Form 904
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey SHORELINE
Field No. Office No. T-9823

LOCALITY
State ALASKA
General locality PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
Locality GRANITE BAY

19.50-54

CHIEF OF PARTY
Field: C. A. Nelson
Office: L. W. Swanson

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DATE
DATA RECORD

T - 9823

Project No. (I): PH-152

Field Office (II): Ship LESTER JONES

Photogrammetric Office (III): Washington, D. C.

Instructions dated (II) (III): 16 March 1951

Chief of Party: Geo. A. Nelson

Officer-in-Charge: L. W. Swanson

Copy filed in Division of Photogrammetry (IV)

Method of Compilation (III): Graphic

Manuscript Scale (III): 1:10,000

Stereoscopic Plotting Instrument Scale (III):

Scale Factor (III): 1.0

Date received in Washington Office (IV): FEB 3 - 1960

Date reported to Nautical Chart Branch (IV):

Applied to Chart No. Date:

Publication Scale (IV):

Publication date (IV):

Geographic Datum (III): North American 1927

Vertical Datum (III): MHW

Mean sea level except as follows:
Elevations shown as (Q) refer to mean high water
Elevations shown as (q) refer to sounding datum
i.e., mean low water or mean lower low water

Reference Station (III):

Lat.: Long.: Adjusted

Unadjusted

Plane Coordinates (IV):

State: Zone: Y =

X =

Roman numerals indicate whether the item is to be entered by (I) Field Party, (III) Photogrammetric Office;
or (IV) Washington Office.

When entering names of personnel on this record give the surname and initials, not initials only.
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT - DATA RECORD

Field Inspection by (II): R. A. Gilmore and D. F. Romero  Date: August 1951

Planetary contouring by (II): Inapplicable  Date:

Completion Surveys by (II): Inapplicable  Date:

Mean High Water Location (III) (State date and method of location):

Identified on photographs taken 26 July 1954 by aid of field notes.

Projection and Grids ruled by (IV): A. Riley  Date: 8-22-56

Projection and Grids checked by (IV): A. Riley  Date: 8-22-56

Control plotted by (III): G. Amburn  Date: May 1959

Control checked by (III): R. Sudgen  Date: May 1959

Radial Plot or stereoscopy:
Control extension by (III): R. Sugden  Date: 7-10-59

Stereoscopic Instrument compilation (III):

Planimetry  Date:

Contours  Date:

Manuscript delineated by (III):

T-9822 and T-9826: Henri Lucas  Date: Aug.-Sept. 1959
T-9823 and T-9825: G. Amburn  Date: Aug.-Sept. 1959
T-9824: W. Halluin  Date: Sept. 1959

Photogrammetric Office Review by (III): Everett H. Ramey  Date: October 1959

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Atlantic Marine Center

Washington, DC

Review by (IV): C. H. Bishop

Date: 10-50-70

Final Drafting by (IV):

Drafting verified for reproduction by (IV):

Proof Edit by (IV):

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SUMMARY TO ACCOMPANY

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT T-9823

Records for this map were not complete at the time of final review, which is several years after compilation. The compilation record and notes concerning absence of reports were added by the final reviewer.

This shoreline manuscript, scale 1:10,000, is one of 43 maps comprising Project PH-152, which is in the Western part of Prince William Sound. T-9823 is at the north end of Dangerous Passage.

Compilation was by radial plot, using ratio prints of single-lens photographs taken in July 1954. Field inspection south of Granite Bay was done in the summer of 1951 on photographs taken by the Air Force in 1950. There was no field inspection north of Granite Bay. There is no record of field edit of this map.

Final review was done at the Atlantic Marine Center in October, 1970.

The compilation manuscript was a vinlylite sheet 3 minutes 45 seconds in latitude by 5 minutes 37.5 seconds in longitude.

A cronaflex copy of the final reviewed manuscript and a negative have been forwarded for record and registry.
2. Areal field inspection.—In general, the 1951 photogrammetric field surveys of the Ship Lester Jones for Project Ph-39(48) consisted of all of item (a) and part of item (b) of paragraph 2. of the project instructions. A PROGRESS SKETCH showing the entire area of field inspection is attached to this report. In accordance with letter 71-jgh, dated 4 October 1951 (copy attached), the field data was compiled in the following order:

Area 1.—Area east of Uvakwik Inlet (part of item 2. (a) of project instructions).
Area 2.—Remainder of item 2. (a).
Area 3.—Area in vicinity of Chenega Island.

This arrangement was maintained in compiling control, topographic and peak station data and the various areas are indicated on the attached print of the PROGRESS SKETCH. All data and photographs for Area 1 were transmitted to the Washington Office on 15 November 1951 and the remaining two areas are being submitted as of the date of this report.

Field inspection consisted of (1) recovery and identification on aerial photographs of alongshore triangulation stations; (2) approximate identification of existing interior stations and establishment of a few new interior stations in Area 3; (3) shoreline inspection; and (4) selection and identification of phototopographic and photohydro stations.

In general, the coastline inspected is mountainous with little or no beach except at the heads of bays and larger indentations (usually glacial moraines). In most all cases the shoreline is vertical with trees growing to the immediate cliff edge or high water line. The mountainsides are generally covered with a thick growth of coniferous trees interspersed with patches of moss and grass and berry bushes. Alder is found in the glacial valleys and in patches along some of the side slopes, mostly in Area 3. The rock in the area inspected is a very hard granite, oftentimes polished smooth from glacial action. Numerous extensive crevices and faults were noted during the inspection and are very evident on the photographs.

Photographic coverage consisted of nine-lens photographs taken in 1948 and 1949 at a scale of 1:20,000 and single-lens photographs taken by the Air Force in 1950 at an approximate scale of 1:40,000. Ratio prints of the Air Force photographs were furnished on a scale somewhat larger than 1:20,000. Most of the nine-lens photographs were cut to a folded size of 13" x 24" for convenience in handling in the field. Considerable of the nine-lens photographs had been sent to the field in 1948 and had already been cut up in 12" x 12" squares. It was found that better efficiency could be maintained in the field if those squares were rejoined by scotch tape and folded on the cuts to suit the area
being inspected rather than to use them as individual 12" x 12" squares. Cutting the nine-lens photographs to this small size also creates a difficulty in that shoreline detail is often cut at a disadvantageous place. It was found that by cutting the photographs to a 18" x 24" size and making use of the central portion of the photograph that better results were obtained. All of Areas 1 and 2 with the exception of the Naked Island group and the west side of Perry Island (where single-lens photographs were supplied) were adequately covered by nine-lens photographs except for the main part of Perry Island. Here, the nine-lens coverage was such that extreme wing portions had to be used. This presented a problem in control identification. In general, the definition of the nine-lens photographs was good and were easier to interpret than the single-lens. Here, due to having been enlarged to twice their original scale, the inherent only fair definition of the single-lens photographs was amplified causing considerable trouble and excessive eye strain in making accurate identification. However, the single-lens photographs were more convenient to handle and use in the field than the folded nine-lens photographs. Poor coverage was had in parts of Area 3 due to the excessive width of the flight lines. In some instances there was no overlap in flights in this area.

All shoreline inspection was accomplished using the ship's 20 foot dories fitted with a small "dog house" across the gunwales to protect the photographs and instrumental equipment. However, it was generally necessary to take the photograph out into the daylight for close inspection, thus exposing it to the weather. All notes were made directly on the photographs with a soft lead pencil with leaders to the points pricked or detail noted. No inking was attempted in the field. All control and topographic station data was inked on the photographs in the evening of the same day the field work was accomplished, leaving other data to be inked at a latter date. Consequently, a maximum of field work could be accomplished and certainty assured that control data was complete before advancing to a new area.

Photographs were clipped to a piece of light plywood to facilitate handling and at most times the inspector could stand up in the boat and by using the top of the "dog house" as a plotting table carry on his shoreline inspection quite readily. In general, it is believed that sufficient notes have been made to aid the compiler in interpreting the photographs. No attempt was made to use a stereoscope in the dory. This is an impracticability. All stereoscope work was done aboard ship.

3. Horizontal control.--Sufficient alongshore horizontal control stations were recovered and identified. No new stations were established except in Area 3. Here, 4 peak stations were established by occupying recovered triangulation stations (see Geographic Positions, Form 28 b, submitted 15 November 1951). In a good many instances there is a plethora of identified control stations, especially in the Naked Island group and parts of Area 3. However, due to the finess of detail sometimes on the single-lens photographs and overhanging trees, etc., most stations were recovered with the idea of identification if possible as it would not be
known until arriving at the next station which would be the best to identify. In as much as an attempt was made to recover all alongshore stations anyway, not too much additional time was used in actual identification. It is believed that the plethora of identification was justified in taking all things into consideration.

Station ROCK, 1912 and FERRY ISLAND LIGHT, 1948 were recovered prior to receipt of the single-lens photographs covering this area and inspection and identification had to be made on the outer wing portion of Photo No. 29842. It is possible that better results would have resulted here had better coverage been available at the time of field inspection.

The three control stations identified on single-lens photograph M-383, 28 VV(2) fall outside of the reported 1951 field inspection area. The control data is attached to the photograph and is submitted to assist in controlling the radiot plot of Area 5.

A breakdown of recovered and identified horizontal control stations was made for each area and have been listed alphabetically, showing the photograph on which identified and the method of identification. In most cases identification was made by the substitute station method. The above lists are attached to this report. A separate list has been attached showing control stations recovered but not identified, also indicating LOST stations. All alongshore control stations were searched for and have been reported on Form 526, RECOVERY NOTE, TRIANGULATION STATION. All control stations recovered and identified have been shown on the PROGRESS SKETCH for the project.

Peak stations were spot identified as outlined in paragraph 10, of the project instructions. Stations for which a horizontal position is available have been indicated by a large green triangle on the photographs and those without position but having only a single direction and vertical angle have been indicated by a large green circle. All peak stations identified have been listed by areas and are attached to this report. A concerted effort was made to identify as many of these inland stations as practicable depending upon the location of the ship while in an area and also weather conditions at the time. Additional inland stations were determined in Area 3 as called for in paragraph 11, of the project instructions. From necessity, the locations determined depended upon thin intersections. Cuts and vertical angles were taken to additional identified peaks in this area.

4. Vertical control.—Vertical control for contouring by stereoscopic instruments can be obtained from the identified alongshore and inland control stations for which elevations are available. No attempt was made to abstract all stations with elevations as this data is available on the geographic position lists. However, an abstract of new elevations determined was made and is attached to this report.
vertical angles for stations for which no horizontal position has been determined can be obtained from the ABSTRACT OF ZENITH DISTANCES, Form 29, submitted with other triangulation data on 15 November 1951. Standard methods were used in locating additional peaks and obtaining elevations.

5. Contours and drainage.—

Irapplicable.

6. Woodland cover. — Woodland cover exists in almost the entire area of the project and in most cases is right to the waters' edge. See paragraph 2. of this report for further information regarding this subject.

7. Shoreline and alongshore features. — Shoreline inspection was accomplished in the entire area indicated by cross hatching on the attached PROGRESS SKETCH. The mean high-water line has been indicated on the photographs and no difficulty should be experienced by the compiler in its delineation. In a great many cases the high-water line is at the immediate bluff edge which is also the tree and grass or tundra line. In some cases the approximate low-water line is indicated on the photographs but generally only the limits of shoal or reef areas are shown. All shoreline inspection was done from a 20 foot dory by skirting along the shore and also by actually going ashore at appropriate places where phototopographic stations were to be selected or horizontal control stations were being recovered and identified. It is believed that sufficient notes have been made to give the compiler a good idea of shoreline and alongshore features. However, it should be pointed out that a lot of shoreline information not specifically shown can be gleaned from reading the short descriptions of the photohydro stations inked directly on the face of the photographs. There are a few piers, landings and buildings alongshore in the area field inspected. These have been indicated on the photographs and all buildings considered worth delineating have been shown.

8. Offshore features. — An attempt was made to indicate all offshore high-water rocks and rocks awash on the photographs. In some instances a 3 point sextant fix was taken on offshore rocks which could not be readily identified. These fixes have been shown directly on the photograph. In some cases were a spot of some nature appeared on the photograph but no actual feature was found a note was made (generally by the letters WT) indicating the feature or spot was not evident upon visiting the area. In a few instances notes were made requesting fur-
ther investigation by the hydrographer.

9. Landmarks and aids.---There are two buildings in the area inspected which have been submitted on Form 567 as LANDMARKS. Also, there are 3 fixed aids to navigation which have been submitted on Form 567, two having been previously located by triangulation and the third has been identified as a phototopographic station. Conditions at the time did not warrant locating the latter by triangulation. The above forms 567 accompany this report.

10. Boundaries, monuments and lines.---Generally speaking, this paragraph is inapplicable. However, a General Land Office marker was found on the most northerly extremity of Naked Island and was referenced to triangulation HEB0, 1949 and classified as topographic station USLI 524, 1939 (GLO). Form 524 has been submitted for this station.

11. Other control.---Recoverable topographic stations were established along the shoreline in accordance with paragraph 13. of the project instructions. In many parts of the project no topographic stations had to be established due to the plethora of triangulation stations. Practically all phototopographic stations established were marked stations. A complete listing of all phototopographic stations by area is attached to this report indicating the photograph upon which the station was identified. Form 524 has been submitted for each station.

Photohydro stations were selected and identified for future hydrographic surveys. A particular effort was made to select stations that could be re-identified and used by the hydrographer. Each station was assigned a temporary field number and indicated on the photograph. From necessity, due to two inspectors working in close proximity to each other, oftentimes using the same photograph another day, or even parts of the same photograph the same day, the numbering system became somewhat jumbled but in no case is there a duplication of numbers on the same photograph. A short description of each photohydro station has been inked directly on the face of the photograph upon which it was pricked. In some instances where the shoreline was too badly shadowed by overhanging trees or bluff, photohydro stations could not be pricked; but generally, very good hydro station coverage is available. As a matter of fact in some cases where the shoreline is considerably broken there is almost a plethora of stations and it will be up to the discretion of the hydrographer which stations to eliminate.
Photohydro stations were selected for the entire area inspected. In the Naked Island group were graphic control had been executed in 1949 and hydrographic stations had been built but no hydrography done, an attempt was made to identify the same stations indicated on the copies of the graphic control surveys furnished. In a good many cases this was possible and they have been indicated on the photographs in the photohydro station descriptions. A number was assigned to the pricked photohydro station in the usual manner and then the graphic control survey station name was shown in parentheses to indicate that it was the same station originally located in 1949. In some cases the original whitewashes were still evident and in others a railroad spike was found driven into a crack in the rock approximately midway of where the whitewash had been.

12. Other interior features.—There are no bridges or known cable areas in the area field inspected, nor are there any airports or landing fields. Air transportation is all done by float planes in this area. The CAA station in the Dutch Group and the village at Chenega are the most outstanding habitations. Most of the other habitations indicated on the photographs are abandoned fox farms except for the one on the south side of Perry Island. Here the buildings are kept up and residence maintained the year around.

The village of Chenega has about 90 residents and has a Bureau of Indian Affairs school and post office (both in the same building). There is a Russian Orthodox Church here and a native store. There is a long narrow pier here which was in bad repair at the time of inspection. There are no marine facilities here but water can be obtained by hose at the end of the pier.

13. Geographic names.—A special report on geographic names has been prepared and was forwarded to the Washington Office on 14 November 1951.

14. Special reports and supplemental data.—In addition to the data contained in this report, the following data obtained during the 1951 season by the Ship LESTER JONES is pertinent to the photogrammetric work accomplished in Prince William Sound.

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Ross A. Gilmore  
Commander, C&GS

Approved and Forwarded:

George A. Nelson  
Cmdr., C&GS  
Comdg., Ship LESTER JONES
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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA
PH-152
July 1959

21. AREA COVERED:

This radial plot comprises seven manuscripts covering the area of Dangerous Passage and including the northern part of Chenega Island. The surveys included are T-9134, T-9822 thru T-9826 and T-9534.

22. METHOD:

Vinylite manuscripts ruled with polyconic projections and UTM grid lines were joined using the grid lines. Completed surveys T-9139, T-9536 and T-9538 to the south and T-9125 to the north were included for junctioning.

Single-lens 54 W series photographs ratioed to 1:10,000 scale were prepared for use in the plot. Vinylite templates were made using a master template to correct for paper distortion.

The plot was begun on T-9825 which was thought to be strongest controlled, junctioning with positions and control on T-9139. The plot was continued on Dangerous Passage with the best controlled templates. The weaker controlled templates were then added and the plot was re-adjusted to fit control and improve pass point intersections.

One flight of photographs was extended on the base set up by this plot into survey T-9125. A satisfactory junction with this sheet was obtained.

Those positions obtained by intersections of three or more template rays were circled on the back of the manuscript with red plastic ink, and those formed by two rays in green.

23. ADEQUACY OF CONTROL:

The control throughout most of the area was adequate. Of the 29 stations used, 20 of them held, (within 0.3mm). Three of them were held within 0.1mm. Those stations missed by larger amounts were SCOT (0.8mm N.E.) TURF (0.7mm N. W.) PRECIP (0.8mm N.E.) TOUS (0.8mm N) CENTER (1.5mm N.W.). All of these stations which were missed by large amounts were field-identified as questionable except CENTER 1933 which was due to erroneous identification on the field photograph. Plot positions for station BANG, 0.5mm difference and CHUCK, 0.4 mm difference were formed by only two radials. Discrepancies thus are unchecked. Station CHUCK could easily have been misidentified by this amount.
Control stations in the area of T-9534 fall very close to the flight lines with conditions such that they could not be identified on the adjacent flights. There was also difficulty in identification because of shadow and overhang of shoreline features. Positions thus may be weak in a north-south direction.

Survey T-9824 had three control stations which did not hold. These discrepancies are explained above and do not signify an error in datum. Positions in this area were also verified by comparing with prior planelable surveys.

Except for the northern part of T-9823 the plot was adequately referenced to field-identified control stations and is considered as fixed in datum. The northern part of T-9823 was controlled by four office-identified stations all of which held.

24. SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

None used for controlling the plot.

25. PHOTOGRAPHY:

The photographs were adequate for coverage. Side lap averaged only about 25%. More side lap would have resulted in a stronger plot as a number of the control stations were intersected by only two maps. This was especially true along the shoreline of T-9534.

26-30 INAPPLICABLE

Sketch and form M-2388-12-control stations submitted with this report.

Submitted by:

[Signature]

R. L. Sugden
Cartographer

Approved by:

[Signature]

Everett H. Ramsey
Chief, Graphic Compilation Unit
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31. **Delineation**

Shoreline and foreshore features were delineated by stereoscopic interpretation of single-lens photographs taken in 1954 using field inspection of 1951 as a guide.

Field inspection was done on Air Force photographs taken in 1950 and ratioed to 1:20,000 scale. They are numbered as follows: flight M324, 34VV thru 38VV and flight M383, 19 thru 29.

32. **Control**

Same as Report for T-9826.

33. **Supplemental Data**

None

34. **Contours and Drainage**

N A

35. **Shoreline and Alongshore Details**

The shoreline and alongshore features were delineated using field-inspected photographs and office photographs for stereoscopic interpretation.

Overhang, shadow and insufficient side lap on photographs made delineation of shoreline difficult for small segments of shoreline in some areas. However, it is believed that these areas meet Bureau requirements.

36. **Offshore Details**

No unusual problems were encountered in compiling offshore detail. A few offshore rocks, rocky areas and ledges or other features indicated as awash on the field photographs could not be seen on the office photographs.

Most shallow limits and low-water lines were interpreted on the office photographs and are thus subject to some error.
37. Landmarks and Aids

None

38. Control for Future Surveys

None

39. Junctions

Junctions with all adjacent surveys were effected.

40. Horizontal and Vertical Accuracy

No deficiencies other than errors noted under Items 35 and 36 were evident during the compilation.

46. Comparison with Existing Maps

T-4808, 1:20,000, 1933

47. Comparison with Nautical Charts

No. 8515, edition 1907 corrected to 1952

Items to be applied to nautical charts immediately: None

Items to be carries forward: None

Submitted by

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Chief, Graphic Unit
October 19, 1970

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

FINAL NAME SHEET

PH-152 (Alaska)

T-9823

Chenega Island
Dangerous Passage
Granite Bay
Junction Island
Knight Island Passage

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49. **NOTES FOR THE HYDROGRAPHER:**

There were no notes to the hydrographer available at the time of final review and none are bound with this report.
FORM 1002(T-2) PHOTOMETRIC OFFICE REVIEW

MAP T-9823

PROJECT PH-152

No Form 1002(T-2) was available at the time of final review and none is bound with this Descriptive Report.
FIELD EDIT REPORT

MAP I-9823

PROJECT PH-152

No record of field edit was available at the time of final review; therefore, no Field Edit Report is bound with this Descriptive Report.
61. **GENERAL STATEMENT:**

   See Summary on page 6 of this Descriptive Report.

   An ozalid comparison print, (pages 26 through 29), with differences noted in Items 62 through 65, is bound with the original of this report.

62. **COMPARISON WITH REGISTERED TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEYS:**

   A comparison was made with T-4808, scale 1:20,000, dated May June 1933. Differences between T-4808 and T-9823 are shown in blue on the comparison print.

   The general trend of the shoreline compared well. Some rocks mapped on the old survey (T-4808) are not visible on the photographs and are not shown on T-9823. These are noted on the comparison ozalid.

63. **COMPARISON WITH MAPS OF OTHER AGENCIES:**

   A visual comparison was made with U.S.G.S. Quadrangle SEWARD (B-3), ALASKA, scale 1:63,360, dated 1950. No significant differences were noted.

64. **COMPARISON WITH CONTEMPORARY HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS:**

   There were no contemporary hydrographic surveys available for comparison.
65. COMPARISON WITH NAUTICAL CHARTS:

A visual comparison was made with Chart 8515, scale 1:80,000, 10th edition, dated October 25, 1969. The only significant difference noted is a rock that is also mapped on T-4808 and SEWARD (B-3). It is shown in blue on the comparison print and discussed in Item 63.

66. ADEQUACY OF RESULTS AND FUTURE SURVEYS:

This survey complies with Job Instructions, Bureau requirements, and the National Standards for Map Accuracy. No accuracy tests were run in the field.

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Approved:

Chief, Photogrammetric Branch Chief, Photogrammetry Division
COMPARISON PRINT

Blue = T-4808

DANGEROUS PASSAGE

JOINS SURVEY NO. T-9822

148° 01'

148° 00'

BARD 1158

60° 24'