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LIMITS.

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This sheet includes Kalgin Island and the West Coast of Cook Inlet from Harriet Point North to Kustatan River.

GENERAL CHARACTER OF SHORE LINE.

The whole West Coast is bordered by mud flats which in places bare for over one and a half miles from shore. North of Triangulation Station Wait these flats, except near the mouth of Drift River, are almost free of stones. Between Katnu and Kustatan Rivers I saw only three rocks that a man could not lift. These flats and the country for some miles inland have been built up by the glacial streams. In some places it is hard to tell where the high water line is, the marsh grass gradually giving place to the mud flats, but usually there is an offset of about four feet from the grass to the mud and it is this grass that is shown by the high water line of the sheet, though at extreme tides the marsh may be flooded for two or three miles behind it. Scattered over the marsh, usually at a distance of one to three miles inland are clumps of dead and growing spruce which from a distance look like a continuous forest growing to the shore line.

South of Signal Last the flats seem to be the result of the wasting away of the bluffs. During the wet weather and especially at the time of the Spring thaw, land-slides are common. The tides carry away or smooth out the sand and gravel and the boulders are left farther and farther offshore as the bluff line recedes. From slides on Kalgin Island it is estimated that a slide of the whole face of the bluff for a depth of fifty feet will be carried away in a year. Near Signals Use and Last there are strata of brown coal.

RIVERS.

There are no important rivers. Katnu is the deepest, but during the low Spring tides there was only about two feet of water in mid-channel one hundred meters above Triangulation Station River. Kustatan River carries even less water. Drift River is shallow, rapid and full of rocks and tree snags.

There is not an all the year resident in the whole area shown.

Kalgin Island is an irregular cile of Glacial drift which is wasting away except at the point near Triangulation Station South Kalgin, where it is building out. The whole Island, except the North Shore is bordered by dangerous rocks. The Island has no good timber and produces only water fowl and mosquitoes.

ADJUSTMENTS ETC.

The East Coast of Kalgin Island was run on Office Projection and later transferrto the one used. The new projection was made on account of distortion of the old one.

The North Shore of Kalgin Island depended on a short orientation and had to be swung
forty meters to close on Triangulation Station North Kalgin. There is also an adjustment of about forty meters in distance between East Kalgin and Signal Fred.

The rock shown off Harriet Point is one of the largest of several. There were others breaking about a hundred meters outside, but on account of rain and rising wind I was unable to locate them. Even the one shown cannot be seen except at very low tides. The rock off Signal Rum is nearly correct. Located anchored launch and put rock on from Mr. Fryckman's sketch.

It is unfortunate that the sheet did not extend two or three miles farther to the Westward to include Signal Butte and the first Mountain summits.

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TRIANGULATION STATION MUD.

This station is on a short strip of sand beach with mud shore line on either side and swamp behind. Owing to the narrowness of the beach there are no Reference Marks. Station is marked by brass station mark set in cement and covered by a pile of stones two feet high.

TRIANGULATION STATION WAIT.

This station is on the small point about one mile north of end of bluffs and on the South bank of a small stream. It is marked by brass station mark in cement flush with the natural surface but covered by a pile of beach rocks two feet high. There are no Reference Marks.

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Triangulation Station River.

This Station is in the middle of a small sand area on the South bank of the Katnu River. The station is marked by a brass station mark screwed to the top of one foot of gas pipe. Station mark is 18" below sand surface. Surface mark is a mass of concrete flush with the surface.

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