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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Topographic Sheet No.
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LOCALITY
Bahm Canal
Kah Shakes Cove
Peggy Pt., to Tramp Pt.

1932

CHIEF OF PARTY
G. C. Jones
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
TO ACCOMPANY FORM LINE SHEETS "A" AND "B"

SEASON OF 1932.

G. C. JONES, CHIEF OF PARTY.
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY, FORM LINE SHEETS, "A" AND "B", 1932.

INSTRUCTIONS:

This work was executed in accordance with the Director's Instructions dated March 24, 1932.

FIELD SHEETS:

In addition to the regular topographic sheets for the seasons work, three sheets for form line work only were used: - "A - West", "A - East", and "B".

LIMITS OF SHEETS:

SHEET "A - WEST", extends along the West side of Behm Canal from Tramp Point to the Southern end of Princess Bay. The topography and hydrography for this area were completed during the season of 1931.

SHEET "A - EAST", extends along the East shore of Behm Canal from the Southern side of Rudyerd Bay to Point Trollop; thence along the North shore of Smeaton Bay to the entrance of Wilson Arm. The topography and hydrography for this area were also completed in 1931.

SHEET "B", extends along the South shore of Smeaton Bay, from the entrance of Wilson Arm, to Point Nelson; thence along the East shore of Behm Canal to Point Sykes; thence along the East shore of Revillagigedo Channel to Kah Shakes Cove. The topography and hydrography for the area between Wilson Arm and Point Nelson were completed in 1931.

METHODS OF SURVEY:

The form line interval on all sheets is one hundred feet.

SHEET "A - WEST", was done entirely from the ship by means of the sextant.

SHEET "A - EAST", was done entirely by planctable and alidade.

SHEET "B", was done entirely from the ship by means of the sextant with the exception of a few peaks located by triangulation.
DISCREPANCIES:

All three sheets were compared with charts, aerial photographs, and Geological Survey maps.

SHEET "A - WEST" - The form lines on this sheet agree favorably with the contours on the Geological Survey map. The lakes as shown on the aerial photographs of this area agree satisfactorily.

The elevation of 2370 feet in Latitude 55°30' - 536 meters, Longitude 131°08' - 668 meters was located by only two cuts. The two cuts were very definite and the elevations agreed within fifty feet. The mean value is plotted. Other peaks were located and elevations obtained by three or more cuts.

SHEET "A - EAST" - There are no Geological contour maps nor aerial photographs for the area covered by this sheet. There are two elevations believed to have been determined by the triangulation of J. M. Smoak, in 1929, which plot on the sheet but which could not be checked in the field. The location of these elevations are as follows:

4463 feet  Latitude 55°24'  - 680 m. Long. 130°45'  - 1000 m.
2635 feet  Latitude 55°20'  - 640 m. Long. 130°48'  - 400 m.

Since several checks on these peaks were taken with the alidade, it is recommended that the elevations as shown on the sheet be charted.

SHEET "B" - On Chart 8075, Backbone Mountain, approximate position, Latitude 55°10', Longitude 131°00', is shown as having an elevation of 3620 feet. Through careful investigation it was determined that there is no hill of such elevation in that vicinity. The four elevations to the Northeastward of Behm Mountain could not be checked in either position or elevation, and it is recommended that they be removed from the chart. Other peaks included in the area covered check well in position with slight discrepancies in elevation. In the case of North Quadra Mountain, it is evident that in the previous survey the highest part was not located.

There appears to be a valley extending across the peninsula to Boca de Quadra, from the entrance to Smeaton Bay. The beginning of this valley is shown on the sheet.

Immediately Northeast of the Behm Mountain Ridge, there is a low pass extending well across the peninsula toward Boca de Quadra.

There is also a passage of low elevation extending well into the peninsula between the hills North of Quadra Mountain.
VEGETATION:

In general the hills are heavily wooded from the shoreline up to an elevation of approximately two thousand feet. Above this the hills are sparsely wooded or bare rock.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Finnegan,
H. & G. Engr.,
U.S.C. & G.S.S. EXPLORER.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

G. C. Jones,
Commanding Officer,
U.S.C. & G.S.S. EXPLORER.
Title (Par. 56) Rudyard, E. to Swamp B. Deine Canal, Illinois

Chief of Party G.L. Jones Surveyed by W. Tinnin Inked by R. G. Rice

Ship Explorer Instructions dated March 28, 1932 Surveyed in June-July 1932

1. The survey and preparation for it conform to the requirements of the Topographic Manual. (Par. 7, 8, 9, 13, 16.) Inspection and records not verified. Reference stations not placed at bottom of sheet.

2. The character and scope of the survey satisfy the instructions.

3. The control and closures of traverses were adequate. (Par. 18, 29.)

4. The amount of vertical control that the manual specifies for contours-formlines was accomplished. (Par. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.)

5. The delineation of contours-formlines is satisfactory. (Par. 49, 50.)

6. There is sufficient control on maps from other sources that were transmitted by the field party to enable their application to the chart. (Par. 25.)

7. High water line on marshy and mangrove coast is clear and adequate for chart compilation. (Par. 16a, 43, 44.)

8. The representation of low water lines, reefs, coral reefs and rocks, and legends pertaining to them is satisfactory. (Par. 36, 27, 36, 39, 40, 41.)

9. Rocks and other important details shown on previous surveys and on the chart were verified. (Par. 25, 26, 27.)

10. The span, draw and clearance of bridges are shown. (Par. 16c.)

11. Locations and elevations of summits are given. (Par. 19, 31.)

12. The tree line was shown on mountains. (Par. 16g.)

13. The descriptive report covers all details listed in the manual, as far as they apply to this survey. (Par. 64, 65, 66, 67.)
14. The descriptive report also contains additional information required in aerophotography relative to type of photographs, method of compilation and type of ground control.

15. The descriptions of recoverable stations and references to shore line were accomplished on Form 524. (Par. 29, 30, 37, 67 except scaling of DMs and DMs, 68.)

16. No list of landmarks for charts was furnished on Form 567. (Par. 16d, e, 60.)

17. The magnetic meridian was shown and declination was checked. (Par. 17, 52.) No plumbable work on this sheet.

18. The geographic datum of the sheet is North American 1927 and the reference station is correctly noted. (Par. 34.)

19. Junctions with contemporary surveys are adequate. No formulas to montane.

20. Geographic names are shown on the sheet and are covered by the descriptive report. (Par. 64, 66k.)

21. The quality of the drafting is good. (Par. 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.)

22. No additional surveying is recommended.

23. The Chief of Party inspected and approved the sheet and the descriptive report after review by

Reviewed in office by

Examined and approved:

Chief, Division of Field Records

Chief, Section of Field Work

Chief, Division of Charts

Chief, Division of Hydrography and Topography

(NOTE: Strike out paragraphs, words or phrases not applicable and modify those requiring it. Paragraph numbers refer to those in the Topographic Manual.)
The Topographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

Field No. "B"

REGISTER NO. 4717

State. Alaska

General locality. Behm Canal

Locality. Kah-Sakes-Cove to Smeaton Bay

Scale 1:40,000 Date of survey July, Aug., & Oct., 1932


Chief of Party. C. C. Jones

Surveyed by. C. C. Jones & Henry E. Finnegan

Inked by. Roger C. House

Heights in feet above M.E.W. to ground

Contour line interval 100 feet

Instructions dated. March 24, 1932

Remarks:
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Field No. "A - East"

REGISTER NO. 4718

State: XXXX, Alaska

General locality: Behm Canal

Locality: Smeaton Bay to Pt. Louise

Scale: 1:40,000 Date of survey: June & July 1932

Vessel: U.S.C. & G.S.S. EXPLORER

Chief of Party: G. C. Jones

Surveyed by: Henry E. Pinnegan and G. C. Mast

Inked by: Roger C. Rowe

Heights in feet above M.H.W. to ground: 160

Contour: Approximate contour, Form line interval: 100 feet

Instructions dated: March 24, 1932

Remarks: 

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Field No. "A - West".

REGISTER NO. 4719

State: XXXX, Alaska

General locality: Behm Canal

Locality: Rudyard I., to Tramp Point

Scale: 1:40,000

Date of survey: June - July, 1932

Vessel: U.S.C. & G.S.S. EXPLORER

Chief of Party: G. C. Jones

Surveyed by: G. C. Jones, and Henry E. Finnegan

Inked by: Roger C. Rowse

Heights in feet above M.H.W. to ground

Contour Approximate contour. Form line interval 100 feet

Instructions dated: March 24, 1932.

Remarks:
Applied to drawing (compilation) of reconstructed
Chart No. 8075. S.B.M. Sept. 1934

Applied to drawing of Chart No. 8102. S.B.M. Sept. 1934

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