DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Topographic
Hydrographic
Sheet No. A-39
Rng No. 06-06
State: Alaska

LOCALITY

Aleutian Islands
Unmak Island
Cape Aslak

1939

CHIEF OF PARTY
Ray L. Schoppe

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY  

TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET  

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Field No. A-39  
REGISTER NO. T6714  

State S. W. ALASKA Alaskan Islands  
General locality Aleutian Islands  
Locality Cape Asil to 'Agulich  
Scale 1:20,000  Date of survey May, 1939  
Vessel U.S.C.&G.S.S. SURVEYOR  
Chief of party Ray L. Schoppe  
Surveyed by John Bowles  Jr.  
Inked by John Bowles  Jr.  
Heights in feet above M. H. W. to ground  
Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval 100 feet  
Instructions dated February 3, 1939  
Remarks:  

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET A-39

REG. No.

U.S.G.S.S. SURVEYOR - RAY L. SCHOPPE, Commanding

SEASON OF 1939

AUTHORITY:

This survey was made under Director's Instructions dated February 3, 1938, Project No. H.T. 218.

LOCALITY:

This sheet covers an area on the northwest side of Unnak Island between Cape Aslik and triangulation station HAG. Station HAG is 6 miles northeast of Cape Aslik.

JUNCTIONS WITH OTHER SHEETS:

This sheet joins sheet U-38 (Reg. No. 6642) on the southwest and Q-38 (Reg. No. 4715) on the northeast.

METHOD OF SURVEY:

The standard plan table was used exclusively.

Traverses were run between the following triangulation stations:

POLY to ASLIK
POLY to GINGER
GINGER to CAPE
CAPE to CROP
HAG to CROP

These traverses closed flat.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COAST:

Cape Aslik is a prominent point with vertical cliffs of 150 ft. near triangulation station ASLIK, tapering off to 60 ft. in the vicinity of triangulation station POLY, where a sand beach begins and extends northeasterly 3½ miles to the vicinity of triangulation station CAPE. From CAPE to HAG, the coast is broken and irregular with intermittent bluffs, sand beaches, lava outcrop and offlying rocks. These rocks are within 100 meters of H.W.M. except at the point ½ mile north of triangulation station CAPE, where some extend 200 meters.

Back of the beach the terrain is regular and on a fairly consistent slope for about 3 miles. 200 to 400 meters back of the beach, between POLY and CAPE, is a gentle bluff line due to a distinct break in the upward slope of the land as the grade flattens out to the southeastward as shown on the sheet.

The land is covered with grass except above the snow line on the ridge forming in the eastern part of the sheet.

PROMINENT OBJECTS:

At Lat. 53° - 25.7', Long. 166° - 24.1' is a double bump, in an east and west line and about 15 ft. higher in elevation than the ground in the immediate vicinity.

At Lat. 53° - 28.9', Long. 166° - 18.9' is a vertical cliff 150 meters back of the H.W.M., extending 400 meters in length parallel to the beach. From this vertical wall numerous small waterfalls form a picturesque view.

These two objects may only be recognized from ships a mile or two offshore.
At Lat. 53° - 28.77', Long. 168° - 19.6' is a prominent waterfall 100 ft. high. (See page of list of signals.)

At Lat. 53° - 28.5', Long. 168° - 20.7' is a narrow knife edge point, extending 200 meters into the sea, normal to the beach. 50 ft. from the end of the point, the formation rises vertically 100 ft. and then continues to rise in elevation to 267 ft. at triangulation station CROP.

OFFLYING DANGERS:

There are several rocks off Cape Aslik as shown on the sheet, the farthest rock being 350 meters offshore.

MAGNETICS:

The magnetic meridian at triangulation station POLY was obtained at 9:00 AM May 27, 1939, by declinometer No. 220. Triangulation station CROP was occupied by declinometer. No local variations were noted at either station. The observed magnetic north at POLY was 15° - 00' and at CROP was 14° - 20'. A disturbance was noted at HAG which will be discussed in the corresponding report of the sheet for that area.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES:

"CAPE ASLIK" was obtained from Chart 8802.

"WEENING WALL" is suggested as a name for the second object described under the heading of "Prominent Objects".

ELEVATIONS AND FORM LINES:

Elevations are in feet above mean high water.

The dotted form lines on the eastern half of the sheet are approximation only and should be changed to their correct location and formation if and when a new contour sheet is made of this area. The
dotted lines are intended to show the general formation in advance of the next sheet. These were sketched in from memory of the area as seen in 1938 and occasional glimpses during the present season.

A snow covered ridge extends northeastward from triangulation station BUMP. The elevation of this ridge is estimated at 3500 ft.

¾ mile southwest of triangulation station NEW is a spike shaped rock. The elevation of 1494 ft. should be checked when the new contour sheet of the vacant area is surveyed.

Fog and low clouds prevented the completion of the form lines on the eastern part of the sheet. While working on this sheet and vicinity, the limit of visibility was from 1000 to 1500 ft. and at no time during the season, while working or enroute to or from Dutch Harbor, was there a chance to obtain accurate elevations of this ridge.

ANCHORAGES:

There are no anchorages in the limits of this sheet.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEYS:

No previous surveys of this area have been made by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The scale of Chart 8602 is such that detail does not show, consequently no constructive comparison can be made.

STATISTICS:

Shoreline, statute miles.............. 7.8
Area, statute square miles........... 33.0
Topographic stations.................. 3 plus 6 triangulation stations.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bowie, Jr.,
Jr. H & G. Engr.,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

RAY L. SCHOPPE, H. & G. E.,
Commanding, Str. SURVEYOR.

Approved and forwarded:
LIST OF SIGNALS

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TRIANGULATION STATIONS:

ASLIK - Marked station at Cape Aslik.
CAPE - Marked station 4½ miles northeast Cape Aslik.
CRP - Marked station 5.0 miles northeast Cape Aslik.
GINGER - Marked station 3.0 miles northeast Cape Aslik.
HAG - Marked station 6½ miles northeast Cape Aslik.
POLY - Marked station ¾ mile northeast Cape Aslik.

TOPOGRAPHIC SIGNALS:

AB - Cloth signal, not recoverable.
AID - Whitewash, high up on point, not recoverable after

several years.
ALI - Whitewash, not recoverable.
AR - Whitewash, not recoverable.
BAG - Cloth signal, not recoverable.
BAS - Whitewash, not recoverable.
BIL - Cloth on log, not recoverable.
BUD - Whitewash, not recoverable.
BUM - Top of W'ly twin bump, recoverable, natural object.
COR - Cloth, unrecoverable.
CRAB - Whitewash, not recoverable.
CUT - Flag, not recoverable.
DEE - Cloth, not recoverable.
EG - Cloth, not recoverable.
EL - Whitewash, on vertical cliff, not recoverable after

several years.
EM - Whitewash, on vertical cliff, not recoverable after

several years.
END - Whitewash, on flat end of point, not recoverable after

several years.
EYE - Cloth, not recoverable.
FIT - Driftwood, not recoverable.
FLO - Whitewash, not recoverable after several years.
FOG - Whitewash, not recoverable after several years, on top

of bluff.
GAL - Cloth, not recoverable.
GOOD - Whitewash on lava outcrop, not recoverable after

several years.
GUM - Flag, not recoverable.
HAT - Door of barabars, recoverable.
HI - High whitewash, not recoverable after several years.
HOT - Cloth on log, not recoverable.
JAG - Flag, not recoverable.
JUG - Whitewash on rock, not recoverable after several years.
LIST OF SIGNALS (continued)

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TOPOGRAPHIC SIGNALS: (continued)

KAY - Whitewash on vertical cliff, not recoverable after several years.
KEY - Whitewash on rock outcrop, not recoverable after several years.
LIP - Whitewash, not recoverable after several years.
LOT - Whitewash, not recoverable.
MID - Whitewash, 15 ft. high up on point, not recoverable after several years.
MOT - Rock at mouth of stream, recoverable.
NAG - Whitewash on lava outcrop, not recoverable after several years.
NOG - Flag, not recoverable.
OY - Whitewash on top of bluff, not recoverable after several years.
PAS - Whitewash on side of cliff, not recoverable after several years.
PIG - Whitewash on top of bluff, not recoverable after several years.
RAZ - Whitewash on rock island, not recoverable after several years.
ROD - Whitewash on top of bluff, not recoverable after several years.
ROK - Whitewash on lava outcrop, not recoverable after several years.
ROY - Whitewash on rock on sand beach, rock recoverable.
SAP - Cloth, not recoverable.
TIM - Cloth, not recoverable.
TOW - Top of waterfall, recoverable.
TOP - Whitewash on top of bluff, not recoverable after several years.
WET - Whitewash on rock point, not recoverable after several years.
YOU - Cloth, not recoverable.
ZEE - Cloth, not recoverable.
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REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 6714 (1939) FIELD NO. A-39

Aleutian Islands, Umnak Island, Cape Aslik to Aguliuk Pt.
Surveyed in May 1939, Scale 1:20,000
Instructions dated February 3, 1938 (SURVEYOR)

Plane Table Survey

Chief of Party - R. L. Schoppe.
Surveyed by - John Bowie, Jr.
Inked by - John Bowie, Jr.
Reviewed by - Leo S. Straw, May 15, 1940.
Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston.

1. **Junctions with Contemporary Surveys.**

   The junctions with T-6715 (1939) on the northeast and T-6642 (1938) on the southwest are satisfactory.

2. **Comparison with Prior Surveys.**

   This Bureau has made no previous surveys in this area.

3. **Comparison with Chart No. 8802 (New Print dated Dec. 21, 1939).**

   The shoreline on the chart is dashed and is over 2 miles too far southeast of its correct location at Aguliuk Pt. This feature or name does not appear on the present chart.

   The name "C Aslik" is misplaced on the chart and should apply to the prominent feature in approximate Lat. 53° 25.0', Long. 168° 24.5'.

   Within the area covered the chart should be based on the present survey.

4. **Condition of Survey.**

   Foggy weather prevented obtaining a sufficient number of elevations to draw the form lines with confidence. As a result about one-third of them have been shown dashed. See page 4 of the descriptive report.

5. **Compliance with Instructions for the Project.**

   Satisfactory.
6. **Additional Field Work Recommended.**

Additional elevations particularly in the northeast half of the area covered by the present survey are desirable to more accurately show the form of the ground.

Examined and approved:

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

Raymond L. Sinyard,  
Chief, Section of Field Work.

Chief, Division of Charts.

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