DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Topographic Sheet No. T-6767

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Locality

Whidbey Id. Admiralty Head to Point Partridge

1940

Chief of Party

Robert W. Knox

H. G. E.

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TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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Field No. A

REGISTER NO. T-6767

State Washington

General locality Whidbey Island

Locality Admiralty Head to Partridge Point, Partridge

Scale 1:10000 Date of survey October 1940

Vessel Ship SURVEYOR

Chief of party Robert W. Knox

Surveyed by J.C. Partington

Inked by J.C. Partington

Heights in feet above MHW to ground

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet

Instructions dated September 22, 1939

Remarks: 

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

Topographic Sheet, Register No. T-6767

Admiralty Head to Partridge Pt., Whidbey Island, Washington.

Ship SURVEYOR Robert W. Knox, Chief of Party.

INSTRUCTIONS:
This work was done in accordance with instructions dated Sept. 22, 1939 for Project No. HT-241.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
The west shore of Whidbey Is. is mostly a sandy beach which rises sharply to bluffs whose heights are from 100 to 250 feet. On account of the steepness of the slope there is very little vegetation between the high water line and the bluff line; the only exception being between topographic signals FEN and PROM where the slope is sparsely covered with grass. In general the coastline appears as low yellow bluffs backed by pine trees. The shoreline is heavily strewn with logs.

CONTROL:
Second and third order triangulation executed during the current season furnished ample control for this sheet.

SURVEY METHODS:
The usual plane table methods were used in accomplishing this work. Traverses were run as follows:

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A short spur traverse was run northeast from topographic signal EBY in order to locate the road and buildings, the latter were located by cuts from plane table set-ups along the road.

No attempt was made to locate the low water line on the topographic sheet because of unfavorable tides during the daylight hours at this season of the year. At no time during the progress of this work did the tide drop to mean lower low water. The location of the low water line was left for the hydrographer.

Magnetic meridians were obtained at four triangulation stations on the sheet using declinometer No. 118 with alidade No. 214. The index correction of this declinometer as determined at Seward Park, Seattle, Wash. on November 4, 1940 was plus 0° 15' to easterly declination.
SURVEY METHODS.
Elevations were obtained by rod readings and vertical angles and by two or more cuts with vertical angles. The hypsograph was used for obtaining the differences in elevation.
Topographic signals were located by rod readings as the traverse proceeded along the beach with the following exceptions:
- GUP - located by two cuts
- NOW, FOG, PILE and TREE - located by three or more cuts.

SYMBOLS.
The small red circles designated as "house chy", "barn gable", "square bldg", and "barn cupola" were located by two or more plane table cuts. These may be useful in the future for air photogrammetric surveys.

Topographic signal "PILE" is a piling which projects about 15 feet above high water. It is of a permanent nature. Signal "Fog", was examined Jan. 2, 1941 and found to be removed.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES.
The names PARTRIDGE PT., WHIDBEY ISLAND, and ADMIRALTY HEAD are taken from chart No. 6450. All of these names are in local use. No new names are recommended.

JUNCTION WITH CONTEMPORARY WORK.
This sheet joins topographic sheet No. T-6768 at triangulation station PARTY and the junction is satisfactory.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS WORK.
This sheet was compared with a bromide of topographic sheet No. 1254, surveyed in 1871. In the vicinity of topographic signals GUN, ERA and DIM the high water line has receded from 10 to 30 meters and the bluff line has cut back inland. North of triangulation station SPIT sheet No. 1254 shows a marsh where this sheet shows a lagoon. The area is covered with water at various times of the year although it probably dries at certain seasons. The area is heavily strewn with logs. At the time of the present survey this area was covered with a shallow depth of water; it is accordingly shown as a lagoon.

The high water line has receded about 10 meters in the vicinity of topographic signals GAT, EBY and FOG. The bluff line from signals FOG to TUB has eroded about 40 meters.
In general the two surveys agree very closely.

This sheet was compared with a bromide of topographic sheet No. 1162, surveyed in 1870. The bluff line appears to have eroded from 10 to 30 meters between topographic signals TUB and JIM. Otherwise the two surveys agree very well.

RECOVERY of TRIANGULATION STATIONS.
Triangulation stations PARTRIDGE, MAST and EBEY shown on topographic sheet No. 1254 were not recovered. On account of the meager descriptions and lack of surface marks it was impracticable to search for these stations. It is recommended that they be listed as lost.
LANDMARKS. One new landmark was located during the current season, namely "Whidbey Id. Cable Crossing Sign". It has been submitted on Form 527. The position of the landmark designated as "old tower" on chart No. 6150 was verified and its continuance is recommended. "Old Tower" is the abandoned Admiralty Head Lighthouse.

RECOVERABLE TOPOGRAPHIC STATIONS. Signals CUP, PILE, PILE and TREE are natural objects. Form 524 for these objects is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Partington
H & G.E.
Topographer

Approved and forwarded

Robert W. Knox
Chief of Party

Forwarded from Seattle Processing Office

Dec. 16, 1941

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MEMORANDUM
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

SURVEY
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

No. T T6767

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REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON; WHIDBEY ISLAND; ADMIRALTY HEAD TO POINT PARTRIDGE
SURVEYED OCTOBER 1940; SCALE 1:10,000
INSTRUCTIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1939
PROJECT H. T. 241

Field No. A

Plane Table Survey
Aluminum Mounted

Chief of Party - R. W. Knox
Surveyed and inked by - J. C. Partington
Reviewed by - J. A. McCormick, September 22, 1943
Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston

1. Adjoining Surveys

A satisfactory junction was effected with T-6768 (1940) on the north. The project was not extended beyond the southern limits of the survey.

2. Previous Surveys

T-1164 (1870), 1:10,000; T-1254 (1871), 1:10,000

Several minor differences between old and new surveys were noted by the field party and mentioned in the descriptive report. In general, the agreement is very good. Sections of roads located by the present field party fit perfectly with the more extensive inshore detail on T-1254.

3. Comparison with Chart 6450 (Print of June 12, 1943)

Topography on the present survey has already been added to the chart. Declinatire observations agree substantially with charted values of compass variation.

4. Compliance with Project Instructions

Satisfactory.

5. Additional Field Work Recommended

None.
6. Superseded Surveys

T-1164 in part
T-1254 " "

Examined and approved:

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