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Washington,

Manila, P. I., Oct. 27, 1902.

Superintendent, U. S. C. & G. Survey,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I want, in this connection to call attention to Breed island, for instance, it is shown as a small water washed rock, while it is <sup>a</sup> conspicuous island 80 feet high. It seems to me it would be well to exaggerate such islands as Round island(40 feet high) and Basaet Rock (30 feet high) in order to attract attention to them. The point on the south end of Akun island which to the imaginative otter hunters eyes resembled a donkeys ears, and which he therefore dubbed "Jackass Point", is by no means as prominent a feature as <sup>but which is fairly lost behind the "Jackass"</sup> the pinnacle rock off shore to the westward. <sup>Aektox</sup> The change of the name Rootok is most disastrous. Ah-co-tok, should have been the change if any, ~~Rootok~~ is simply inexcusable and absurd, but even the Ah-cc, is the Aluet rendering of Roo.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) J. J. Gilbert,

Assist. C. & G. Survey.

## Descriptive Report.

### Akutan Pass.

Alaska. 1-60.000

This is included in one of the two large Sheets of this region, and presumably, a complete description is on file in the Office, but since the Superintendent's letter of June 3<sup>d</sup> 1902, calls for a descriptive report of "Akutan Pass", I will endeavor to do the best I can. -

Akutan Pass is between Akutan Island and Umalga Id., and the small islands off its S.E. side. - At the narrowest part, between the Baby Islands and the Triplet<sup>it</sup>, is but little more than one mile wide. - The Pass begins off Liberty Cap. - by the grace of the fertile brain of Mr. Applegate renamed "Battery Point." - I consider the former name most felicitous and deprecate the change, as I do the name of Pathfinder Channel and Bird Island. -

The Baby Islands are part of a reef that extends some distance further northwest, between this reef & Umalga Id. is a straight-clear channel, with about eleven fathoms in the shoalest part. - From Triplet Islands to N.W. is also

a reef.- or rather a shoal. but probably nowhere shallow enough to constitute a danger. There is a narrow reef off the point south of Cascade Bay, but there is no danger outside of the line of kelp and there is good anchorage in Northly and Easterly weather in Cascade Bay and in Broad light. We also anchored in Flat Bay - North of Cape Morgan. There is a number of large rocks along the shore between Cape Morgan and Cascade Bay.

North of Flat Bay, too it is foul ground for half a mile off shore, - or perhaps not quite so far off as that.

Like Mialga Pass. Akutan has very swift tidal currents and sometimes very dangerous tide rips, - The currents North on rising & South on falling tides are particularly swift just off the Triplets, often as much as eight knots. And the heaviest tide rips we encountered were about one mile West of Cape Morgan.

These tide rips, naturally, are worst during the strongest tides, and usually when the current and wind are opposite, - though we

encountered dangerous rips on one occasion, in  
Malga Pass, when there was no wind, - this  
was just off English Bay - another old name  
changed to the Mistification of all who sailed  
these Seas before Mr. Applegate was born, or his  
new name for it had ever been articulated.  
By either Albat or otter hunter.

I may remark in addition that the big tide  
rips are not very frequent during the summer  
season, nor were they frequently,  
during about four months, and only encountered  
bad rips three, and usually there were none,  
but I can understand that they must sometimes  
be terrific when a strong ebb tide meets a S.E.  
gale.

J. J. Gilbert  
Assist. O. G. Survey

Descriptive Report-

Ugamok Bay (Ugamok. in letter.)

Ugamok & Ashniak Isds. Scale 1-20,000  
Alaska.

On the South side of Ugamok Id. protected by that island, Ashniak and Round Islands is a bay with safe anchorage in Northwesterly weather. — There is a clear channel through between Ugamok and Ashniak Islands, but the anchorage we used is NW. from Round Island. Care must be used, as there is a reef making out some distance from the middle of the bight, and it is very all around it.

This bay is open to Southerly winds & it would not be a safe anchorage when they prevail.

Kelp marks the outer edges of reefs.

There is deep water between Round Island and Ugamok; — the Pathfinder ran through with a least-depth of about 13 fathoms.

J. J. Gilchrist  
Capt. C. V. G. Savory

Descriptive Report  
Deep Bay & Vicinity  
Alaska.

Scale 1-40,000.

From Brudage Head to Deep Bay there is foul ground. Many rocks above the water and reefs below, and vessel bound into Beaver Inlet from Umalga Pass should give this locality a wide berth. During the season the reefs are marked by Kelp, and no vessel should attempt to pass to the Northward of the outermost kelp patches.

Deep Bay is a rather deep bight with deep water well in. We anchored here frequently, as it was well protected from all Norttherly and Westerly winds.

There are some rocks off the west shore of the bay, but not very far off. - Generally speaking, it is foul close to shore all the length of this sheet. and between Deep Bay & Brudage Head it is foul for several hundred meters at the widest part.

J. J. Gilchrist  
Asst. C. G. Survey.

Descriptive Report

Tigalda Bay

Tigalda Island, Alaska. Scale 1-10,000

This small bay is on the North side of Tigalda Island, near the East end, and is open to the West & Northwest. In strong N.W. weather a heavy roll sets into the bay.

The bay is shallow at the head and on the north side, for a short distance from the beach. In any but strong N.W. weather there is good anchorage and shelter in 6 to 8 fathoms, about the middle of the bay - it shoals rapidly further in. In N.W. winds there is a heavy break all along the south shore of the bay.

The whole bay was carefully sounded.

This was one of the places selected for a tide gauge, and observations were continued several weeks.

There are no inhabitants, but one or two huts used by prospectors remain.

J. J. Gilbert  
Assist. Of G. Survey

## Descriptive Report

### Hydrography of Akutan Harbor

Akutan Id. Alaska, Scale 1-20,000

This is a rather long narrow Harbor - the longest direction being nearly East and West. It is open to the East.

On the North shore, a little more than half way to the head is an Aleut Village, one of those in the Orra embraced in this seasons work. This village, composed of some half dozen houses was at one time a post of the Alaska Commercial Co. but the Aleuts have nearly disappeared, and there is no longer any trade worth keeping up.

The whole harbor is quite deep. - We anchored close to shore off the village in 16 fathoms. & there was but 3 fms under the stern where the chain straightened out during a S.E. gale.

The sea was so boisterous during the blow that we had great difficulty hoisting the lambs which had been left over night at the booms.

During this gale we found good protection in the deepest bight on South side of the Harbor. The soundings were not exhaustive, as the

time available for this Bay was limited.

No dangers were discovered, and the water is deep well up to the head.— Around the head, as is usual in bays of this character the water is shallow, and small boats cannot get to the beach at low tide.

There is a rock just south of the N.E. entrance, and in the eight. N.W. from the rock is some foul ground. South of the rock the channel is open and safe. The land all around the bay is high. The principal value of the Harbor is as a refuge in stormy weather, but as Port Bay on Akun Id. and Akun Cova just opposite it, are both more accessible, and afford better protection it is not likely that many vessels will go to Akutan Harbor in the future.

Port Bay is one of the best anchorages in the islands.

J. J. Gilbank  
Assist C. G. Savory

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REPORT  
on  
HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. 2547.

Fox Island Passes,  
Akutan Pass Reef and Ugamok Bay,  
Alaska.  
Assistant Gilbert,  
1901.

Enlargement of shoreline of Ugamok Bay from Topographic Sheet shows marked lack of care. It is distorted and projection is in error. There being no means of correcting location of signals, about ten per cent of the boat positions were rejected in consequence.

Of the Akutan Pass Reef work about sixteen per cent rejected on account of imperfect records.

J. T. Watkins. (Signed.)