

November 4, 2008

Hi George,

My wife and I are in the States visiting our mothers (who, conveniently, live 10 minutes away from each other), and I'm taking the opportunity to mail you the enclosed Cogswell memorabilia that I unearthed when unpacking our stuff in Costa Rica: two weather reports from the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, sent to the Cogswell when the ship was in Hong Kong in September 1968 for an R&R visit. Liberty was rudely interrupted by the threat of a typhoon (the main concern of the weather reports), and along with our companion ships, the Cogswell had to sortie out to sea to relative safety.

Hope these will add a bit more documentation to the Cogswell archives!

Best regards,

Harry Hull III

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



Navigating Officer,

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG
DAILY WEATHER REPORT

5th September, 1968

GENERAL SITUATION FOR SHIPPING:

At 041800 GMT (i.e. 3 a.m. Hong Kong Summer Time on 5th Sept., 1968) Tropical Storm BESS was centred near 17.6 degrees north, 108.5 degrees east and was moving westwards at 8 knots. At the same time, Typhoon WENDY was centred near 21.5 degrees north, 121.8 degrees east and was moving westwards at 5 knots. Typhoon AGNES was centred about 600 miles southeast of Okinawa, moving west-northwest at 8 knots.

MARINE FORECAST FOR 24 HOURS FROM 1000 H.K.SUM.T.:-

<u>AREA</u>	<u>FORECAST</u>
Hong Kong Harbour and Approaches	Variable force 1 - 2 becoming north to northeast force 3 later. Fine and dry.
Kwangtung.....	East-northeast to northeast force 3 - 4 but reaching force 5 in extreme east towards end of period. Fine.
Taiwan Strait.....	Northeast force 6 - 7 reaching force 9 in extreme south near end of period. Fine at first becoming cloudy with rain developing in south later. Very rough seas in south.
Bashi.....	Cyclonic winds around Typhoon WENDY reaching force 12 near centre. Heavy rain and phenomenal seas.
Pratas.....	West to northwest force 3 - 4 becoming north to northeast force 4 - 5 in west and force 5 - 6 in east later. Fine with cloud spreading into the area from east later.
Paracel.....	East to southeast force in north, south to southeast force 4 - 5 in south. Fine in north, isolated showers in south.

NOTE: Forecasts for these areas and the areas - North Taiwan, Chusan, East Taiwan, Ryukyu, Bailintang, Scarborough, Mindoro, Nansha, Tonkin, Danang and Varella - are broadcast twice daily by Station VPS 2, VPS 25 and VPS 60 in the Hong Kong Meteorological Broadcast for Shipping. (For details, see Hong Kong Weather Services for Shipping.)

HONG KONG OBSERVATIONS 0900 H.K.SUM.T.	PAST WEATHER
Pressure at m.s.l. 1003.5 mb	Max. Temp. yesterday 31.5 °C
Air Temperature 28 °C	Min. Temp. last night 25.7 °C
Relative Humidity 78 %	Sunshine yesterday 10.7 hrs
Dew Point 23 °C	Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 0900 H.K.SUM.T. NIL
Wind Direction WEST	Total rainfall since 1st Jan. 2141.6 mm
Wind Speed 3 kts	Against an average 1757.6 mm

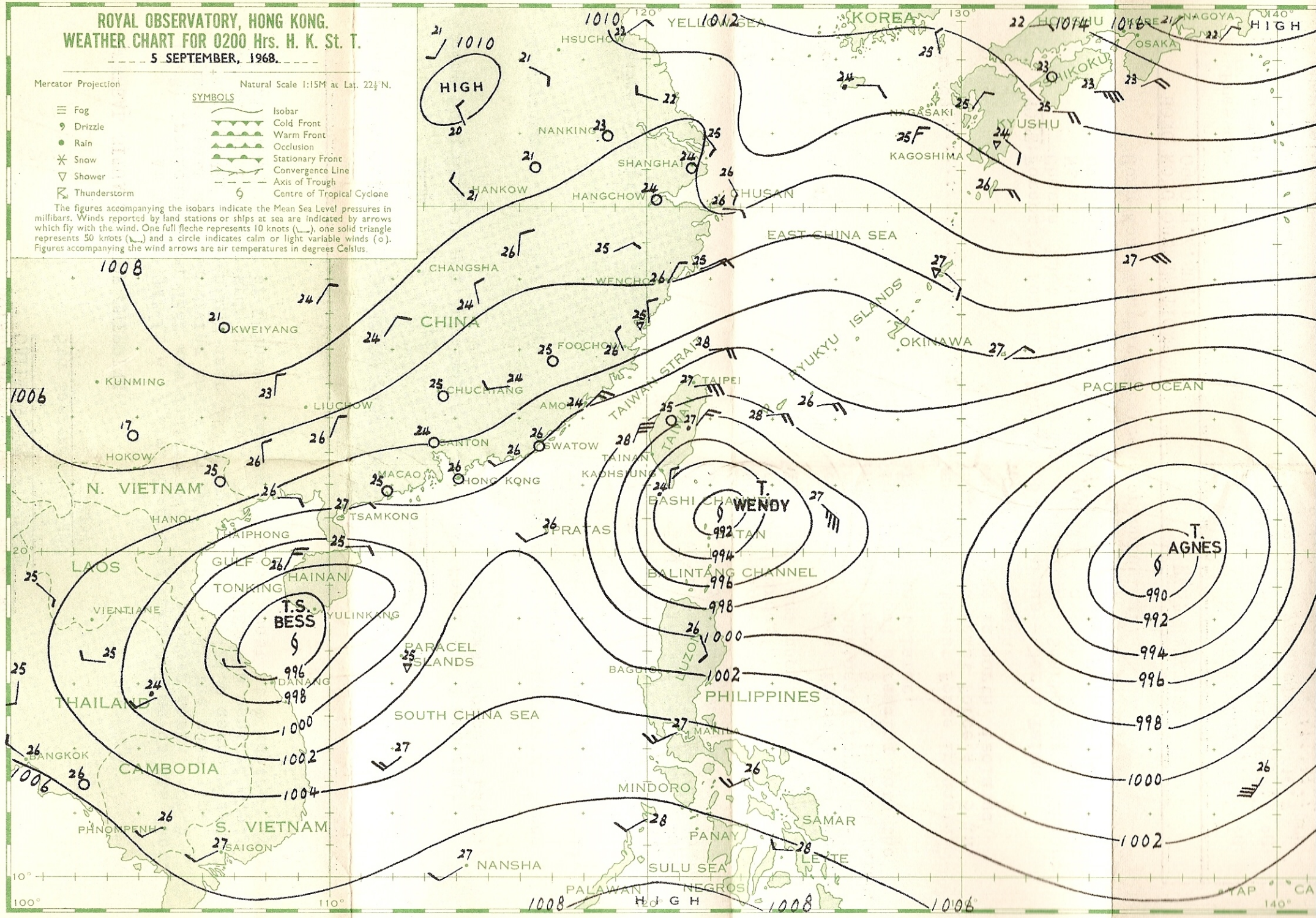
ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG. WEATHER CHART FOR 0200 Hrs. H. K. St. T. 5 SEPTEMBER, 1968.

Mercator Projection Natural Scale 1:15M at Lat. 22 1/2° N.

SYMBOLS

☉	Fog	—	Isobar
☂	Drizzle	—▲—	Cold Front
●	Rain	—▼—	Warm Front
✱	Snow	—▲▼—	Occlusion
▽	Shower	—▲—▲—	Stationary Front
☄	Thunderstorm	—▲▼—▲▼—	Convergence Line
		—	Axis of Trough
		6	Centre of Tropical Cyclone

The figures accompanying the isobars indicate the Mean Sea Level pressures in millibars. Winds reported by land stations or ships at sea are indicated by arrows which fly with the wind. One full fleche represents 10 knots (—), one solid triangle represents 50 knots (▲) and a circle indicates calm or light variable winds (○). Figures accompanying the wind arrows are air temperatures in degrees Celsius.



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