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ACCOMPANY HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET OF
EAST SHORE OF ANNETTE ISLAND, FELICE STRAIT,
SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA.

#### SEASON 1915.

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UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT DATED MARCH 24, and APRIL 30, 1915.

Party of U S S McARTHUR,

C. G. QUILLIAN, ASSISTANT, C. & G. SURVEY, COMMANDING.

#### HYDROGRAPHY BY LAUNCH "DELTA:"

J. W. Maupin, Assistant, In Charge.

W. D. Sutcliffe, Aid, Left Angle.

F. R. Webb, Assistant Surgeon, Recorder.

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# - LIMITS AND AREA -

This work was done on one sheet, scale 1/20,000. The area sounded extends from Annette Point and Snipe Island, along the east shore of Annette Island to and including Ham Island. The work extends about 1-1/2 miles off shore and includes Cascade Inlet, Khwain Bay, and Crab Bay. The work also extends eastward from Ham Island, taking in Walker Island and Hog Rocks. To the southward the work takes in Indian Rock and Bostwick Reef. Some soundings were also taken around the Twin Islands, and on the west shore of Mary Island.

# - GENERAL REMARKS -

The work herein described represents only that part of Sheet No. 5 (field number), done by the Launch DELTA. The balance of Sheet No. 5 was done by the ship. The area sounded over was close in work and shore work where it was unsafe to take the ship.

# - GENERAL DESCRIPTION -

With a few exceptions the water is deep close up to shore on the east side of Annette Island within the scope of this work. There are some abrupt shoals, however, and in several places reefs extend some distance off shore. The coast line is rocky and bold, in general, but the southeastern extremity of Annette Island and Ham Island are comparatively low and wooded.

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#### - SHOALS AND REEFS -

Indian Rock, as shown, is about 3/4 of a mile off of Annette Island. This rock bares at extreme low water and is generally marked by a light growth of kelp.

Bostwick Reef is 37° (Mag/) and about one mile distant from Indian Rock. There is a least depth of about 9 feet on this reef. The water deepens to about 15 fathoms between this reef and Indian Rock.

Shoal water extends some distance off shore just above Crab Bay. Annette Point is also foul close in. There is a rock, which bares at extreme low water, about 3/4 of a mile S.E. from the mouth and in line with Cascade Inlet.

The water around Hog Rocks, Walker Island, and Ham Island, is deep and free from dangers. The shore of Mary Island is foul in places.

### - ANCHORAGES -

There are few, if any, good anchorages within the area covered by this work.

Vessels may anchor in Khwain Bay, but same is deep and does not afford much protection in a southeast blow.

Crab Bay is very small and there are dangerous reefs on both sides of the entrance. This may be used by small vessels, but requires much caution in entering.

Cascade Inlet is not a good anchorage as the water is deep, with poor holding ground, and winds draw through very strongly during southerly weather.

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#### - CONCLUDING REMARKS -

Vessels wishing to pass through Felice Strait from the north should head in so as to pass about half way between Indian Rock and the main shore of Annette Island.

There is not much current in Felice Strait, except around Annette Point. Southerly weather draws up through the strait causing a very choppy sea at times.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant, C. & G. Survey.

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# HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 3792.

Felice Strait, S.E. Alaska, by Assistant G. C. Quillian in 1915.

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Mean range of tide			12.7	12.8	13.1

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This work is very good. The ground has been iniformly covered and shoal indications thoroughly developed.

The line from pos. 39 c (red) to pos. 42 c, appears to be in error. (probably five fathoms too shoal) It was inked on the sheet however, as there were no sufficient reasons for rejecting it. On the shoal, half a mile south of  $\Delta$  Beaver, the  $3\frac{2}{6}$  fathom sounding may be out of position. The examination in the dinghy shows the least water,  $2\frac{\pi}{6}$  fathoms, to be about 100 meters north, with 14 and 16 fathoms over the  $3\frac{2}{6}$  fathor spot.

Soundings shown in fathours.

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