# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

**Type of Survey**: Topographic  
**Field No.**: J-43  
**Office No.**:  

## LOCALITY

**State**: Southeast Alaska  
**General locality**: Sitka Sound  
**East shoreline adjacent**:  
**Locality to Hot Springs Bay**:  

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1943  
**CHIEF OF PARTY**: Charles Pierce  

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

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 No. 143

REGISTER NO.

State ......................... Southeast Alaska

General locality ............... Sitka Sound

Locality East shoreline adjacent to Hot Springs Bay

Scale 1-10,000 Date of survey July 1943

Vessel ......................... WESTDAHL

Chief of party ............... Charles Pierce

Surveyed by .................. Curtis Le Fever

Inked by ....................... Christine Nechaj

Heights in feet above MHW to ground 100 100 100 100

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet

Instructions dated Feb. 14/40 June 10/41 Feb. 5 June 30 Aug. 5 1942

Remarks: .......................................................... 
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
to accompany
Topographic Sheet J-43
Sitka Sound
S. E. Alaska

AUTHORITY:

Instructions dated February 14, 1940, June 10, 1941, February 5, June 3 and August 5, 1943.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA AND EXTENT OF SURVEY:

The area covered by this sheet is along the Eastern shore of Sitka Sound, directly north of Hot Springs Bay. The shoreline and adjoining rocks and islets from a junction with Survey L554, scale 1:10000 at Crane Cove, in the vicinity of Hot Springs Bay north to a junction with Sheet F-43, 1943. Calligan Island is no longer an island but is now attached to Baranof Island by a narrow grass covered gravel peninsula.

CONTROL:

Triangulation control in this area was completed by this party in 1942 and 1943 and was used throughout this survey. There were no traverses of more than one or two setups necessary because of the close spacing of the triangulation. No traverse adjustments were made.

METHOD OF SURVEY:

Planstable methods were used. Offlying rocks and ledges adjacent to the shoreline surveyed are located by cuts and supplemented by rod readings. Those covered by tide and the low water line were located at low water by rod readings.

Necessary hydrographic signals around Torsar and Fragrant Islands were located on this sheet by directions taken from triangulation stations in the vicinity. The rocks, shoals and kelp spots shown on this sheet in this vicinity were located by sextant three point fixes taken from the different features. The angles taken are recorded in one of the sounding volumes of Hydrographic sheet L143A covering this area.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS SURVEY:

No comparison was made with the previous survey because of the difference in scale between the two surveys. A satisfactory junction with topographic survey L554, scale 1:10000 was made adjacent to Crane Cove. The survey at the north end of the sheet was continued onto Sheet F-43 by the same topographic party.

LANDMARKS:

There are no landmarks for charts in this area.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION:

No aids to navigation are located in this area.
AIR PHOTOGRAPHS:
Photographs were taken of this area in 1942.

ELEVATIONS:
All elevations are determined above MHW and are of the ground surface. The heights of the trees are shown in parenthesis near the elevations.

RECOVERABLE TOPOGRAPHIC STATIONS:
Recoverable station ZIM is marked by a drillhole in bare rock and is described on form number 521.

MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS:
No declination were taken in this area.

STATISTICS:
Statute miles of shoreline ------------------ 7.0
Square statute miles ---------------------- 1.0

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Le Fever,
H. & G. Engr.

Approved and forwarded:

Charles Pierce,
H. & G. E., Chief of Party

The shoreline, rocks, and beds of the present survey have been applied to air photographic surveys T-3480 and T-3481 of 1942. A comparison has been made with T-6947 (1942-43). No further review by the Hydrographic Survey Section is necessary at this present time.

E.B. Carlson
4/15/47

T-3480, T-3481, B.S. survey line revised, based on field inspected photographs and superseded this survey.

G.F.G.
7/25/47
MEMORANDUM
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
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No. H T6934

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