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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey Hydrographic

Field No. PF-4157 Office No. H-8378

LOCALITY

State Alaska

General locality N. Side Alaska Peninsula

Locality Off Port Heiden

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CHIEF OF PARTY

F. B. Quinn

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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

REGISTER No. H-8378

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Scale 1:40,000 Date of survey August 1957

Instructions dated 20 December 1954, 21 October 1955, 1 October 1956

Vessel Ship PATHFINDER

Chief of party F. B. Quinn

Surveyed by G. L. Short, J. O. Boyer

Soundings taken by ~~Electronic~~ graphic recorder, hand lead, work

Fathograms scaled by Ship's personnel

Fathograms checked by Ship's officers

Protracted by G. L. Short, J. O. Boyer

Soundings penciled by J. O. Boyer

Soundings in fathoms ~~text~~ at ~~MLW~~ MLLW AND ARE BASED ON A

REMARKS: Positions plotted directly on smooth sheet, boat sheet

not used.

VELOCITY OF SOUND OF 800 FMS
PER SE COND.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS H-8378(PF-4157) and H-8381(PF-10157)
NORTH SIDE ALASKA PENINSULA, ALASKA

Scales: 1:40,000 and 1:100,000

Date: August 1957

USC&GSS PATHFINDER

F. B. Quinn, Commanding

A. PROJECT:

These surveys are a part of Project 13750. Original Instructions were dated 20 December 1954; Supplemental Instructions, 21 October 1955 and 1 October 1956. The instructions were issued by the Director and the Assistant Director.

B. SURVEY LIMITS AND DATES:

These surveys are in Bristol Bay off Port Heiden. They extend from about four miles to about 17 miles off shore, a distance suitable for future EPI junction. The axis parallel to the shore is about 32 miles. Inshore they join launch sheets and off shore they extend to the 20 fathom curve.

The southeasterly limit of H-8381⁽¹⁹⁵⁷⁾ joins H-8378. H-8378⁽¹⁹⁵⁷⁾ joins H-8377⁽¹⁹⁵⁷⁾ to the southeast and H-8376⁽¹⁹⁵⁷⁾ to the south.

Hydrography was started 11 August and completed 31 August.

C. VESSEL AND EQUIPMENT:

The surveys were made by the Ship PATHFINDER. Soundings were taken with graphic recorder No. 130-S(808 type) calibrated for 800 fms/sec. Bottom samples were obtained by wire and snapper with the ship's sounding machine.

Most turns were made at standard speed with 15 degree rudder. This gave a turning radius of about 0.2 miles.

D. TIDE AND CURRENT STATIONS:

See TIDE NOTE attached.

Current station No. "a", off the entrance to Port Heiden at latitude 56° 59.'3 N and longitude 158° 53.'2 W, falls within the area of this survey. Currents were measured with a Roberts Model 2 Radio Current Meter for 103 hours from 15 to 19 August. The buoy

was anchored in 11 fathoms and the meter was suspended 15 feet below the surface. The maximum current recorded was 1.2 knots. See CURRENT OBSERVATIONS REPORT which was submitted 4 October.

E. SMOOTH SHEET:

The smooth sheet projections were made by hand aboard the PATH-FINDER. Shoran arcs were drawn with beam compass. A temporary "dog ear" was used for drawing the LIL arcs on H-8378.

Boat sheets were not used for these surveys. Overlays of transparent plastic MYLAR were used. Positions were pricked thru directly to the smooth sheets. Soundings were inked on the overlays and omitted from the smooth sheet until the reducers were known during post season processing.

MYLAR proved very satisfactory for the overlays. The material is very transparent and tough and distorts very little. The slick surface did not take or retain ink and pencil well, so the surface was roughened with fine sand paper. The material then took ink and pencil satisfactorily and still remained transparent.

F. CONTROL STATIONS:

The only control stations appearing on these sheets are the shoran stations CUP and LIL.

LIL was directly over 2nd order triangulation station LILAC, 1949 established by R. J. Sipe.

CUP was erected 11.0 meters west of 3rd order triangulation station CUPOLA, 1949 established by R. J. Sipe.

G. SHORELINE AND TOPOGRAPHY:

Shoreline and topographic details are not shown on these sheets because they are not at the scale of the available shoreline manuscripts. The inshore areas are covered by launch sheets which are at the same scale as the manuscripts.

H. SOUNDINGS:

Soundings were obtained with an 808 type graphic recorder calibrated for 800 fms/sec. All soundings were recorded in fathoms on "A" phase.

Fathometer comparisons were made with vertical casts when obtaining bottom samples. The average of 15 such comparisons showed the fathometer to be reading 0.1 fms deep and this correction was applied.

Draft readings inboard, amidships were taken each day hydrography was done. Soundings were corrected for draft.

Depths were read by the fathometer operator while doing hydrography. The readings were checked at a later date by junior officers. The initial setting was also checked and a correction applied when it differed from 2.0 fathoms.

All soundings were reduced to MLLW.

I. CONTROL OF HYDROGRAPHY:

The hydrography was controlled by shoran using stations CUP and LIL. (See F above).

Shoran corrections were obtained from curves drawn from comparisons of shoran readings at known positions determined by 3-point fixes on triangulation stations. Comparisons were made at different locations on three different days. Plotting was carefully done on a Dinoplex sheet.

The curves were made with correctors and distance from station as coordinates. The points plotted fairly close to a straight line with a slope of 0.0018 miles per mile. Correctors to the nearest 0.01 mile were taken off these curves and applied to shoran readings. (See graph attached).

No unusual or substandard methods were used for these surveys. The control of all hydrography is believed good.

J. ADEQUACY OF SURVEY:

These surveys are complete and adequate for charting purposes. Junctions with contemporary surveys are good and no holidays were left. The depth curves can be adequately drawn.

K. CROSSLINES:

About 10 percent crosslines were run. All crossings are satisfactory.

L. COMPARISON WITH PRIOR SURVEYS:

No prior surveys of the area are available for comparison. The several scattered soundings appearing on chart 8802 probably came from Russian explorers or tracklines of the U. S. Coast Guard and this Bureau. Soundings of this survey should supercede prior soundings.

M. COMPARISON WITH CHARTS

The several soundings in this area on chart 8802 scale 1: 1,000,000 are in fair agreement considering the scale and source except for the 26 fathom sounding at latitude $56^{\circ} 58.'3$ N longitude $159^{\circ} 11.'2$ W. Depths at this location were shown to be about 17 fathoms.

N. DANGERS AND SHOALS

No dangers were found within the area surveyed.

Northeast of Meshik an 11 fathom shoal extends to about 9 miles offshore. This shoal becomes 20 fathoms about 18 miles offshore. The bottom is sand and gravel with 1 to 2 fathom ridges running perpendicular to the shore. These ridges have the character of sand waves and undoubtedly shift with winter storms. *(sand ridges) Not evident on this survey, but apparent on adjacent offshore and inshore contemporary surveys.*

O. COAST PILOT INFORMATION:

Coast Pilot information will be submitted for the entire Port Heiden area as a separate report.

P. AIDS TO NAVIGATION:

There are no aids to navigation within the area of these surveys.

Q. LANDMARKS FOR CHARTS:

There are no unclassified landmarks within the area of these surveys.

R. GEOGRAPHIC NAMES:

No additions or changes are recommended in the geographic names as they appear on the photo manuscripts and existing charts.

S. SILTED AREAS

No silted areas were noted.

T. BY-PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Generally the bottom for the whole area is sand, gravel, and pebbles. It is good holding ground, but there is no good protection from storms. The spit extending southwest from Strogonof Point offers some protection from southeasterly weather since the ten fathom curve comes within two miles of the beach. The bottom here too is uniform and fair holding ground.

U. MISCELLANEOUS:

Processing time was greatly reduced for these sheets by using a MYLAR overlay, instead of a boat sheet, and pricking positions directly through to the smooth sheets. (See E above.) Shoran correctors were known, so positions were plotted correctly. ✓

Depths were entered in the volumes every minute for the 40,000 scale and every two minutes for the 100,000 scale. In-between soundings were added when the bottom varied. This made for a relatively wide spacing interval between soundings on the smooth sheet. Because of the flatness of the bottom, this spacing gave a complete picture and greatly reduced the time required to process the records. ✓

Z. TABULATION OF APPLICABLE DATA:

1. Shoran Report
2. Fathometer Report
3. Current Descriptive Report submitted 4 October
4. Coast Pilot Report
5. Tidal Data, Port Heiden, submitted 9 September

Respectfully submitted



John O. Boyer
LCDR, C&GS

Approved and forwarded:




F. B. Quinn
CAPT, C&GS
Comdg. Ship PATHFINDER

APPROVAL SHEET

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS H-8378(PF-4157) & H-8381(PF-10157)

These surveys were done under my close daily supervision. I consider them complete and adequate for charting. No additional work is recommended within the area of these surveys.



F. B. Quinn
Captain, C&GS
Comdg. Ship PATHFINDER

STATISTICS

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY H-8378 (PF-4157)

Ship PATHFINDER

Project 13750

Year: 1957

<u>VOLUME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>STATUE MILES</u>	<u>WIRE SDG.</u>
1	A	11 Aug	129	85.1	1
1,2	B	15 Aug	128	87.6	1
2,3	C	16 Aug	132	107.8	
3	D	17 Aug	128	111.4	
3,4	E	18 Aug	100	69.2	8
4	F	19 Aug	116	87.9	2
4	G	20 Aug	85	75.3	2
4	H	21 Aug	16	15.1	
5	J	29 Aug	93	64.9	6
5	K	30 Aug	12	9.0	1
TOTAL			939	713.3	21

TOTAL AREA = 239.2 SQUARE STATUE MILES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME LIST

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS H-8378(PF-4157) & H-8381(PF-10157)

BRISTOL BAY

CHISTIAKOF ISLAND

MESHIK

PORT HEIDEN

STROGONOF POINT

Note:

See hydrographic surveys H-8376 and H-8377 for geographic names in the Port Heiden area.

TIDE NOTE

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS H-8378(PF-4157) & H-8381(PF-10157)

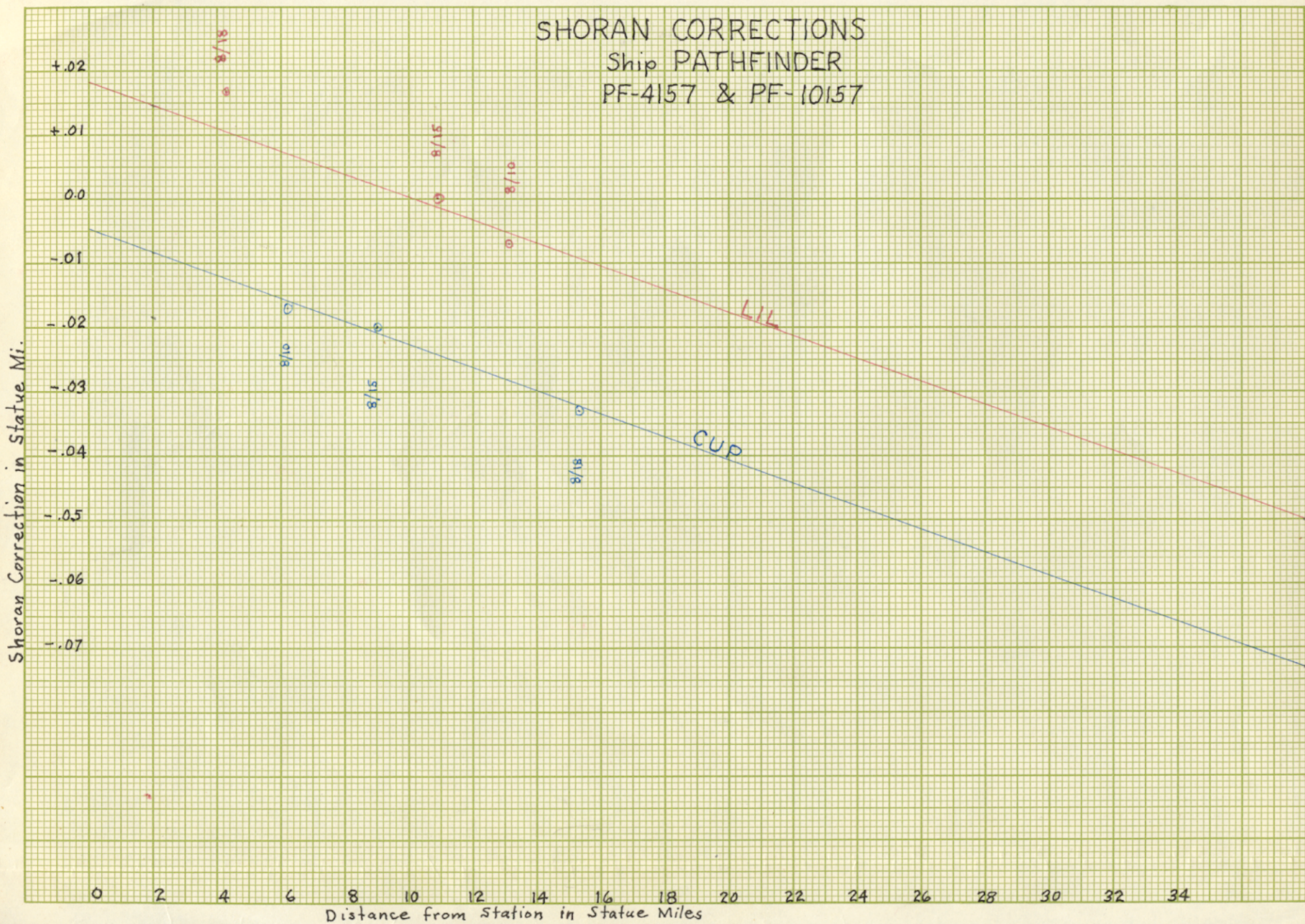
A portable automatic tide gage was in operation during these surveys at latitude $56^{\circ} 55.196$ N. and longitude $158^{\circ} 41.168$ W, south of the northeast end of Chistiakof Island. This gage was in operation from 9 August to 3 September. Three bench marks were established.

All marigrams and records were sent to the Washington Office. It was evident that the tripod holding the staff and gage settled. The Washington office deduced MLLW to be 4.1 feet on the staff from 9 to 24 August and 4.6 feet from 25 August to 3 September.

Smooth tide curves were drawn from observed hourly heights. Reducers to the nearest 0.1 fathom were taken from these. All soundings are referred to MLLW.

Whenever the ship was at anchor off Port Heiden, the quartermaster observed tides by recording a fathometer depth each half hour. The range and times thus observed offshore agreed very well with those recorded by the automatic tide gage.

SHORAN CORRECTIONS
Ship PATHFINDER
PF-4157 & PF-10157



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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

Chart Division: R. H. Carstens

17 Jan. 1958

Plane of reference approved in
5 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 8378

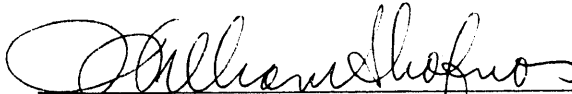
Locality Port Heiden, Alaska

Chief of Party: F. B. Quinn in 1957

Plane of reference is mean lower low water, reading
4.2 ft. on tide staff at Port Heiden
21.1 ft. below B.M. 1 (1957)

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 10.9 feet.

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:


Signature

Chief, Tides Branch

DIVISION OF CHARTS

REVIEW SECTION -- NAUTICAL CHART BRANCH

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

REGISTRY NO. H-8378

FIELD NO. PF-4157

Alaska, North Side, Alaska Peninsula off Port Heiden

SURVEYED: 11 - 30 August 1957

SCALE: 1:40,000

PROJECT NO. 13750

SOUNDINGS: 808 Depth Recorder

CONTROL: Shoran

Chief of Party ----- F. B. Quinn
Surveyed by ----- G. L. Short and J. O. Boyer
Protracted by ----- G. L. Short and J. O. Boyer
Soundings plotted by ----- J. O. Boyer
Verified and inked by ----- G. A. Kozemczak
Reviewed by ----- L. S. Straw
Inspected by ----- R. H. Carstens

DATE: 3/22/60

1. Shoreline and Control

No shoreline is shown on the present survey; it is shown however, on the 1:20,000 scale inshore surveys H-8376 (1957) and H-8377 (1957).

The source of the control is given in the Descriptive Report.

2. Sounding Line Crossings

The agreement in depths at crossings is satisfactory.

3. Depth Curves and Bottom Configuration

Only short sections of depth curves fall on this sheet. The bottom within the limits of this survey is generally even, but has a few sand ridges 1-3 fms. in height in the offshore northern portion.

4. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys

The junction on the northwest with the offshore survey H-8378 (1957) and on the south and southeast with the inshore surveys H-8376 (1957) and H-8377 (1957), will be considered in the reviews of those surveys.

5. Comparison with Prior Surveys

There are no prior basic hydrographic surveys made by this Bureau in the area.

6. Comparison with Preliminary Chart 8834 (Latest print date 2/17/58)

A. Hydrography

The hydrography on the preliminary chart 8834 originates with the present survey prior to verification and review. No important discrepancies are noted between the smooth sheet and the charted soundings.

A few depths on chart 8802 which fall along the perimeter of the present survey, originate with unidentified sources and differ with the present depths from 2 to 10 fathoms. These charted depths are probably in error and should be disregarded.

B. Aids to Navigation

No aids to navigation are charted within the area of the present survey

7. Condition of Survey

a. The sounding records and Descriptive report are complete and comprehensive.

b. The smooth plotting was accurately done.

8. Compliance with Project Instructions

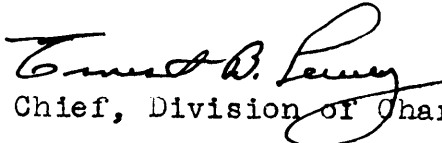
The survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.

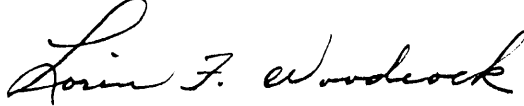
9. Additional Field Work Recommended


This is a good basic survey and no additional field work is recommended.

Examined and Approved:


Chief, Nautical Chart Branch


Chief, Division of Charts


Chief, Hydrography Branch


Chief, Division of Coastal Surveys

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Survey No. H-8378

Name on Survey	On Chart No.	On previous survey No.	On U. S. quadrangle Maps	From local information	On local Maps	P. O. Guide or Map	Rand McNally Atlas	U. S. Light List		
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		K
<u>Alaska</u>			(title)							1
<u>Alaska Peninsula</u>			"					BGN		2
<u>Bristol Bay</u>								"		3
<u>Stroganof Point</u>								"		4
<u>Port Heiden</u>										5
<u>Chistiakof Island</u>			(tide station)							6
<u>Meshik</u>										7
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			Names approved 12-9-57							9
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Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. ..8378..

Records accompanying survey:

Boat sheets .1...; sounding vols. 5.....; wire drag vols.; bomb vols.; graphic recorder rolls .4-~~4~~ Envelopes special reports, etc. ..1-Smooth sheet, 1-Descriptive report, .. and 1-Cahier, Shore Plotting Abstract.....

The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the sheet:

Number of positions on sheet		..939..
Number of positions checked		..61..
Number of positions revised	0.....
Number of soundings revised (refers to depth only)		..35..
Number of soundings erroneously spaced		..0..
Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred	0.....
Topographic details	Time	..0..
Junctions	Time	..5 hrs
Verification of soundings from graphic record	Time	..6 hrs
Verification by <i>George A. Kozemczak</i>	Total time	..141 hrs
	Date	Feb 25 1960
Reviewed by <i>[Signature]</i>	Time	..17..
	Date	22 Mar 1960

