

Form 504

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey Topographic						
Field No. N*A*1942 Office No. T-6890						
LOCALITY						
State Alaska						
General locality Baranof Island						
Locality Starrigavan Bay						
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CHIEF OF PARTY						
Charles Pierce						
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TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Topographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

Field NoNA 1942
REGISTER NO. T 6890
StateAlaska
General locality. Baranof Island SE Alaska
Locality Starrigavan Bay
Scale 1:5,000 Date of survey August 1942, 19
Vessel Westdahl
Chief of party Charles Pierce
Surveyed by Curtis LeFever
Inked by
Heights in feet above MHM to ground to tops of tree Figures in Parentheses indicate hight of trees Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet
Instructions dated. Navy August 1, 1 4
Remarks:

T6890

Report to accompany sheet N-A-1942 Old Sitka Harbor, Baranof Island, Southeast Alaska.

AUTHORITY

Requested by Commanding Officer, Sitka Naval Air Station on Aug. 1, 1942.

PURPOSE OF SURVEY

Control for a large scale hydrographic survey of the harbor and detail of shoreline in the vicinity of the construction in that area.

CONTROL

The control in this area was all established by this party before the topography was executed. There are now several well marked triangulation stations in the area, all of which were used when the topography was done and which increased the accuracy of the survey. With the closely spaced triangulation, it was not necessary to establish any recoverable topographic stations except at station BAR where the topography was ended. This point was marked with a standard topographic disk and a description of its location was furnished on form 524.

METHOD OF SURVEY:

Standard planetable methods were used through out the survey, short traverses were run between triangulation stations on all of which very good checks were obtained. Most distances were determined by stadia, the wharves and buildings being measured with a steel tape. The locations of the numerous piling were determined by a rod being held against the piling by the rodman standing in a small boat. The few detached rocks were located the same way. The low water line was only determined by the topographeral joining the very steep beach, that in the flatter areas and at the edge of the tidal flats being taken from the hydrographic sheet. The roads and the highwater line were rodded as were the creeks and timber line.

MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS

Declinatoire observations were made at triangulation stations HARBOR 2, HALL and SITKA 1942. There is no indication of local disturbances in this area.

STATISTICS

Approved and forwarded:

Charles Pierce, Lieut. Comdr., USC&GS Commanding Officer, M. V. WESTDAHL Respectfully Sabmitted,

Curtis Le Fever, H. & G. Engr.

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REVIEW SECTION - SURVEYS BRANCH

REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. 6890

Field No. NA-1942

Alaska; Baranof Island; Starrigavan Bay Surveyed in August 1942; Scale 1:5,000 Instructions dated August 12, 1942 (Director's telegram to WESTDAHL)

Plane Table Survey

Aluminum Mounted

Chief of Party - C. Pierce Surveyed by - C. LeFever Reviewed by - J. A. McCormick, June 18, 1943 Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston

1. Adjoining Surveys

A satisfactory junction was effected with T-6829 (1941) on the south. There are no other contemporary surveys adjoining.

2. Previous Surveys

T-2289 (1896-97), 1:40,000; T-2290 (1897), 1:40,000; T-2304 (1897) 1:20,000

The old surveys, being on comparatively small scales, are much more generalized than the present survey. It is not believed that any substantial change has occurred in the area. A sunken rock in Lat. 57°08.3'; Long. 135°22.5' on T-2\mathbb{B}9 is very close to the position of the 2/6-fathom rock carried forward to the 1942 hydrographic survey H-6764 from H-2302 (1897). It is probable that they are the same rock.

3. Condition of Survey

The title sheet of the Descriptive Report states that figures in parentheses indicate heights of trees but does not state whether the unbracketed figures are heights to ground or to tops of trees. Also, the Descriptive Report states that the edges of the tidal flats were taken from the hydrographic sheet yet a note on the boat sheet of H-6764 (1942) says they were rodded in at M.L.L.W. The title sheet of the report does not state who inked the sheet.

Comparison with Chart 8281 (Print of 6-1-1943) 4.

Charted topography is from surveys discussed in Par. 2. Declinatoire observations of declination agree substantially with charted values.

- Compliance with Project Instructions Satisfactory.
- 6. Additional Field Work Recommended None.
- 7. Superseded Surveys

T-2289 in part T-2290 T-2304

Examined and approved: -

Chief, Surveys Branch

Chief, Division of Charts

Chief, Section of Hydrography

Chief, Division of Coastal

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