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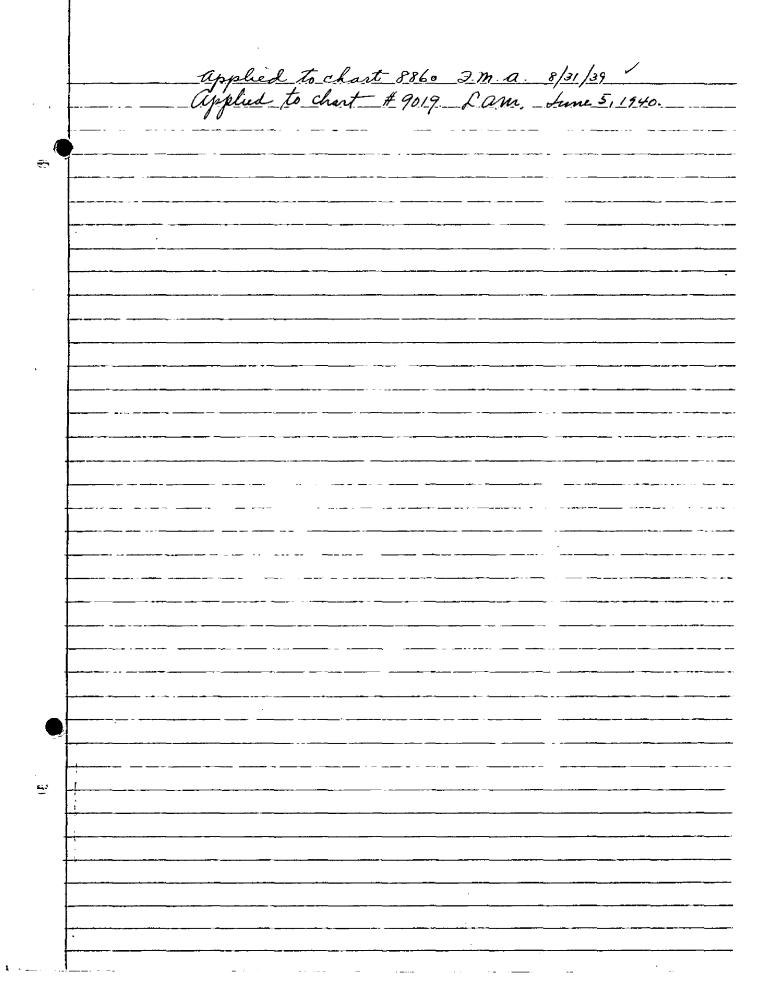
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SEASON OF 1938

AUTHORITY:

This survey was made under the Director's instructions dated February 3, 1938, Project No. H.T.-176.

LOCALITY:

This sheet covers Raven Bay and Open Bay on the south side of Unalaska Island, Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

METHOD OF SURVEY:

The standard plane table was used exclusively. Plane table positions were obtained chiefly by cuts and resections. The few traverses run were short (under one mile) and closed satisfactorily.

JUNCTIONS WITH OTHER SHEETS:

T-6600

It joins UE-37 on the west.

There are no other junctions. Other limits bounding on unsurveyed areas. T-6719 (1939) joins on east.

CONTROL:

The principal control was established by the 1935 triangulation. A few supplemental third order triangulation stations were added in Raven Bay.

MAGNETICS:

The magnetic meridian at station CROW, 1935, was obtained with compass declinometer No. 16. *

No local variation was noted.

ELEVATIONS:

These are in feet. In most cases several determinations were made and the elevations rounded off to the nearest five feet. Checks on the several elevations obtained were usually within three feet of the mean. They are referred to mean high water.

*This declinometer was standardized at Green Lake Magnetic Station, Seattle, Wash., on April 19, 1938. It gave a declination of +23° - 10.1' & 22° - 58.0' at 10:34 AM & 13:51, respectively.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COAST:

The area covered by this sheet is typical of the Aleutian Islands. Thick grasses cover the flats and ascend the mountains with decreasing length, disappearing at about the 1500 foot level. There are numerous rocky outcrops. Cliffs are general along the coast and the shores steep-to.

There is coarse sand at the extreme head of Raven Bay with suitable flats for beaching small craft.

ANCHORAGES:

Excellent anchorage for small boats may be had at the extreme head of the narrows in Raven Bay just south of the prominent islet at its head.

The small cove just west of the middle part of the narrows is good for small craft also, but the swinging room is scant owing to a reef on its west side. There are abandoned saltery buildings at its head.

Crow Arm, the stocking shaped arm on the east side of Raven Bay is too deep for ready anchorage. Considerable swell makes into it during southerly weather.

Larger vessels may anchor in the basin north of Ogangen Island, the large island in the entrance of Raven Bay.

Point Open Bay, the first bay east of Reef Cape, is wide open to the south and offers scant protection.

DANGERS:

There is a dangerous rock awash at M.L.L.W., near mid-channel of the narrows in Raven Bay and 2/3 of a mile north of the entrance to the narrows. This rock may be avoided by keeping west of the range formed by the west tangent of the prominent islet forming the east side of the entrance to the narrows, and the slightly projecting point on the east side of the narrows 2/5 of a mile north of the entrance. After passing this rock there are no further hidden dangers to the head of the bay.

A reef, awash at H.H.W., lies 1/2 mile south of Reef cape. This reef may actually be one or two feet above Mean High Water, but as it is continually awash, due to the ocean swell, at all stages of the tide, it is shown as a reef rather than as an islet.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES:

Raven Bay, Open Bay and Reef Cape were obtained from Chart 8802, 1936.

Ogangen Island; this name for the large island in the entrance to Raven Bay, was obtained from Mr. Jacobsen, the owner of the saltery in Raven Bay. He states that it is the native name for the island.

Crow Arm is suggested for the arm on the east side of Raven Bay because of its association with Raven.

STATISTICS:

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Respectfully submitted,

George A. Nelson, Jr. H. & G. Engineer, U.S.C. & G.S.S. SURVEYOR. November 14, 1938:-

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Topographic Sheet D-38 (Register No. T-6639) and the descriptive report accompanying it, have been examined by me and are approved and forwarded.

A. M. Sobieralski,

Commanding Officer,

U.S.C. & G.S.S. SURVEYOR.

Remarks.

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Section of Field Records

REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 6639 (1938) FIELD NO. D-38

Aleutian Islands; Unalaska Island, Raven and Open Bays Surveyed in August - September 1938, Scale 1:20,000 Instructions dated February 3, 1938, (SURVEYOR)

Plane Table Survey

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Aluminum Mounted

Chief of Party - A. M. Sobieralski. Surveyed and inked by - G. A. Nelson. Reviewed by - J. A. McCormick, October 3, 1940. Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston.

1. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys.

Satisfactory junctions were made with T-6600 (1937) on the west and T-6719 (1939) on the east. There are no form line surveys adjoining on the north but form lines for all of Unalaska Island are now being compiled by the U. S. Army from air photographs.

2. Comparison with Prior Surveys.

This is the first topographic survey of this area by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

5. Comparison with Chart 8802 (New Print of Dec. 21, 1939).

Chart 8860 (New Print of July 13, 1939).

Superseded topography now charted in this area was sketched on H-5972 (1935), offshore hydrographic survey.

4. Condition of Survey.

Satisfactory.

5. Compliance with Instructions for the Project.
Satisfactory.

6. Additional Field Work Recommended.

None.

7. Superseded Surveys.

None.

Examined and approved:

T. B. Reed, Chief, Section of Field Records.

Chief, Division of Charts.

Chief, Division of H. & T.