艇外挂布雷舱:是一种外挂式的舱间,设计于携带并施放大量水雷,能装挂于潜舰上。据某消息来源表示「过去几年来,相关的解放军专家均明确地表示出对于潜艇外挂布雷舱的兴趣...解放军很有可能已发展出潜艇外挂布雷舱」。





经过系统化分析各种布雷载台的优缺点后,中国分析家们的结论看来,特别在长距离上,潜舰布雷是攻势水雷的最佳方式。利用潜舰布雷的优点包含了她们的隐匿性、精确布雷的能力,以及她们穿越困难目标的能力(可能是透过自走水雷来达成)。另外应注意的是,潜舰布雷的高准确率及成效能以较少量的水雷来达到(其他方式)一样的效果。192 根据一则分析报告指出「空中及海上兵力对于潜舰(活动)的限制相对较小,所以进入敌后布雷比较容易」。193 而根据另一篇报告,此载台(潜舰)「具有最高的隐匿性及奇袭能力…因为潜舰停在距港口外 10-15 公里、水深约 40 米处,就能发射一枚有战力的自走雷并突破该港」。194 由中国国防大学学者所著作的「战役理论学习指南」中,设想使用潜舰并利用「水雷的定时功能及隐匿的手段,将水雷布署在敌主要港口及重要航道。它们将在进行封锁后开始发挥作用…可在进行封锁约 10 天前开始实施(布雷)…1-2 天前较合适」。并可在敌反潜兵力遭遇恶劣天候,或在离开警戒区域的空隙时,暗中进行水雷补放。195

潜舰布雷的缺点包含雷管弹药有限、运送速度较慢、代价较高(此型水雷需以鱼雷或巡弋飞弹的成本考虑)。另一个缺点与水面舰相同,就是敌人监测舰艇大举出港的能力。一份近期的中国分析报告宣称中国的潜舰布雷操演量及复杂度都在上升。¹⁹⁶此主题稍后详述。

飞机

北京拥有超过百架轰-6 轰炸机,即使其中有因太多任务而需汰除,但每架都可以携载 12 到 18 枚 500 公斤水雷。¹⁹⁷ 虽无法得知轰-6 机是否会被赋予这样的任务,但近期此机型常被用于许多布雷操演中。¹⁹⁸ 中国数量有限的轰-5 轰炸机也可能扮演对台湾进行布雷的角色。中国超过百架的 JH-7/7A 战斗轰炸机,每架都可携载最多到 20 枚 250 公斤炸弹。¹⁹⁹ 根据解放军海军称,此型机可在「近海」执行布雷,意指第一岛链,也就是从日本岛屿经台湾到菲律宾。²⁰⁰ 这些机型以及其他机型都可轻易地携带水雷,其不外乎是将重力炸弹装上磁感应或其他引信。²⁰¹ 根据某消息来源指出「解放军目前沉-1 到沉-6 型感应水雷,及锚-1 到锚-5 型系留雷的备储量适用于飞机布雷」。²⁰² 在这个类别中,亦可以加进精密的 PMK-2 型水雷。空中布雷的优点,如同美国军队从 1944 年就了解到,就是可以快速地施放大量水雷并设立雷区。主要的缺点则是需先建立空优的难度,以及使用现代化战机执行布雷任务的机会成本。

虽然较早的分析家曾检视中国利用水面舰及潜舰布雷的能力,但没有分析家认真地考虑中国是否会透过飞机来布雷。自解放军海军在1949年4月起成立了一支布雷轰炸机分队起,空中布雷就已享有其专属的作业载台。²⁰³中国的某份主要海事期刊中,详细地解析美国如何在二次大战时使用空投水雷加速日本的战败,并在之后以相同手段瘫痪北越的运输。²⁰⁴某位解放军空军指挥学院的教授,在中国最具声望的军事刊物-「中国军事科学」中发表的一篇文章,对于空中布雷的价值也提出类似的论点。²⁰⁵几篇中

国技术论文中,非常细腻地论述实际飞机布雷较艰涩难懂的面向。²⁰⁶ 在一场解放军海军航空能力的讨论中,北海舰队的副军团司令员朱光宏(英译: Zhu Guanghong)在最近指出「海军军机具极低高度飞行的优越能力。他们能够执行...港口布雷任务」。²⁰⁷ 一支北海舰队航空部队的舰载机部队甚至因「首次直升机使用操雷打声靶」而得到「创造解放军空中反潜历史」美誉的表扬。²⁰⁸ Gidropribor.com 网站及詹氏年鉴目前讨论了从飞机布放中国及俄国类似水雷的内容。²⁰⁹ 在近期中国海军刊物中有一篇相当详细的文章,讨论中国水雷库储中,哪些可用于空中布雷。²¹⁰ 最后,战役理论学习指南主张「从空中集中布雷」,特别是在「潜舰难以潜入的区域」。²¹¹ 它认定「布雷封锁兵力」通常包含「海军及空军轰炸航空部队」。²¹² 很清楚可知,中国掌握着空布水雷战的效用,且正在思索如何将它具体地运用在作战中。

民间船舶

在上述强大的能力上锦上添花的是可强征使用的数千艘中国渔船及商船。2003 年,烟台警备区副司令员荣森芝在一篇军事科学学院附属刊物中,主张使用民船进行扫布雷作业。²¹³ 中国 2008 年国防白皮书中将「扫雷及猎雷」列为解放军海军四大后备部队之一。²¹⁴ 根据一篇文章指出「中国目前有 3 万艘铁壳机械拖渔船(每艘可携载 10 枚水雷),以及 5 万艘渔帆船(每艘可携载 2 到 5 枚水雷)」。²¹⁵ 「战争科学(Science of Campaigns 2006年)」中就相当明确地指出这一点:「布雷任务通常指派具相对良好隐匿性的潜舰及航空部队执行,但民间船只也可以执行…布雷任务」。²¹⁶ 中国的文章中经常提到将民用运输船纳入例如水雷战之类的军事用途中。²¹⁷ 一篇 2005 年的文章中用照片描述在许多解放军海军基地内,经常举行的大型「民兵」操演中,使用渔船作为布雷艇。²¹⁸

照片 6. 民兵(船)布雷。两艘在中国海上常见的民间渔船正在施放水雷,这是 2004 年 12 月解放军三亚基地的大型「民兵」操演的一部分。此类操演定期的在不同的解放军 海军基地实施。在中国港口的周围建立守势雷区时,将使用全球定位系统协助准确布雷,即使是民兵也能实施。



某中国消息来源指出「约 100-200 吨位间的渔船 | 适用实施水雷战,因为他们符合 数量充足、「小型目标」、机动性及掩护性佳等特征。219 此大小之渔船可轻易作业于整 个东亚沿海区域,亦可涵盖整个台湾的周遭海域。只需要「稍微改装」就能够「安装简 易的布雷装备...且渔民非常熟悉海域 |, 因此能够善用「地形、海势及天黑 | 等优点。 220 另一中国消息来源则认为「解放军已经有效地组织,并指挥机动拖渔船,在战时能 架设布雷轨道,并利用绝佳的伪装实施水雷作战 |。此消息来源的结论是「这种非传统 型式的水雷布放载台,虽然布放数量不多,但在派出大量船只或再补雷时,仍可建立一 个广大的雷区 |。221 或许在看到这位中国出色的海军策略家-解放军海军军事学术研究 所的李杰大校, 近期于2008年5月时解放军赞助的期刊「中国民兵」中所发表的「水 下武器的新发展」之主题论文时无需太过讶异。222 此外,(中国)于法律基础上也已经 建立战时动员民船之依据,包含1995年所公布的国防运输法,及1997年的中华人民共 和国国防法等。此项立法措施根据解放军海军条款,显然已于2003年时就再次修订了。 223 水雷战因此能够支持终极的「海上人民战争」。224 中国也因此具备所有实施侵略性 水雷作战的实际需求要素,包含持续改良的大量水雷存量、充足的布雷载台等等条件。 但这并非事物全貌,毕竟硬件若无人员及经验因素也是枉然,而此条件只能透过训练及 操演来加强。

中国越发拟真的水雷作战操演

解放军支持操演内容涵盖水雷。²²⁵ 解放军海军专家柯尔教授(Bernard Cole)注意到解放军不像其他国家,中国水面舰艇年年都实施布雷演练,但无法确定其操演实际的规模。²²⁶ 近期公开的数据显示解放军实际上正积极地扩大此类操演,并让此类操演逼近真实状况。²²⁷ 中国近期的水雷操演更纳入潜舰、空中、水面等兵力,甚至民船等载台。此类操演详细地记录在解放军的海军官方报纸-人民海军报中。

中国海军认为潜舰布雷为「潜舰作战最基本的要求」。²²⁸ 布雷已成为近期加强的中国潜舰兵力训练的一环 ²²⁹,官兵们努力进行的训练具多样化且益发复杂,并与当地环境、水文地理及天气状况相结合。²³⁰ 在中国海军的观念中,认为潜舰布放水雷是未来水雷封锁作战的关键。²³¹ 2002 年时,水雷布放已成为最普遍的解放军潜舰战斗手段之一,并让官兵透过训练操控载有大量水雷的潜舰。²³² 操演的变化中,包含了「隐匿行踪并于深水中布雷」²³³ 并配合鱼雷发射等类型作战。²³⁴ 对抗港口目标的纵深布雷也是重点 ²³⁵,以假设突破敌人防卫为先决条件。²³⁶

解放军海军官员认同「突破敌人的反潜兵力及敌后布雷」的固有难度。根据某位舰长的说法「隐密地潜入敌人布署的联合机动数组,是完成布雷任务的先决条件」。²³⁷ 某些证据显示,中国可能对执行攻势布雷的潜舰采取集中管控。一位中国分析家指出,在执行攻势水雷封锁中,「大部分的潜舰兵力主要以单舰、独立作战模式,若有一个陆岸潜舰指挥所来执行潜舰整体航向的指挥及导引,则不仅将确保其隐匿性,并可改善…所布的水雷之攻击效率」。²³⁸

中国海军正努力加强其潜舰官兵的本质,包含他们对于水雷作战的熟练度。青岛潜舰学院的指参学官密集地学习布雷。²³⁹ 潜舰队已演练「高难度的新战略,例如于极深水中布雷」,²⁴⁰ 并藉由如「大深度隐匿布雷战法」²⁴¹ 等技术持续破新深度纪录。中国官方电台宣称解放军潜舰特遣队的鱼水雷官赵忠义(英译: Chao Chunyi)在水下布雷训练中达成了 16 项研究成果、将水雷搭载时间减半、并开发出水雷移动控制装置。²⁴² 宋级潜舰 314 号舰长马立新是中国海军官媒的名人,近期带领一支东海舰队潜舰特遣队「发展革新战略」。马立新在前年已研究并开发出超过 10 项新战法,「包含如何执行封锁,以及如何使用传统潜舰布雷」。在 2005 年初,马立新「带领他的部队参与海上实操…他(们)抵达预定区域…(布放)水雷」。²⁴³ 2005 年初的水雷操演中,马立新负责回避「敌」反潜机、雷区,以及最困难的-敌潜舰,以遂行近海区域布雷的任务。他成功掌握当地环境、使用最低杂音航行速度、避开「敌」潜舰及岸基雷达,在规定时间内完成了布雷任务。²⁴⁴ 在潜舰上安全地处理水雷,很自然地成为青岛潜舰学院一个重要的研究领域。²⁴⁵ 另有研究报告讨论现代潜舰中常见的「舰首鱼雷管布放水雷」等安全议题。²⁴⁶ 目前为止在某些极有意思的文章当中,某篇详细地记录 2006 年 3 月 12 日,似乎南海舰队的某艘「新型潜艇」透过潜射机动水雷(SLMM)实施了「水雷试射」。虽然这是此型潜舰的

中国空中兵力透过益增频繁、规模及多样化等方式实施水雷作战。1997年美国国 防部的解放军发展报告中提到,中国的军机实施空投水雷。²⁴⁸ 东海及南海舰队航空军 团的训练计划已于近期内涵盖了布雷²⁴⁹战法,包含采用不同的机种²⁵⁰,以及敌空中封 锁等手段。251 在2002年8月的一次南海舰队操演中,演练了「真实 | 状况下对抗敌军, 并于不熟悉的地点使用轰炸机投放水雷。此操演所包含的战斗机群由3架轰炸机分队、 1架电子干扰机及护卫战斗机等组成。使用电战机干扰敌方雷达,当战斗机群采最低飞 行高度战法时,快速投放数十枚水雷及鱼雷。²⁵² 另一篇很有可能针对相同操演的报导 中指出,「红军 | 轰炸机于中国南海域执行布雷任务时, 遭「蓝军 | 战斗机拦截及攻击。 ²⁵³ 从 2006 年 3 月起,南海舰队轰炸机军团便开始演练「远海布雷封锁」。²⁵⁴ 在 2006 年6月6日,作为「复杂气象条件下远海岛礁导弹打击模拟演练」的一部分,一支南海 舰队海军航空部队实施「海上布雷」。其飞行员也受过「雾天远海布雷」训练。255 同样 于 2006 年时, 一支南海舰队海军航空部队演练「雨天海上布雷」。²⁵⁶ 在 2008 年 8 月下 旬,4架近期翻新的南海舰队航空战斗机模拟「在复杂的电磁环境下」,及不同的天气 应变时「于港口及航道实施攻势布雷」。²⁵⁷ 在 2009 年 1 月初,根据军事训练及评估新 纲要,一支东海舰队轰-6轰炸机部队「实施新战法训练:突破远海深层防御,并完成低 空攻势布雷任务」。该部队「探索出一些新的战法,例如...夜间大机群攻势布雷」。²⁵⁸ 同年(2009年) CCTV-7 台报导解放军海军航空部队的「水上飞机能够执行...布雷」。259

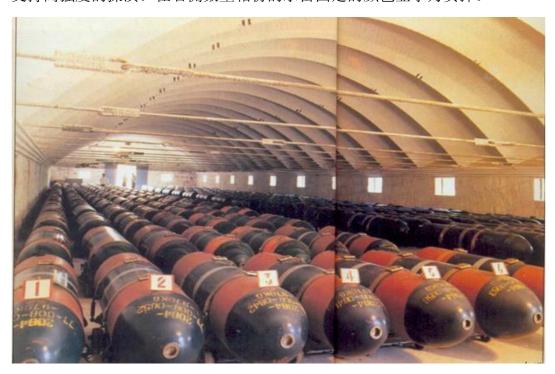
解放军布雷手段中有一个令人不安的因素,就是利用民间协助来补强军事资产的概 念。在过去几年,每个海军基地都将民兵单位(视为「未来海战的重要兵力」组成)编入 训练装备、管理、运用及保安部队运用,给予经验并发展新战法,「以完成任务上的需 求 |。 中国的 2008 年国防白皮书中,明确地提出后备部队有可能用于水雷战中(包含布 雷及扫雷)。²⁶⁰ 在某次使用民船的东海舰队操演中,其中一项重点是清除不同种类的水 雷。261 某本中国海事期刊可能披露了第一张于水雷战中使用民船的照片。在2004年 12月,三亚海军民兵的紧急维修及布雷特遣队²⁶²动员了6艘民船,执行了一项包含(在 许多活动外)侦搜、「渔船布雷」、及战斗中军舰不靠港而于海上补给等操演项目。263解 放军于2005年9月264设立在浙江省宁波的第一个后备扫雷支队,在2006年7月初时 在东中国海执行了一个月的训练。在紧急征召命令下达后,两百位海军后备军士官兵在 半日内就整备了16艘征用渔船。由两位主要军官领军训练了七个项目,包含「指挥所 转移」、「防空疏散」、「扫雷」、及「反特种作战」等。透过东海舰队党委员会协调,此 实验性质的操演由不同的当地组织支持,并征召「当地渔民中的后备士官兵及退伍军人」。 并在经济现实下给予补助:「一艘高马力渔船绑在码头一天要几千块人民币(约几百元美 金) $| \cdot \rangle$ 少一次出海捕鱼损失的价值超过 10 万人民币(\$12,500 美元)。 265 在 2006 年后期, 蓬莱市(山东省)透过渔业协会及公司,成立了布雷民兵战斗特遣队。这是根据解放军总 参谋部「关于调整民兵组织的意见」。²⁶⁶ 在 2007 年 3 月,某东海舰队扫雷部队与加装 扫雷装置的渔船,共同执行了联合水雷反制作战操演。267 循此步调,在2008年12月

另一项报告中详列出远港水雷移载时的装备需求(例如: 吊架),这是假设在军事冲突时,主要军港可能因敌精准导引弹药攻击而无法使用。²⁶⁹在许多刊物中都提及此训练要务,例如「无码头」操演。根据「人民海军」报导,2006年8月15日,某北海舰队潜舰队开始使用新开发的「潜艇装雷浮筏专用车」。此型机动(可能用拖的)载具可将水雷载入到鱼雷管中,拥有强大的储放及吊载能力。相信它被改良了加载速度达六倍,并加强隐匿性,可与潜舰在离标准码头位置外的沿海区域会合。²⁷⁰

水雷仓库官员也在近期实施了突发性操演。²⁷¹ 某南海舰队鱼水雷仓库下达新的任务,实施「四种变革」以改善高速、长程机雷的运输。²⁷² 某东海舰队鱼水雷仓库执行了独立、机动全天候操演,其目标在于遭空袭时仍能确保水雷的高速运输。官员们协助发展合适的侦测系统及测试仪具。他们利用地势、天气及夜间来实施伪装。²⁷³ 某北海舰队后勤支持基地成立了一支潜舰水雷的「技术服务团队」,专精于「无船坞时当地紧急加油」。²⁷⁴在 2006 年 3 月 16 日,某北海舰队鱼水雷仓库的「新号手」们进行了「夜间鱼雷应急保障训练」,显示此单位的这项作业在实际状况中属于常态。2006 年 11 月下旬,某行政官员报告,广州支持基地(南海舰队)从基地外超过 5 百公里的某个「临时补给阵地」实施了水雷机动紧急再补给。²⁷⁵ 海军工程大学已于近期提供,改善水雷管理、技术支持及备料等相当大的帮助。²⁷⁶

水雷战是水面舰队的主要任务。解放军海军已加强提升速度、²⁷⁷ 自动化及电子化 ²⁷⁸、及「全天候」布雷能力。²⁷⁹ 江湖级护卫舰已执行过布雷任务,作为其反潜战训练的一部分。²⁸⁰ 扫雷舰的舰长们在旅顺海军基地的特训中心接受训练。²⁸¹ 扫雷单位已于近期演练布放不同型式的系留雷及深水沉底雷作为快节奏、对抗操演中的一环。某个南海舰队扫雷部队已于近期参与超过 10 次类似的操演,并于操演中「取得了 26 项科学研究成果」。这是为了与「新全球军事革命」并肩同行,当中包含「网络集中训练」及「水雷的思维」。 ²⁸² 的确,解放军很明显地视装载「鱼雷」(机动)水雷的扫雷舰为一个可行的反潜载台。此想法亦勾勒出「旧装备 + 网络 + 才能」的潜力,并可「完全说服」那些相信「不可能以旧装备配置载台执行信息化操演」的人。²⁸³ 在 2002 年,北海舰队下辖 813 及 811 扫雷舰的某部队,并用「国产及外国鱼雷水雷」并在「百分百成功率」下攻击了潜舰。²⁸⁴中国的三大舰队更于近期使用了疑似先进机动水雷施训。在 2005 年 12 月北海舰队官兵被拍到吊起「新型水雷」,很有可能要配载到潜舰上。²⁸⁵ 此水雷类似美国的 Mark 25 Mod 2 型水雷,反映出美国及俄国科技对解放军水雷发展的影响。²⁸⁶

照片 7. 水雷仓库内含实弹及训雷。在图片左侧的 98 枚水雷的条纹显示为训练弹,可支持高强度的操演。在右侧数量相仿的水雷固定的颜色显示为实弹。



照片 8. 解放军扫雷舰。



中国水雷战仍留有相当的改进空间。水雷操演中有时依然会发生故障。²⁸⁷ 装备支持教材有时只有外国语文(例如俄文),而且需透过翻译或研析。²⁸⁸ 而政治工作也消耗了一些时间,尽管比起以往可能较少。²⁸⁹ 但很明显地对于解放军模拟真实战斗状况的操演政策仍有些阻力。²⁹⁰ 甚至在水雷战操演中有证据显示,解放军持续经历转移到现代化、专业化组织时的挑战。²⁹¹ 但解放军海军的领导人清楚地了解,硬件的进步在没

有相关的人力改善下是不完整的。²⁹² 解放军海军官员决心要改善水雷作战能力²⁹³,设计新训练方式²⁹⁴,并练习更有弹性的程序。²⁹⁵ 在 2001 年初,南海舰队 814 号扫雷舰改变了其未任命官员的职前准备方式,藉由「不同阶级及水平的训练」,配合先前的经验,避免不必要的重复训练。²⁹⁶ 扫雷舰 852 号则透过竞争及考试来改进官兵评比。²⁹⁷ 在 2005 年 4 月底,某解放军的扫雷舰设定了「未来作战环境的训练」,在「不熟悉的海域」的全天候状况下,演练了扫雷及布雷。²⁹⁸

某些单位因训练的革新而受到奖励。某南海舰队扫雷舰单位「旗舰」,舷号 809 就连续达成解放军海军楷模而受奖。²⁹⁹ 该单位建立了「带领小部队的夜间训练」以增加训练挑战。该单位的官员使用全球定位系统、雷达及手持式定位系统(包含罗盘及六分仪)等,在不熟悉的海域下抵达了指定地点的 2 米内。³⁰⁰ 利用多种航海系统(装备),似乎是应用战斗时任一系统无法使用时的手段。在 2000 年,为了因应现代化高科技战争,809 号扫雷舰设立了「战争及训练方式讨论小组」,此小组研习电子干扰反制、高性能敌水雷、视距外飞弹攻击、假想敌的观念,以及现有及未来中国装备的使用等。从 2001 年起,809 号扫雷舰已经发展出 12 种「抗电子干扰」、抵抗先进敌水雷及视距外飞弹攻击的新战法。³⁰¹ 在 2003 年,「人民海军」报导 809 号舰已执行了解放军的初次实布实扫水雷操演,包含对抗敌军部队及非战时等状况,扫除了比其他解放军舰更多的水雷。到了 2003 年,809 号扫雷舰已常规性并成功地于日夜间、各种天候下扫除了各型式的水雷,可在许多不确定及真实状况下当机立策。³⁰² 根据媒体报导,另一艘同样出色的扫雷舰-804 号舰;该舰已有与被称为「新型扫雷装置」的遥控猎雷水下无人载具操演的经验,似乎配有精密、高频、主动数位声纳。³⁰³

解放军科学家也对水雷战操演中,使用新仿真系统进行了可能性评估。³⁰⁴在 2006年,某东海舰队扫雷支队颁发出色的单位及个人奖励金。³⁰⁵解放军海军专家已发表数篇学术报告,并参与外国水雷反制操演。(例如 2007 年的新加坡)³⁰⁶

照片 9. 解放军 804 号反水雷舰。为中国最现代化的反水雷舰艇之一,此舰曾使用遥控猎雷水下无人载具进行操演,并配有精密、高频、主动数位声纳。



依上述的扫雷舰作业可以了解,有战力的水雷战需要有效的水雷反制。特别是中国在水雷反制科技上仍落后西方国家,研究者仍在研析先前西方国家的(反制)手段,包含水下火箭炸弹(RBUs)等。³⁰⁷ 解放军知道这个缺点并因应整备。³⁰⁸ 因此虽然海军底下有才能的反水雷/水雷战年轻军官可能无法潜舰(官员)的战力相比,但他们也同样受到栽培。³⁰⁹ 基于未来战争中不可避免受损的前提之下,解放军在紧急应变上做缜密的安排。³¹⁰ 或许这就是官兵接受不同的武器系统训练,并让副舰长练习舰长职务的原因。³¹¹ 在 2005年 4月 10日一场北海舰队反潜操演中,据报导有一组「水雷小组」,演练从「潜猎舰」上发射火箭及深水炸弹。³¹² 在一场 2005年 6月东海舰队扫雷舰数组操演的描述中,分析家援用中国的越南扫雷经验强调,『扫雷舰被认为是海战中的「敢死队」;它的角色极重要』。³¹³ 水雷在解放军海军的相对新领域-红蓝军对抗训练中,正扮演着逐渐重要的角色。在 2002年中国南海,某「水下护卫艇」对抗反潜舰、飞机及一场水下雷区封锁。该艇在发射「一种新中国制鱼雷」后成功逃脱。³¹⁴

某些操演中假设『「敌舰艇」已在特定海域布下水雷,以封锁我战舰通行』。³¹⁵ 水雷反制及水雷战舰艇角色上似乎可互相交换,因此解放军的扫雷舰亦经常演练布雷。³¹⁶ 扫雷舰训练已于近期纳入「白天深水扫雷」、「夜间扫雷」及单一船团「通过复合式雷区」等项目。³¹⁷

照片 10. 反潜舰上的操控台。这部操控台很可能来自 804 号反水雷舰,具有游戏杆及遥控观测摄影机的功能。它可观察来自猎雷无人载具所回传的影像。



解放军水雷战准则的初步构想

综合中国水雷战的历史发展、目前的能力及先前所述的各项训练作为,可藉此勾绘出当代解放军海军水雷战准则大致上的轮廓。中国的水雷战/反水雷期刊「水雷战与舰船防护」,可能作为宣传此准则的平台。³¹⁸ 这类专业刊物的存在本身就暗示了对于此型战争专业的某种决策。此段之后的准则大纲只是从朦胧难解的中国军事计划(包含水雷战)中描绘出其大致样貌。下列 13 点是从许多中国水雷战论文中撷取出来,具重复出现性质的句子,在其节录出的论文中被认为具有主要策略及战略性等重要性质。³¹⁹

- 1. 「<u>易布难扫</u>」。 这个简单的攻势布雷优点公式,普遍地使用于中国水雷战著作中。反映出一个强大的信念,基于历史性分析及海军战争的趋势,中国水雷战的发展已远超越水雷反制发展,并将持续下去。 320 这是中国水雷战中的核心驱动原则,但此原则也同时建立在认定了美国海军水雷反制上的弱点。但美国海军在水雷反制技术上仍优于解放军,而且水雷反制在各国海军中仍属困难,及资源集中的基本立场并不会改变。
- 2. 「<u>不惹人注意</u>」。水雷战及水雷反制是现代海军战争中最不精彩的部分。向舷外抛下 水雷很难与从航空母舰发射战斗机的兴奋度相比。而且其载台舰艇通常不引起人们的注

- 意。全世界的海军中,水雷战事业亦是较少人选择的道路。除此之外,这些武器基于其易隐匿性,本质上难以监控;中国海军战略家意识到其独特性,并巧妙地利用这些对于水雷战的世俗观念,投注于它们强大的攻击能力将难受到反制,因此可善加运用在战争中。³²¹ 也不像发展航空母舰,其间最明显的差异在于,发展水雷并不与中国宣称的「和平发展」策略相冲突,或是引发假想敌(例如日本)间的军武竞赛。
- 3.「<u>四两可拨千斤</u>」。这个中国水雷战分析中常用的说法可反映出水雷战的不对称特性。 322 这个谚语也暗示,水雷战能够造成的战略性影响远大于敌人实际上的战斗损失。³²³ 某中国海军分析家认为,水雷战可造成敌人的「巨大心理压力」。³²⁴ 此结论呼应美国海 军的观念:「(水雷是)高效率的心理武器,怀疑水雷的存在,通常将可能造成港口或运 输航道管制,搅乱战斗计划,或迫使人员、武器及补给采取其他路线」。³²⁵ 同此观点, 「战争科学」中讨论利用「假布雷」手段混淆敌人,造成敌人浪费其有限的水雷反制资 源。³²⁶
- 4. 「<u>控在一定时间一定海域</u>」。解放军的海军领导者了解,他们无法在绝对制海权上以对称作战方式挑战美国海军。某位南京海军指参学院学者在中国军事科学中发表的一篇 2005 年的文章中指出,中国对「制海权」观念上与美国的差异:「在中国的军事圈中,海权的掌控代表冲突中的一方,在一定的时间内对一定海域有控制权」。³²⁷ 美国海军寻求对于海域的完全掌控;解放军海军的观念则较为狭窄。水雷战在这种策略上,依据其阻碍敌人势力的巨大潜能,并将敌人导入到特定海域的能力,逻辑上可扮演一个决策性角色。
- 5. 「巨大数量」。 巨大的水雷数量提供解放军许多作战上的可能性,特别是相对老旧的水雷若摆在对的位置时,仍可能造成的巨大心理战因素。依先前引用的解放军海军战略家对于波湾战争的分析指出,布雷数量(1,100 枚)相对低的状况下,限制了伊拉克的水雷战果。³²⁸ 记住这个分析也引起了对于开发「水雷高载舰艇」的注意。³²⁹ 再者,我们已在之前引用了某篇中国的报告,讨论潜艇外挂布雷舱。³³⁰中国对于 1945 年美国以水雷封锁日本的某篇分析结论,认为「大量的水雷」是关键因素。³³¹ 目前封锁台湾所需的水雷数量估计为 7 千到 1 万 4 千枚间,³³² 相对低于解放军海军的水雷存量总数。「战争科学」强调拥有足够水雷数量的重要性,因此在「联合封锁战争」时,才可储有充足的数量对于雷区再补给。³³³
- 6. 「<u>先制</u>」。「先发制人」的观念遍布在解放军的准则中,特别是与水雷战相关的部分。这个说法经常出现在中国的水雷战文章中,暗示(中国)强烈的先发制人倾向。秘密布雷有造成奇袭的优势。根据「舰船知识」中的一篇文章,『水雷已成为「第一步控制」…战斗的重要因素』。³³⁴ 在该期刊中的另一篇文章则认为,「改装后的民船特别适合在敌人了解到我战略意图前,实施攻势布雷作战」。³³⁵ 中国水雷专家傅金祝在评估台湾水雷战时,便赤裸裸地暗示先制的议题,他宣称「既然已知台湾的布雷能力,就应该能够轻

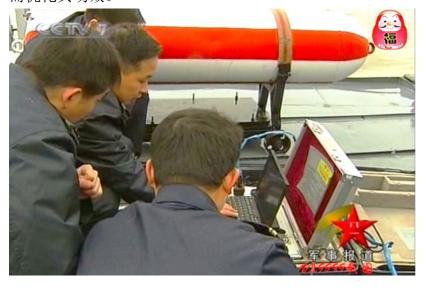
易地扫除」。³³⁶而「舰船知识」的另一篇 2005 年的文章中,则更直接地暗示:「如果布雷无法快速的实施,则在战争爆发之前将可能无法完成水雷战任务」。³³⁷

- 7. 「<u>高低技术</u>」。解放军的海军论文中经常提到水雷战的成本效益性质。某张在 2004 年 「舰船知识」文章中的图,将伊拉克在波湾战争中使用的水雷成本(1 千 5 百元到 1 万元 美金)与受雷损的美军舰艇修复成本(高达 9 千 6 百万元美金)相列。³³⁸ 同样重要的是 2004 年中「人民海军」的论述,「中国并非伊拉克…她具有先进的水雷」。³³⁹ 如前所述,中国已获得也开始生产世界上最先进且致命的水雷。综合运用这种高低技术后,水雷战将让任何假想敌在水雷反制上更加复杂并棘手。³⁴⁰ 解放军寻求透过引信改装,并将最先进的水雷用于最困难的任务等方式,来最大化其水雷战能力。
- 8. 「潜载雷为隐蔽,空载雷为多快」。 中国战略家已细心地考虑到,不同布雷载台相对的优势。他们对于波湾战争中伊拉克水雷战的分析强调,水面舰艇实施布雷所面临的弱势。³⁴¹ 就潜舰无可比拟的隐匿性而言,潜舰布放被认为是水雷打击硬件目标,例如港口及基地等的最理想方式。³⁴² 「潜舰最出名的特色就是其高度隐匿性,可确保(潜舰布放的)雷区比起由飞机或水面舰投放的(雷区)对敌人来说更加的危险。」³⁴³ 本文先前提及潜舰水雷战需要高水平的训练。虽然潜舰能够相当精确布放水雷,然而其承载量并不大,且出动率低。相对之下,飞机能以更大的速度及效率投放水雷,也可到达潜舰无法进入的浅水区。³⁴⁴ 中国分析家也了解,布放特定型式水雷在特定位置功效上的影响因素。³⁴⁵ 大连海军学院专家举例这些因素,有「水深、海床地质、海床形式、潮、流、风、波浪、海水能见度、水温、海水盐分、海洋生物、噪音、地震(及)磁暴等」。³⁴⁶
- 9. 「<u>军民联合</u>」。中国的历史分析从二次世界大战到波湾战争中,找到许多战时使用民船执行水雷战及水雷反制的例子。中国分析家更举出国共内战期间实际使用民船清除河道水雷的例子。³⁴⁷ 根据 2004 年在「当代海军」中的一篇文章,「组织快速且有效的民船参与战争是海军战役中胜利的重要保证」。 接着说「中国沿岸(民用)船只现在有丰富的资源…(因此组成)巨大的海战兵力」。文中最后认为水雷/反水雷任务,应作为将民船改装升级做战斗用时的第一优先考虑。³⁴⁸ 本文之前举出的演习操演说明了这些想法并非单纯理论。此外,水雷/反水雷中的军民结合与中国贯有的战略文化一致。³⁴⁹
- 10. 「水下卫士」。 虽然中国不敢轻忽美国航空母舰,³⁵⁰ 但有证据显示解放军的海军战略家也同样或更重视美国核子潜舰。³⁵¹ 虽然解放军潜舰在与美军潜舰交锋时可能不占优势,但水雷战被视为具有对抗此威胁的潜在功效。³⁵² 即使海军民兵团的布雷也被视有同样能力,虽然其范围可能局限于沿海区域。³⁵³ 中国分析家注意到俄国在冷战后期复兴水雷战领域,某种程度上是为了对抗美国核子潜舰。某篇中国反潜战研究解释新型水雷兴起于 1980 年代,是因为「更加符合现代反潜战的需求」。³⁵⁴ 一篇中国对于俄国火箭水雷的详细分析的结论,「这型武器将快速攻击核子潜舰而对方无法实时反制,并且视为能有效对抗美国舰艇的单体船壳构造」。³⁵⁵ 中国战略家提出「潜舰特别易受水雷

伤害,因为被动声纳无法有效定位水雷,而且潜舰本身具非常有限的反水雷能力」。³⁵⁶ 再者,水雷威胁出奇不意的效果可能降低潜舰反制作为的效果。³⁵⁷ 在 2007 年出版的中国水雷战教材中,重复地强调反潜战为一项任务,³⁵⁸ 并已经在红蓝军对抗操演中演练过。³⁵⁹ 「战役理论学习指南」明确地要求「反潜雷区」的建立。³⁶⁰ 如此一来,中国便可动用先进的俄国水雷,例如 PMK-2 水雷及中国制的其他型式水雷,就是特别针对美国潜舰而设计的。因此水雷便暗中给予解放军无法以其他形式获得的「穷人的」反潜能力,并作为北京在获得更坚强的反潜实力前的一个权宜之计。美国潜舰生存力极强,但敌方的战略家可以让其无法遂行任务(mission-kill),透过破坏潜舰也等于是消灭它了。³⁶¹

11.「水雷管理的信息化」。信息技术的整合已成为当代中国军队改革的一个主要目标,此目标也适用于水雷作战。³⁶² 后勤管理作法是解放军从韩战起的一项优先事项,其影响特别的突出。中国海军分析家强调有效运送大量不同型式水雷的重要性。³⁶³ 其他报告指出解放军海军特别重视水雷作战后勤,例如革新仓库领导者,³⁶⁴ 改善信息流 ³⁶⁵ 及后勤管理,³⁶⁶ 定期从水雷库存中汰除废弃的武器,³⁶⁷ 训练军士官技术检查及部署整备等。³⁶⁸ 中国认定后勤在水雷作战中的重要角色,在 1994 年海军后勤部的「海军后勤库储职业管理规定」中规定,从事水雷技术任何工作的干部及士官兵,包含库存管理、维修及处理废弃武器者都需受高等训练。³⁶⁹ 解放军的海军弹药支持部(Ordnance Support Department)已公布实施进一步的规定,可让「一个水雷战备等级转换到另一个的时间减少」。³⁷⁰ 从 2008 年起,对于某南海舰队水雷储库的电子「管家」来说,仅仅知道储库中的水雷确切存量已不符需求,他们应该能在不同的复杂状况下,设计出精心构思且详细的备援计划。事实上,由系统自动产生的精确备援计划,不仅能显示出弹药任何零件的特定规格,也可以告知需支持的地点的环境、天候、潮流等信息。³⁷¹

照片 11. 运用信息技术。中国技术员使用计算机,链接后方的训练用雷。计算机可大大增加水雷分配、放置及设定特色(例如启动延迟、舰船计数器及其他功能)的准确性,因而优化其功效。



据传某个青岛后勤基地「已与军队内外约 20 个学校、30 个研究机构及 40 个装备生产工厂建立了良好的工作关系」,在信息化下支持实际训练,并且于解决装备开发及维持上取得了极大的进步。且因此『开发出「自动化水雷检查系统」及「海军舰艇装备自动化维保系统」…赢得了全海军的后勤装备技术模范第一级与第二级奖』。³⁷² 解放军也已开发出「扫雷艇仿真训练系统」。³⁷³ 在中国期刊「水雷战与舰船防护」中,许多文章展现强烈的中国信念,认为在武器无法可靠的工作下,水雷战无法达成效果。³⁷⁴

- 12.「布扫雷互相支持」。中国海军战略家了解,在水雷反制上中国传统的弱点,以及其所造成的漏洞。据观察「敌人将极容易…沿着中国东南沿海,沿着众多岛屿及港口,布下大量的水雷」。³⁷⁵ 中国水雷反制在近期的未来,仍无法达到西方国家水雷反制的技术水准。虽然现在新的载台及技术已引进到中国的水雷反制范畴,但基本的手段很可能仍维持与西方国家的差异性。³⁷⁶ 但先前所提到的操演例子确实显示出复兴水雷反制的决心,例如近几年(参考前文)解放军已接收了数艘新型扫雷舰。另外对于水雷反制研究,似乎也正进行中。³⁷⁷ 这项研究包含运用先进的技术,例如直升机 ³⁷⁸ 及无人载具 ³⁷⁹ 执行水雷反制。「战争科学」观察,中国海军基地有可能成为敌人水雷攻击的目标。³⁸⁰ 而水雷反制及水雷作战之间所存在的互补关系,似乎也成为了一个基本信仰,中国的水雷反制基本上将支持扎实的水雷作战。某篇人民海军的文章便替这个观念背书,将其能力视为「双面刃」。³⁸¹ 实际上,为了支持 2005 年 3 月到 9 月的扫雷及布雷操演,解放军「对于舰船执行扫雷及猎雷的整体作业上,进行系统化训练编组、观察并交换角色」。
 ³⁸² 反映出他们在中国水雷作战的重要性,也征用了民船参与水雷反制的操演。³⁸³
- 13.「卫星航海」。知道水雷的确切地点,对于建立安全航道并维持安全通过雷区,以及未来扫雷或再布雷来说都是很重要的。过去的水雷作战有个很大的问题就是误袭友军。战时在通信或航行上的失误亦经常导致水雷作战舰艇破坏自己的舰艇。³⁸⁴ 值得省思的是全球定位系统科技的问世,能够如何影响水雷战的未来功效,例如此项科技能够更加准确地布署雷区(或是降低实施水雷战的老手人力需求),或将这些雷区的参数透过信息传输给我方单位等。³⁸⁵ 关于解放军报告中与全球定位系统相关的训练操演,包含夜间及恶劣天候的水雷战及水雷反制操演等,可能表示这项新科技能够成为水雷战的关键角色。³⁸⁶ 某扫雷大队发展可以「提高准确度及扫布雷的作战能力的水雷内部记录仪」也可作为此论点的左证。³⁸⁷

照片 12. 扫雷操演。2008 年 5 月时,解放军东海舰队反水雷舰的船员操作噪音器的拖体,此拖体用于扫除音响触发雷。水中的是标示浮标。甲板吊架的右边可见水雷轨道。



威胁及反应?西方对太平洋水雷反制作为的趋势分析

整份研究的重点为中国水雷战的能力、训练及准则等。但是完整的战略分析需配合 其他面向检讨,也就是可能对抗中国水雷战威胁的水雷反制兵力。

当前局势看来,以美国的水雷反制兵力迅速打击中国水雷作战的前景并不乐观。大部分的美国海军水雷反制部队离战场较远。最近的反制部队为驻地在日本佐世保的两艘(不久后将增编为四艘)扫雷舰。他们离台湾只有一天半的航程。但即使他们抵达也无法稍微改变这不安的情况。美国海军的大部分猎雷部队,最近才将驻地从德州移至加州圣地亚哥基地。³⁸⁸ 而可较快抵达战区的水雷反制直升机,若在争夺制空权的环境下作业,则将面临严重的威胁。³⁸⁹ 如「战役理论学习指南」中倡导,战场指挥官「组织海上及空中机动兵力,并离岛及沿海火力发动多轮、多向攻击,以求绝对粉碎敌人扫雷及屏卫企图」。³⁹⁰

可以肯定的是,美国海军目前正处于水雷反制计划的历史上,最激进的过渡期中。这次的过渡期将在未来十年内,将所有专业美军反水雷舰艇除役,并以滨海战斗舰(LCS)取代。此型舰是透过「模块」工程的设计来强化战斗力,能力在于不同的作战任务套件(mission packages)下可接受不同的模块。滨海战斗舰的原型舰-自由号(LCS 1)于 2008 年11 月服役,具备改良的「有机化」水雷定位及处理能力,配有先进的声纳系统,及可执行水雷定位任务的无人水下及水上载具。滨海战斗舰搭载配有空中雷射水雷侦雷系统的 MH-60S 直升机,可搜索水雷。在侦测后,可从专门直升机载机枪发射超空泡射弹(supercavitating projectile),或是透过光纤导引的可抛式炸药 UUV 摧毁水雷。³⁹¹ 其他水面舰级潜舰也将配载强化的声纳系统,可让他们更有效地侦测及回避水雷。

从专业水雷反制舰改变为「有机」水雷反制,这个过渡期在设计上反应出(水雷反制)领域的主要趋势。水雷反制最传统形式是使用简单的装置切断系留雷的锚炼。然而就沉底雷而言,则需要更进步的方法,像是模拟通过的船只所产生的触发信号。因此直升机拖曳橇(tow sleds)及扫雷舰拖行之扫雷器(tow drogue),产生可满足引爆标准的磁感及音响信号,并将水雷无害引爆。但如先前所述,这种除雷法因沉底雷的逻辑电路及软件日趋精密及难以欺骗,因此难有功效。所以当前的作法是透过高分辨率声纳搜索沉底雷后,以炸药摧毁之。这种方法被称为「猎雷」,是一种费时及艰巨的过程,不仅需要及准确的测深定位,在可疑海域的海床上每个似雷的物体都代表辛苦的调查过程。需要先进、昂贵的科技,专业训练及高水平的准确定位能力。³⁹²

美国海军正依规划于 2010 会计年时筹购至 7 艘滨海战斗舰,并达最终 55 艘舰艇的目标前进,³⁹³ 这是美国国防部长盖兹强烈背书的一个计划。³⁹⁴ 依此看来,对滨海战斗舰的承诺可认为是对水雷反制作为的强烈保证。毕竟滨海战斗舰将纳入目前最先进的水雷反制科技,此型舰的最后部署数量应超过专业反水雷舰的现有数量。再者,滨海战斗舰的观念是建造一个相对价廉的舰艇,可强行进入高强度战斗浅滩区,一般有利于水雷反制任务。³⁹⁵ 但滨海战斗舰的实验性质及整体「模块」的概念,确实对于官兵熟练度及训练、舰艇及模块的真实任务上带来一定程度风险。很不幸地,即使这个过渡期达到最佳预期成效后,美国海军仍难以有效抗衡这份研究中所提出的威胁。预期的滨海战斗舰数量确实可应付另一场沙漠风暴,甚至可在伊朗军事冲突中开启霍尔木兹海峡。但是这个预想的战斗部队在对抗解放军数以百计,甚至千计的布放载台,以及大量水雷时也将力有未速。可靠的因应作为可能意味着大幅增加滨海战斗舰的预算,用以建立一支发生军事冲突时,可替打击群在进入潜在重度布雷西太平洋海域前开路的兵力。但依目前的财政限制,这样的部队不太可能实现。

台湾在对抗中国水雷战的前景则更加严峻,她的反水雷兵力弱,且极易受战机及飞弹攻击。与受战壕保护的中华民国空军(ROCAF)战斗机不同(虽然其飞行跑道很容易破坏),台湾的水雷反制部队暴露在外,很可能成为解放军的优先目标。台湾只有 12 艘水雷作战舰艇。其中四艘为翻修过的水阳级扫雷舰,原于 1950 年代中期在美国建造。某中国消息来源评估,这四艘舰艇具有「侦测磁场、磁感、音响及传统水雷的其他引爆装置的能力。这型舰的 USQS-1 声纳...具侦测系留雷的能力,但无法侦测(沉底)雷」。³⁹⁶ 台湾的水雷作战兵力中也包含了四艘较小,但较现代化的德制 MWV 50 (永丰级)猎雷舰。³⁹⁷ 同一个中国消息来源宣称,这些舰艇的猎雷声纳功效不佳,但认为他们的遥控操作炸药-水雷引爆装备具有某种程度的能力。³⁹⁸ 最后,台湾的四艘老旧的美国制大鹳级扫雷舰,詹氏年鉴在 1996 年评估为「多少已到达使用年限了」。³⁹⁹

简而言之,台湾最多有八艘扫雷舰可用来对抗中国水雷。但这些舰艇非常可能均不 专精于引爆沉底雷,特别是配有现代化引信的水雷。所以台湾在通过水雷区,开拓安全 航道的能力上非常令人存疑。某中国期刊所出版的一篇评估论文就认为,如果台湾的水雷反制部队参战,也只会暴露出它「虚有其表」的能力。这篇分析报告也认为「若台湾海军丧失制空及制海权,接着就不可能使用飞机或军舰布雷」,因此若其(尝试)运用「渔船…布下防御性雷区,此过程等于是这些渔船的自杀行为」。该分析补充台湾海军「没有办法扫除可能用于封锁东部沿海之某些专用水雷」。⁴⁰⁰

综合美国和台湾在反制能力上的限制,无疑地将促使华盛顿及台北寻求其他可协助之同盟。很明显的支持就是日本与其 26 艘反水雷舰,这些舰艇作为东京对于水雷反制上的坚定承诺,都是 1980 年代或较新的旧型舰。⁴⁰¹ 在 2005 年 2 月时,美国与日本的联合声明中「(持续)支持台湾海峡议题透过和平对话解决」,此「普遍战略性目标」在某种程度上,可以相信东京可能考虑于某些想定中,有限的军事支持如扫雷类(的协助)。⁴⁰² 然而日本与中国间持续成长的经济互赖,日本政策中的永续和平主义(伴随日本领导者没有处理军事政治危机上的经验),更不用说中国潜在的报复行为等(可能包含水雷的使用),上述因素都是日本起而对抗中国水雷战的窒碍。但很明显的中国海军战略家了解日本在整体太平洋水雷作战平衡上的重要立场。举例来说,「舰船知识」最近便用了一篇 9 页的专文单独分析日本水雷反制的发展。⁴⁰³

另外值得注意的是,中国研究家紧紧地盯着美国海军 ⁴⁰⁴ 及其他西方国家 ⁴⁰⁵ 的水雷 反制趋势及能力。解放军的海军研究家便努力地了解最先进的美国研究机构下之研究计划,例如罗得岛的海军水下作战中心。 ⁴⁰⁶ 中国分析家亦紧迫地观察美国海军从专业到有机水雷反制载台之过渡期,试着解析其策略性弱点。 ⁴⁰⁷ 中国研究家也密切地随着不同的外国无人水下载具(UUV)设计及发展的脚步。 ⁴⁰⁸ 他们对于无人水下载具的战斗能力特感兴趣,例如长期潜伏在敌港附近实施侦搜,并可接战目标的能力。 ⁴⁰⁹ 他们也敏锐地察觉出反水雷直升机在美军准则中的重要性,因而紧迫盯人地注目着新系统研发及测试的各项细节。 ⁴¹⁰ 他们对于维吉尼亚级潜舰也非常有兴趣,特别是其水雷反制能力。 ⁴¹¹

在分析解放军水雷作战发展上直接反制的形势后,便有可能评估出中国水雷作战的战略意义。

想定场景

在想定设想的目的上,我们现在转而检讨中国水雷作战在东亚军事冲突中,最重要的想定内所可能扮演的角色。很自然地,这个想定将偏向关注于台湾议题。然而,以北京在海权领域上持续成长的地缘战略分量看来,中国国防政策的分析家必需分析各种可能的场景。

很少人注意在未来朝鲜半岛军事冲突时,中国对于海事情势的潜在影响。然而,鉴

于朝鲜邻近于中国北部,这种冲突将直接冲击到中国的安全利益。如果北京在危机发展的初期并没有立即诉诸大规模使用武力,并试图释出其主导意图时,则水雷战在逻辑上是符合其目标的。⁴¹² 解放军可从山东半岛尖端到北朝鲜,布出离 38 度线不远的小型雷区。⁴¹³ 若以较具野心的方式也在解放军的能力范围内,则是将此水雷区从中国最大的海军基地之一的青岛,直接往东延伸到南韩沿海。任何一种方式都将在程度上表现出保护平壤的决心,且都将不只严重限制美海军在黄海的作战任务,也将给首尔带来极大压力。此区域的浅水深度也显示出此类战役相对上的简便性。

第二种想定中考虑中国与东南亚的策略性互动,特别是与中国南海接壤的国家。在此再次说明,当前其外交倾向虽仍相当正面,但潜在的冲突依然存在。越南、菲律宾、马来西亚及印度尼西亚等国,重度仰赖海上浅水区或航道的贸易行为。因此上述国家不管何种想定下,均无法对付中国的水雷。⁴¹⁴ 而「战争科学」中亦曾假定,使用水雷对「珊瑚礁岛屿进行攻势作战」。⁴¹⁵ 在面对南沙群岛的冲突时,北京可选择在某些特定岛屿周遭布下限制水雷区,以加强宣称其主权;并将之作为派出时间长、昂贵且具潜在挑衅意味的军舰外另一种选择。在东南亚的所有国家当中,越南绝对是最易感受到中国水雷作战压力的国家。⁴¹⁶

第三种也是最可能的想定,则是中国与台湾之间的军事冲突。虽然从 2008 年 3 月台北方面新的领导人上台后,两岸关系有令人印象深刻的改善;很遗憾地,(两岸)微妙关系间的军事冲突(可能),在可预见的未来内仍无法排除。为了解中国水雷作战在这些想定中可能扮演的角色,可以就解放军「最小化」及「最大化」军事场景来考虑。在政治及策略上有许多理由可解释,为何北京可能降低(最小化)动武的意图。其中最主要的就是降低台湾(人民)的伤亡及物资上的破坏,因而不加深台湾人民的抵抗。这方面,水雷战比起可造成许多台湾人民伤亡的大型飞弹攻击来说更有用。这种展现敌意却不造成大量伤亡的「灰色地带」,不至于催化成宣战的理由或引发与论的作法,可能会让华盛顿(甚至东京)对响应其侵略行为感到进退两难。

在这个想定场景中,最主要的目标将是台湾的港口;鉴于围绕台湾的海域多为浅水区,故多数港口皆易受水雷攻击。⁴¹⁷ 主要的战斗大致上将受限于台湾海空军兵力受敌抑制。「战役理论学习指南」中叙述,台湾的军队假定下列场景:「海空军封锁将是不可避免的战斗阶段,而使用水雷抵抗封锁将会是最符经济效率的手段。第一阶段的4到6天内,台湾将面临5千到7千枚水雷的封锁;在第二阶段,7千枚以上水雷将加入封锁中;两个阶段将布署低于1万5千枚水雷,已足够切断台湾的国内及国际海上运输及补给航线」。⁴¹⁸ 大约在两天后,高雄、基隆、台中及花莲港之系统被空投水雷切断。⁴¹⁹ 某台湾分析家认为「藉由100枚空投非接触型水雷来封锁一个军港或中型港口是可能的,且其价格与一枚反舰飞弹相仿」。⁴²⁰ 在同时间或甚至不久之前使用延迟起动型水雷,透过中国的潜舰、水面舰及改装民船,都可在台湾附近布下许多水雷。这个想定中,解放军可以保留其最先进的载台及火箭上升水雷来攻击台湾东部港口。同时,北京将吓阻外

国势力介入,藉由宣称台湾东部海域,一个作为美国及其同盟军集结海军兵力的合理位置,已用漂雷,或甚至火箭上升水雷等「大量地布雷」。鉴于台湾社会早已呈现的分裂感,经济上对封锁的脆弱性,中国政治目标的复杂及弹性(例如:大陆无需派兵驻扎台湾)等,这个想定将有合理的成功机会。综合下列各种因素,这对于北京是相当富有吸引力的:包含其所牵涉的广大实际距离、水雷本质上无法缩短的排除作业时间、⁴²¹中国水雷的精密性、中国再次补设雷区,以及美国可用的水雷反制兵力限制等。

从北京角度来看上述想定的最大缺点,在于它不仅依赖台北方面意志迅速崩溃,并 提供美国及其同盟军一个在解放军泄漏明显意图后,抢占先机的机会。「最大化」的解 放军策略,为透过两栖部队入侵,使用侵略性及大范围先发制人兵力对抗美国(可能含 日本)部队,在另外一方面则排除上述之可能性,或许采用攻击之前先发动台湾领导人 斩首行动。

如果北京判断华盛顿将干预台湾事务,则中国可能攻击美国在太平洋的部队。可能的作法,包含使用潜舰在冲绳的美军基地外海、日本其他地区、关岛或甚至夏威夷等海域布雷。某篇中国的反潜作战研究提倡,对敌潜舰的水雷作战最好的方式为「将水雷布在靠近敌基地的出口航线…进而限制敌潜舰出海的能力」422 这些海域范围都在解放军潜舰的航程限制内,并可用自走雷布在有用航道上,利用自走雷难以侦测、自抵目标的能力。423 至于长程攻势水雷作战方面,或许值得注意到中国海军分析家们曾评估二次世界大战时,德国潜舰沿美国海岸布雷的「成功」。日本南琉球群岛周遭海域也易受中国攻势水雷作战。另一篇文章叙述:「在大量的研究基础上,解放军相信美国核子潜舰非常的安静,难以…反击…(而)必须受到牵制」。424 根据该分析,这个考虑一直是中国在自走雷研究的主要动力;并主张在关岛附近实施水雷作战,其优先等级为「在太平洋第一岛链的每个航道布下(自走)水雷,连结后形成(一条)封锁线,(并)防止美国核子潜舰进入到中国周围海域」。425

中国研究家特别研究过水雷如何用于支持两栖作战,⁴²⁶ 以及如何使用反登陆水雷对抗敌人。⁴²⁷ 根据「战争科学」,反水雷作战是假定中两栖作战的关键。⁴²⁸ 例如台湾的西边、北边及南边水域,以及南琉球群岛周遭水域等,皆易受中国攻势水雷攻击。⁴²⁹ 在这些水域布雷,能限制美国水面舰及快攻潜舰在台湾东部海域活动;而中国可集中较强大的武器系统于此区域,包含中国先进的柴油潜舰。解放军分析家明显地考虑使用水雷建立出一个在第一岛链内的避难所,在内解放军舰艇及潜舰可以无惧美国潜舰的攻击。⁴³⁰ 所以在第二个场景中(最大化军事手段),水雷作战的焦点将置于拦截敌海军兵力;而第一个场景中(最小化军事手段)则是封锁台湾的港口。

从不同的观点切入

检视中国水雷战在东亚军事冲突想定中的角色的研究极少。有一篇值得探讨的研究, 学者 Michael Glosny 在 2004 年春天发表在国际安全议题(后续以 IS 标示)中的论文,他 与本文的结论上有极大的差异。Glosny 的研究极为有益,因为它点出台湾海峡想定中 水下作战的重要。同样值得称赞的是,他以严谨的方法工具来处理这些复杂的问题。但 很遗憾地,论文的结论认为对台封锁威胁为「言过其实」,是基于令人质疑的假设,而 且至今已显然不合时官。

最重要的是 2004 年的国际安全议题(IS)研究,大多低估了中国水雷作战的量及快速(成长)。其作者在评估时,忽略了中国大部分的水雷战可用载台,只留下了特定百分比的东海舰队潜舰。并指称中国广大的空中兵力(解放军的海军航空部队及空军部队本身)与此无关,因为他们无法取得「制空权」。⁴³¹ 同样地,解放军的海军舰艇也从水雷作战的方程式中除去,因为「他们在没有制空权的状态下,非常容易受到攻击」。中国巨大的商船及渔船团也不列入考虑因素,因为「他们无法布放先进水雷,而且(部署商船进行水雷战)极为复杂」。在将数以千计的水雷布放可能载台,缩小到少于1百艘解放军潜舰之后,国际安全议题(IS)的作者更进一步减低此数量,并主张只有东海舰队的舰艇将涉入(而不含其他两个主要舰队的舰艇),而最后再次修改这个数值,以反映各潜舰部队的通常妥善率。最后他的结论是超过六个月时间下,解放军海军能够布放水雷最多为1,768 枚,大致上应在858 枚到1,248 枚水雷之间。⁴³² 这些数值与伊拉克在1991 年波湾战争中布下约1千枚的数量相仿,大大低于北朝鲜在元山布下的约3千枚的数量;在两个数值都远不对称的状况下,可说明2004年国际安全议题(IS)的研究非常不准确。本文充分证明中国水雷作战能力是坚强的,而且在其范围或广度上绝不亚于伊拉克或北朝鲜。

其实,2004年国际安全议题研究报告的结论,在它受人质疑的制空权论点上便已垮台。我们主张解放军若不是在几个小时内,也可以在几天内就将台湾全部的空中兵力摧毁,或使其无法使用。⁴³³即使「大胆假设」中华民国空军有残存兵力,这项假设还是在解放军海军航空部队(及空军部队),在战斗空域中执行空投水雷任务的可能范围内,且为假设中国兵力在承受敌火攻击丧失某种程度时之状况。⁴³⁴本文中指出可观的证据显示中国对于动员民船执行水雷作战是很慎重的。2004年国际安全议题研究报告认为这个说法将会「很复杂」,虽然理论上合理,但却忽视了中国领导者们已考虑这个想定将近60年的事实。与几乎同时在世界各个角落进行复杂作战的美国军队所面临的挑战相比,特别是在全球定位系统及相关航海科技问世后,中国于沿海遂行水雷作战、于民船上加装装备及组织大型舰队等议题则相对地单纯。最后,我们预想在对台想定当中,解放军的各大舰队(实际上也包含解放军空军部队)会全面性的参战。

在 2004 年国际安全议题研究报告的其他主要瑕疵,则是台湾抵抗中国水雷作战的

能力。该作者不认同航向台湾的商船在中国片面宣布封锁海域后,就会停止运输的传统看法,他提出历史资料左证:「船运公司在战时藉由进入危险区域制造巨大利益...船货主会持续运输」。然而他所提供的历史案例(克罗地亚、黎巴嫩及两伊战争)与中国封锁台湾时致命的战斗环境迥然不同。⁴³⁵ 如果认为世界大战是这方面更好的指针,则 2004年国际安全议题的作者就严重误解了商船及货主的动机。⁴³⁶ 某些货主在利益趋使下,可能会说服其船长铤而走险穿越中国封锁区,但认为海运频率将与平时相似的想法是站不住脚的。2004年国际安全议题研究报告定量模型的另一个问题,是他们并没有考虑到台湾的水雷反制(或反潜)能力不强。很明显地在弹道飞弹、巡弋飞弹及其他精准武器之下,中国民国空军兵力的存活率令人质疑,这个原则同样地适用台湾海军部队;特别在奇袭攻击下,奇袭的效果可令中华民国空军更措手不及。在与世界大战时的英国或德国各种面向比较后,对 2004年国际安全议题研究报告的最后一点质疑是,台湾反击的意志。⁴³⁷ 即使台北方面拥有某些主权的外在形象,但英国或德国都不会有军官团公开地赞同敌人的某些目标,这个奇怪的现象是 2004年国际安全议题的作者所承认的。⁴³⁸

也许在 2004 年国际安全议题研究中最遗憾的方面,是它仅限制在中国与台湾间的 军事冲突,并没有评估美国或其它盟军的参与。虽然其作者并没有直接说明,但似乎暗 示如果台湾可以应对中国的水雷作战(及潜舰)威胁,那么美国海军更能够轻易地击败中 国水雷作战。事实上,依本文详细的研究显示,中国水雷战实质上已作为迎击优势敌人 的主要作战方式,也就是美国海军及其同盟军。漠视面前这明确的危机是毫无意义的。

对于政策上的影响

本文阐明了中国海军发展鲜为人知的一面。它揭示了中国水雷战代表解放军海军雄心勃勃及充满野心的一面,并以快速的步伐迈向现代化。⁴³⁹显示出中国在水雷战上广泛地吸收外国经验,并佐以自身惊人的丰富及相关的历史。

中国的水雷存量不仅多,而且可能包含某些世界上最致命的水雷作战系统。实际上,中国已走在水雷战科技及观念发展的尖端,她的军火库中已经拥有先进国家(例如美国)都没有的系统。解放军策略家了解现代战争中人的面向,在中国水雷战中特别明显。事实上,中国海军期刊中显示人员培训方案上惊人的增加,已超出以往死记硬背、照本宣科的演练型态。本文指出中国水雷战准则的初步纲要,强调速度、心理、欺骗、新旧技术混用、不同的布署手段等,另外其主要目标就是针对美国海军及其准则。

北京的军事现代化计划是全面性的,同样注重广度及集中并行。中国水雷战值得注意的地方在于,它是少数能够配合其他作战能力,出其不意并完全颠覆西太平洋权力平衡的作战类型。台湾的水雷反制部队战力小,且可能在第一击时被摧毁。日本的水雷反制舰队实力坚强,但在两岸冲突中,东京在政治上仍「难以预料」。最基本上,美国及其盟国的水雷反制兵力在编队或编制上,并非于争取制空及制海权的作战环境下「打入

战场」。即使在优势水域中,水雷反制部队在作战显著改变上只是缓不应急。因此中国水雷战所代表的是北京在中国攻击及美国防御能力不对称上的一个主要施力点,甚至比起反舰巡弋飞弹、潜舰及信息战等其他类型战争更加的有利。

鉴于上述对于美国海权的重大挑战,提供海军及国际政策制定者下列的建议:

- 在战术层级上,所有美国海军舰艇应该完全作好在可能布雷水域下航行的准备。海军持续从专业水雷反制兵力转换到各舰有机作战能力,表示这个需求是被认可的。这对于潜舰兵力特别的重要,因快攻潜舰无疑将于战斗中担任先发。强烈的证据显示中国正以部署先进、深水水雷为主,遂行反潜作战。但美国海军如果在没有适当地判断水雷战的威胁之前,迅速地投入战斗部署是充满风险的作法,而这样作则需在痛苦的资源与训练优先中取舍。对水面舰队来说,滨海战斗舰代表的是美海军水雷反制的未来,支持此战斗技术的模块的筹购应该列为最优先等级。但藉由模块化所获得的载台弹性不可与较低的训练标准妥协,或甚至将水雷反制任务边缘化。最后,中国的技术似乎将美海军的直升机及海巡舰艇作为水雷战的可行目标。为了对抗新兴且前所未有的威胁,现在将战略调整还不算太晚。
- 在作战层级上,美国太平洋指挥部很明显地缺乏适当的水雷反制兵力,这个弱点在过去十年间很可能鼓励了中国的水雷战计划。在2005年「基地调整及关闭委员会」决议将水雷反制中心从德州英格赛基地迁移到加州圣地亚哥基地,就是走向修正此缺点,且值得称赞的第一步。而从中再将几个分队移防到珍珠港或甚至关岛,将会是合理的第二步骤,并对于中国冒险主义起有效威慑作用。在新型有机系统舰船完建并验收之前,将这些「老」船好好保存,并维持高战备等级是很重要的。此外,将美国攻势水雷计划重启,包含再次重视透过空军进行空投水雷的手段。为了让中国领导人了解对抗美国的联合(all-out)水雷战可能为中国带来的毁灭性后果,此计划应被考虑作为威慑敌人的手段。大大小小的演习及兵推都应该纳入相当的水雷战元素,包含一个在质与量上强大的敌人、广阔的地理参数、军事或非正规部队目标,及在中国熟练的水雷战攻击下,美国海军潜在的高伤亡数。简而言之,他们应该面对中国的不对称海上挑战之事实。
- 在战略层级上,美国军队及外交领袖必须要了解中国在封台能力上已绰绰有余。⁴⁴⁰ 此外在过去十年间,中国惩罚在台湾冲突中介入的美国军队的能力已激进地上扬,部分是因中国发展中的海军水雷威胁,但也包含其他的战力。伴随着中国军事挑战上的诸多面向,地理因素似乎是其中的王牌。这个情形下,美国或其潜在的盟友根本就没有办法部署适当的兵力,有效地拦截全面的中国水雷战攻击,一如本文所示,在规模上可能极为浩大。一旦水雷被布放后,对作战区中的美军部队可能造成极大危险。面对这项威胁,特别再加上全球反恐战争,及持续进行的大中东地区军事作战等主要军事承诺,华盛顿似乎已无选择余地,而只能在台湾议题上采取谨慎的策

略,并面对一个难以接受的事实,就是它无法长期地在军事上捍卫台湾。台北及北京从 2008 年起便开始重新进入新的对谈阶段,在台湾军事上的脆弱事实暴露在战斗之前,这个对谈过程绝对符合美国的战略性利益。在支持这种外交方案的同时,华盛顿应该帮助台北强化其水雷反制能力,并鼓励东京及其他地区的盟军维持有效的反水雷部队,以抵抗最坏的打算。不管怎样,在水雷反制的竞技场上,盟军的协助并不是万灵丹,且绝不能成为依赖,如此反而抑制了广泛的美国海军能力在这个领域下的重要发展。

关于中国海军的扩张,特别针对水雷作战领域的议题就此打住。我们面前的挑战应 是掌握北京快速的海事发展中带来的严峻挑战,同时也要在这个重要的关系中,整备我 们海军战力以应付意料之外的动荡不安。

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- 417. The bathymetry of the waters proximate to Taiwan immediately reveals that the Taiwan Strait itself, as well as waters to the immediate north and south (adjacent to the island's largest ports), are shallow enough to create a wholly appropriate environment for the use of all types of mines. Although Taiwan's eastern coast has deeper waters, the authors nevertheless believe that by relying on a combination method of deployment (air, surface, submarine, and civilian) a major Chinese MIW campaign could efficiently blockade Taiwan, especially if working in concert with the PLA Navy's submarine force. Chinese analysts, moreover, assess that Taiwan's MCM are inadequate to this challenge and that efforts by Taiwan to deploy its own mines could be dealt with by the PLA.
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strikes—could have important psychological effects early in a Sino-American military crisis, for example dramatically shifting U.S. Navy resources toward protecting sea areas closer to home, and thus enabling China's swift conquest of Taiwan. As the recent 2003 Iraq War (not to mention Hurricane Katrina) so powerfully demonstrates, strategists and military planners must work with worst-case, not best-case, assumptions for planning purposes.

- 424. Lin Changsheng, "Hidden Dragon in the Deep," p. 32.
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- 432. See figures in "Total Mines Laid" in Table 4, "Results of Mine-Laying Analysis (after 6 months)," p. 144. These figures are for "scenarios one and two." In footnote 81, Glosny rejects the maximum finding of 10,166 mines for scenario 3, "[a] situation that looks worse for Taiwan," because this scenario involves "heroic assumptions." Glosny, "Strangulation from the Sea?" p. 145.
- 433. Murray, "Revisiting Taiwan's Defense Strategy," pp. 13-38.
- 434. USAF doctrine has long promulgated the notion that all missions are secondary to achieving "air dominance." This was not the case in World War II (before 1944) when massive raids were undertaken under dangerous circumstances. If the ROCAF survives the initial attack, moreover, its aircraft will be preoccupied with defending high-priority targets (leadership, air bases, missile defense sites, population centers) rather than chasing Chinese aircraft sowing mines at sea.

- 435. Glosny, "Strangulation from the Sea?" p. 148.
- 436. Sailors of the U.S. merchant marine had a higher proportion of deaths in combat than any other service in the Second World War. See www.usmm.org/men_ships.html.
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