DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Topographic Sheet No. D & DD

State: FLORIDA

Locality:

MATECUMBE HARBOR TO LONG KEY VIADUCT TO CRANE KEYS

1935

CHIEF OF PARTY

E. R. McCarthy
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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Field No. ..............................................
REGISTER NO. 6418 b

State .................................................. FLORIDA..........................................

General locality .................................. FLORIDA BAY ...........................................

Locality .................................................. BAY ISLAND HARBOUR TO LONG KEY VIADUCT

Scale .................................................. 1" = 2000 ft

Date of survey .................................. FEBRUARY - MARCH, 1935

Vessel .................................................. Party No. 14

Chief of party .................................. J. B. McCARTY

Surveyed by .......................................... A. E. DURIE & J. R. BROOWN

Inked by ............................................. A. E. DURIE

Heights in feet above .................................. to ground to tops of trees

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval .................................. feet

Instructions dated .................................. NOVEMBER 17, 1935 (H. A. COTTON)

Remarks: ..................................................

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Field No. 6418a
REGISTER NO. 6418a

State: FLORIDA

General locality: FLORIDA KEYS

Locality: LOCT. KEY. VIADUCT TO CRAWL KEYS

Scale: 1:20,000 Date of survey: March - April, 19...35

Vessel: Field Party No. 14

Chief of party: E. E. McCarthy

Surveyed by: J. E. Brosnan

Inked by: J. E. Brosnan

Heights in feet above...to ground...to tops of trees

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval...feet

Instructions dated: November 17, 1888 (H. A. Cotton)...on

Remarks:...
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
R. S. PATTON, DIRECTOR

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
to accompany
TOPOGRAPHIC SHEETS "D" & "DD"

FLORIDA
MATECUMBE HARBOR TO LONG KEY VIADUCT TO CRAWL KEYS

Party No. 14

E. R. McCarthy,
Lieut. (j.g.) C&GS,
Chief of Party.
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

TOPOGRAPHIC SHEETS "D & DD"

AUTHORITY:

Instructions of the Director dated November 17, 1933,
(H.A. Cotton).

LIMITS:

Sheet "D":

Keys from the southwest shore of Lower Matecumbe Key
to the west end of Long Key.

Sheet "DD":

Keys from junction with sheet "D" to the easterly
of the Crawl Keys.

CONTROL:

Control for the sheets consisted of several stations of
the 1954-5 triangulation scheme well distributed over the entire
area. All recovered stations used were re-located by the
current survey.

METHODS:

The usual methods of planetable traverse were used on the
outer coast of Long Key only. The traverse here had a discrepancy
of 4 meters in the three miles between triangulation stations
"Hawk" and "Camp". It was given a proportional adjustment.

From Long Key Camp west to the end of the sheet was tra-
versed by means of a 100 meter wire, tying in to all triangulation
stations. From the traverse which was run along the railroad, cuts
were taken to the various topographic signals. Frequent re-sections
were taken as a check and it was run with no plottable error.

The signals on the north side of Long Key, and those in the
bay and viaducts Two and Five were located by means of a three
point fix or graphic triangulation.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COAST:

The keys are all low, rocky, and covered with scrub growth. The ocean shore of Long Key has a narrow strip of sandy beach behind which is a fringe of mangrove. The keys are practically uninhabited since the destruction of the railroad and fishing camp except for the store on the fill between channels Two and Five.

SETTLEMENTS:

All settlements, if not destroyed by the hurricane, were abandoned on account of the destruction of the railroad. At present, a store located on the fill between channels Two and Five at which gasoline and a nominal amount of supplies may be purchased is the only habitation within the limits of the sheet. Prices are quite high.

OVERSEAS HIGHWAY:

The construction of the Overseas Highway was halted by the hurricane and it is unlikely that it will be resumed. A number of piers had been poured and pilings driven since the date of the survey and the present condition is shown by the letter and blueprint attached to the report.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES:

Names inked on the sheet are names shown on the present chart which were verified by the field party with the exception of Tomas Harbor, Tomas Harbor Viaduct and Duck Key Viaduct. Tomas Harbor is very well established, the two viaducts are usually identified locally by these names.

Names in pencil are well established locally.

The names from Key Largo to Long Key have been submitted in a special report on that subject. Names for the balance of the project will be reported upon at a later date.

LANDMARKS:

Landmarks for the sheets have been submitted as have aids to navigation. A copy of the landmarks is attached as are also the positions of the two beacons which were probably not included in the original report.
MISCELLANEOUS:

The area covered by the sheets was damaged by the hurricane of Sept. 2-3, 1935. Due to the rocky character of the shoreline it is doubtful if much permanent damage has been done to any natural features beyond the washing away of the sand beach which probably will be built up again.

The railroad was reported to have been completely destroyed from Matsuombe to Grassy Key. It was also reported that the tracks have been washed from the viaducts into the bay. No opportunity has been afforded to check these statements.

Respectfully submitted:

E. R. McCarthy
Lieut.(j.g.) C&GS,
Chief of Party.
February 25, 1936.

To: The Director,
U. S. C. & G. Survey,
Washington, D.C.

From: Lieut. (j.g.) E. R. McCarthy,
U. S. C. & G. Survey,
Key West, Fla.

Subject: Chart corrections.

There is attached a blueprint showing present conditions and dangers to navigation in the vicinity of Matecumbe Harbor. This blueprint shows the status of the Overseas Highway project which was abandoned after the hurricane of Sept. 2-3, 1935.

The data was transferred to the scale of Sheet No. 13 from information furnished by the Florida E.R.A. The last piling - marking the location of a pier - were located by the hydrographic party. All these piers were poured after the party had left the locality.

E. R. McCarthy,
Lieut. (j.g.) C&GS,
Chief of Party.

Section of Sheet No. 13 Showing Condition of Overseas Highway January 1936
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**Topo Sheets**

The positions given have been checked after heaving.

I recommend that the following objects which have been inspected from seaward be determined their value as landmarks, be charted on the chart indicated.

1. Key West, Pia.
2. Aids to Navigation
3. Strike out one chart.
REVIEW OF GRAPHIC CONTROL SURVEY T-6418a,b, SCALE 1:20,000

Date of Review

1. This survey has been reviewed in connection with Air Photo Compilation Nos. T-5541, T-5542, with particular attention to the following details:

   √(a) Projection has been checked in the field.
   √(b) Accuracy of location of plane table control points.
   √(c) Discrepancies between detail on this survey and the air photo compilations listed above.
   √(d) Discrepancies found in descriptions submitted on Form 524 when compared with the air photo compilations listed above.

2. Refer to the reviews and descriptive reports of air photo compilations Nos. T-5541, T-5542, for a more complete discussion of any errors or discrepancies found.

   Any material errors found on this survey are noted in subsequent paragraphs of this review, and these have been reported to the Field Records Section and the Cartographic Section.

   Notes and corrections resulting from the review are shown on this survey in green.

   (1) Numerous triangulation and topo. stations were destroyed in Sept.'35 as noted on the survey.
   (2) The railroad is abandoned, largely demolished and is being converted in places into a highway. The bridges are undergoing reconstruction.
MEMORANDUM
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

SURVEY DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
PHOTOGRAPH OF

No. H
No. T 6418 a

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C. K. Green  April 10-'36
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