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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET NO. "A"

ATLANTIC OCEAN

AND NANTUCKET SOUND

MONOMOY PT. TO CHATHAM,

MASSACHUSETTS

## INSTRUCTIONS:

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This survey was made under the Director's Instructions dated July 16, 1931.

## METHOD SURVEY:

The usual plane-table method of survey was used; namely, three-point fixes and re-sections. There were no traverses run. The control used on this sheet consisted of third order triangulation.

#### EXTENT:

This sheet comprises a resurvey of the shorelines of Monomoy Island on both sides from Monomoy Pt. to Chatham, and a small extent of the west shoreline of Stage Harbor.

#### DESCRIPTION:

The shoreline on the ocean side is quite regular with no appreciable indentations. It is a sandy beach with a recessed line of dunes from Monomoy Pt. to a quarter-mile north of old  $\Delta$  Wreck. The highwater line on this shore slopes sharply to the lowwater line.

On the Nantucket Sound side the shoreline is generally irregular, with only a regular stretch from Powder Hole to Inward Pt. Powder Hole, as it now exists, is a lagoon formed by a crescent-shaped spit from Monomovy Pt. with only a relatively small inlet at the north. From Inward Pt. to Morris Island the shoreline is fringed with an irregular expanse of marsh. From Morris Island to the dike, there are a few small hills with a marshy water edge. There is a recessed bluff line of small elevations and it extends from Monomovy Pt. to Inward Pt. The beach on this side slopes gently from the bluff line to the water. There are several marsh islands north of Inward Pt.

## COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS:

The entire extent of Monomoy Island has undergone a radical change since the last survey. The shoreline extends from Monomoy Pt. to Chatham without a break, Making Monomoy Island a spit. The shifting dunes near Chatham have almost obliterated all signs of the passage that made Monomoy Island an island. On the southern tip, the shoreline extends farther south than the previous survey shows. The same forces which caused the building out of the beach at this point have formed a crescent-shaped spit that bounds Powder Hole on the westward.

# STATISTICS:

Shoreline----46.6 miles (statute)

Area----- 0.7 Square miles (statute)

#### LANDMARKS:

All prominent landmarks have been reported.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Deane

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Approved and forwarded,

Chief of Party.

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# TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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Field No.

REGISTER NO. 4623
State Massachusetts
General locality Monomor Island Cape Cod.
Locality Monomoy Point I.
Scale 1/20,000 Date of survey August , 19.31
Vessel M. V. NATOMA
Chief of Party C. A. Egner
Surveyed by William F. Deane
Inked by William F. Deane
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Contour, Approximate contour, Form line intervalfeet
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