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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey PLANIMETRIC

Field No Ph-65(50) Office No. T-9654

### LOCALITY

State TERRITORY OF ALASKA

General locality SEWARD PENINSULA

Locality NOME

19 50

### CHIEF OF PARTY

T.B.Reed, Commanding Officer, Ship PIONEER

C.W.Clark, Portland Photogrammetric Office

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DATA RECORD

T-9654

Project No. (II): Ph-65(50)      Quadrangle Name (IV): Nome, Alaska

Field Office (II): Nome, Alaska

Chief of Party: T. B. Reed

Photogrammetric Office (III): Portland, Oregon

Officer-in-Charge: Charles W. Clark

Instructions dated (II) (III): Field (RS 384, 388-392)-17 April 1950  
 Field (letter) - 18 April 1950  
 Field (CS-341) - 19 May 1950  
 Compilation - 9 November 1950  
 Compilation (letter) - 20 December 1950

Copy filed in Division of  
Photogrammetry (IV)

Method of Compilation (III): Graphic

Manuscript Scale (III): 1:20,000

Stereoscopic Plotting Instrument Scale (III):

Scale Factor (III): 1.000

Date received in Washington Office (IV): 4/11/51      Date reported to Nautical Chart Branch (IV): 4-16-51

Applied to Chart No.

Date:

Date registered (IV):

Publication Scale (IV): 1:20,000

Publication date (IV):

Geographic Datum (III): N.A. 1927

Vertical Datum (III):

Mean sea level except as follows:  
 Elevations shown as (25) refer to mean high water  
 Elevations shown as (5) refer to sounding datum  
 i.e., mean low water or mean lower low water

Shoreline at MHW

Reference Station (III): City, 1900

Lat.: 64° 30' 03" 343

Long.: 165° 21' 25" 487

Adjusted  
~~Unadjusted~~

Plane Coordinates (IV):

State: Alaska

Zone: 3

Y=

X=

Roman numerals indicate whether the item is to be entered by (II) 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.


Areas contoured by various personnel  
(Show name within area)  
(II) (III)

DATA RECORD

Field Inspection by (II): None Date: —

Planetable contouring by (II): None Date: —

Completion Surveys by (II): A. C. Holmes (see item "Field  
Edit" ~~in Review Report~~) Date: Oct. 11, 1950

Mean High Water Location (III) (State date and method of location):  
Office photographic interpretation - Feb. 1950  
Field inspection - Sept. 16, 1950

Projection and Grids ruled by (IV): W. O. Date:

Projection and Grids checked by (IV): W. O. Date:

Control plotted by (III): (1) S. G. Blankenbaker (W.O.) Date: Feb. 1950  
(2) Portland Office April 1950

Control checked by (III): Same as above Date: —

Radial Plot or Stereoscopic " " " Date: Mar. 3, 1950  
~~Control extension by (III):~~ May, 1951

Stereoscopic Instrument compilation (III): ~~Planimetry~~ None Date: —  
Contours Date: —

Manuscript delineated by (III): S. G. Blankenbaker (W.O.) Date: Mar. 3, 1950

Photogrammetric Office Review by (III): G. B. Willey (W.O.) Date: Mar. 3, 1950  
J. E. Deal, Jr. (Portland) May, 1951

Elevations on Manuscript checked by (II) (III): None Date: —

Camera (kind or source) (III): Single-lens

PHOTOGRAPHS (III)			Scale	Stage of Tide
Number	Date	Time		
SEW-15 002-005	9-1-49		Ratioed to 1:20,000	
036-038	"		" "	"
043-046	"		" "	"
077-081	"		" "	"
1:16-18 40-48	6-6-49		1:20,000	

Tide (III)

Reference Station: Dutch Harbor  
 Subordinate Station: Nome  
 Subordinate Station:

Diurnal		
Ratio of Ranges	Mean Range	Spring Range
	2.2	3.7
	1.0	1.6

Washington Office Review by (IV): L. Martin Gazik

Date: Aug 26, 1952

Final Drafting by (IV): E. C. Hunter

Date: 11-4-52

Drafting verified for reproduction by (IV): M. Hallinan

Date: 11-24-52

Proof Edit by (IV):

Date:

Land Area (Sq. Statute Miles) (III):

Shoreline (More than 200 meters to opposite shore) (III):

Shoreline (Less than 200 meters to opposite shore) (III):

Control Leveling - Miles (II):

Number of Triangulation Stations searched for (II): 4

Recovered: 4

Identified: 4

Number of BMs searched for (II):

Recovered:

Identified:

Number of Recoverable Photo Stations established (III):

Number of Temporary Photo Hydro Stations established (III):

Remarks:

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Summary T-9654

The planimetric survey for NOME is one of 16 maps at 1:20,000 scale in project Ph-65(50) and does not adjoin the other maps of this project.

The remaining 15 maps in this series cover the coastline of the SEWARD PENINSULA northward from CAPE DOUGLAS around CAPE PRINCE OF WALES to the IKPEK LAGOON at the 66° parallel.

Information concerning the project in its broader aspect will be included in a project completion report to be compiled at the conclusion of the review of all surveys in this project and will be filed in the Bureau Archives.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PHOTOGRAMMETRIC PLOT  
Map Manuscript No. T-9654 (RS-384)  
Project Ph-65(50)

21: AREA COVERED:

This photogrammetric plot for Map Manuscript No. T-9654 comprises an area about 4 miles wide, along the north shore of Norton Sound, Alaska, extending about 5 miles easterly and about 3 miles westerly from Nome, Alaska.

22: METHOD:

The plot was laid directly on the previously compiled map manuscript using the 1949 Navy Department single lens photography which consisted of ratio prints at a scale of 1:20,000. These were the same prints as those used by the Washington Office in the original plot.

Templets were made on sheets of 18" x 18" x .005" sheets of clear acetate and paper distortion corrections were made by use of the single lens master templet and the special fiducial marks shown on the ratio prints.

Four horizontal control stations which were identified during the 1950 field season by the Ship PIONEER namely: SATELLITE WEST BASE 1944, SATELLITE EAST BASE 1944, SUB BEACH (USE) 1944, and CITY 1944 were used to supplement the identified horizontal control used in the original radial plot.

The sub station for SUB BEACH (USE) 1944 was the only one of these four stations which was positively identified on a field photograph. The locations of the other 3 stations were only approximately indicated on the field photographs. It is believed, however, that they were satisfactorily identified by office examination of the photographs with the aid of the descriptions entered on the control station identification card (Form M-2226-12) for each station.

A sub station was also identified for traverse station QUON. This office was not furnished a geographic position for this station. The identified point has been radially intersected and shown on the map manuscript as sub station QUON. It is assumed that the geographic position for this station is on file in the Washington Office and that the station will be plotted during final review of the map manuscript utilizing the measurements entered on the control station identification form to verify the accuracy of the planimetry in the vicinity of station QUON. Position of QUON determined from data given on form M-2226-12 was within .5 mm of the traverse position, Lat.  $4^{\circ} 30' 35.1''$  Long.  $165^{\circ} 31' 00.959''$  as given by H-7844. This unmarked station was not accepted by Geodesy as third order traverse and is not shown on T-9654.

In all but a few instances the radials to the horizontal control stations passed directly through the points of their plotted positions on the map manuscripts. In no case was any radial held more than 0.10 mm off the plotted point. The closure was excellent and intersections of radials to pass points verified all pass points located in the original plot except those at the extreme eastern and western limits of the map manuscript. <sup>smaller than</sup> [This plot indicated that the map manuscript is slightly ~~under~~ a 1:20,000 scale at its eastern and western limits but since no horizontal control stations are located at these extreme limits this scale change was not positively proven. Red lines have been drawn on the map manuscript outlining the areas which this plot indicated the accuracy of the map manuscript to be doubtful. *The red lines mentioned in the previous sentence have been deleted - for comment on map accuracy see items 64 and 67 of the Review Report.*]

23: ADEQUACY OF CONTROL:

The horizontal control stations were satisfactorily identified and of sufficient density to control the orientation of the templates except as stated in the preceding side heading No. 22.

24: SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

Not applicable.

25: PHOTOGRAPHY:

The photography was adequate for the area of this radial plot.

26: REMARKS:

It is assumed that Forms M-2388-12 for the area of this map manuscript were submitted with the original photogrammetric plot report.

Approved:

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Respectfully submitted:

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Cartographer



MAP T-9654 PROJECT NO. Ph-65(50) SCALE OF MAP 1:20,000 SCALE FACTOR 1.000

STATION	SOURCE OF INFORMATION (INDEX)	DATUM	LATITUDE OR $\psi$ -COORDINATE LONGITUDE OR $x$ -COORDINATE	DISTANCE FROM <del>STATION</del> PROJECTION LINE IN METERS FORWARD	DATUM CORRECTION	N.A. 1927 - DATUM		FACTOR DISTANCE FROM GRID OR PROJECTION LINE IN METERS
						FROM GRID OR PROJECTION LINE IN METERS	FORWARD (BACK)	
Newton (U.S.E.) 1944	Alaska vol IV Pg. 78	NA 1927	64° 33' 34.598" 165 18- 59.116	1,071.5 787.4				
City, 1900; r. 1944	"	"	64 30 03.343 165 21 25.487	103.5 340.2				
Army Peak 2, 1944	"	"	64 32 20.206 165 11 11.470	625.8 152.9				
Inter (U.S.E.) 1944	Alaska vol IV Pg. 79	"	64 31 44.248 165 24 51.947	1,370.3 692.7				
Astroaz 1944	"	"	64 33 27.342 165 21 05.655	846.8 75.3				
Anvill (U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 33 41.900 165 23 09.333	1,297.6 124.3				
42 nd (U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 33 58.238 165 25 56.058	1,803.6 746.5				
Gateelite West Base (Pic U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 32 36.491 165 24 17.843	1,130.1 237.8				
Gateelite East Base (Rus U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 32 29.926 165 22 23.317	926.8 310.8				
4 th (U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 32 20.883 165 21 10.740	646.7 143.2				
Barn (U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 31 09.062 165 22 31.906	280.6 425.6				
Hill (U.S.E.) 1944	"	"	64 31 52.755 165 17 37.703	1,633.8 502.7				

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MAP T 9654 PROJECT NO Ph-65(50) SCALE OF MAP 1:20,000 SCALE FACTOR 1.000

STATION	SOURCE OF INFORMATION (INDEX)	DATUM	LATITUDE OR Y-COORDINATE LONGITUDE OR X-COORDINATE		DISTANCE FROM GRID LINE IN METERS OR PROJECTION LINE IN METERS (BACK)		DATUM CORRECTION	N.A. 1927 - DATUM DISTANCE FROM GRID OR PROJECTION LINE IN METERS		FACTOR DISTANCE FROM GRID OR PROJECTION LINE IN METERS
					FORWARD	(BACK)		FORWARD	(BACK)	
USLM IC (GLO) 1944	Alaska Vol IV Pg. 80	NA 1927	64° 30'	24.049	744.8					
Sub Beach (USE) 1944	"	"	64 30	36.399	646.7					
Nome Field 1944	"	"	64 30	49.020	1,127.2					
Mark 1944	"	"	64 30	40.994	654.1					
Nome, CAA Transmitter 1944	Alaska Vol IV Pg. 92	"	64 30	24.334	324.7					
Nome, CAA Radio Range, 1944	"	"	64 30	46.561	1,277.3					
Nome, ACS Tower, 1944	"	"	64 30	31.524	427.1					
Nome, CAA Antenna, 1944	Alaska Vol IV Pg. 92	"	64 30	19.524	604.6					
Nome, Federated Church Belfry 1944	"	"	64 30	30.673	409.4					
Nome, Federated Bldg., Theodo- lite, 1944	"	"	64 30	00.506	15.7					
Nome, St. Jos- eph's Church Spire, 1944	"	"	64 30	58.441	780.1					
Snake (AMS) X 1949	Alaska Vol IV Pg. 139	"	64 30	03.761	116.5					
			64 30	33.558	448.0					
			64 30	08.264	255.9					
			64 30	33.253	443.9					
			64 30	01.218	37.7					
			64 30	33.584	448.3					
			64 29	54.055	1,674.0					
			64 29	09.159	122.3					
			64 29	58.396	1,808.5					
			64 23	55.678	743.2					
			64 35	38.624	1,196.1					
			64 33	09.585	127.5					

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPILATION REPORT  
Map Manuscript No. T-9654 (RS-384) .  
Project Ph-65(50)

The following changes are shown in red ink on the original compilation of Map Manuscript No. T-9654.

Plane-table Sheet PI-A-50(1950, Scale 1:2500 was reduced to a scale of 1:20,000 by use of the vertical projector. Changes indicated by this plane-table sheet were then traced in red ink on the map manuscript.

The location of the mean high water line as determined on the plane-table sheet was applied to the photographs and by analogy this interpretation was extended upstream and the mean high water line was relocated beyond the limits of the plane-table work to a point opposite to the western limits of the east-west runway of Mark Field Airport.

The mean high water line along Norton Sound was revised to agree with measurements made by the field party at photo points marked "A" to "H" incl., on the map manuscript. These points, as identified by the field party, were located by radial intersections.

Four fixed aids to navigation and one landmark were plotted on the map manuscript using plane-table positions listed in the descriptive report for Topographic Survey Field No. PI-A-50(1950).

The outlines of most of the buildings in the city of Nome were straightened so that better reproduction could be obtained. From stereoscopic examination of the photographs several buildings were added in the city of Nome.

Road classifications were added from field edit sheet and a minor relocation was made to a small portion of one road.

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## FIELD EDIT REPORT

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RS - 384

1950

Ship PIONEER

Thos. B. Reed, Chief of Party

Nome, Alaska

METHODS The identification of ground control stations was done in accordance with Photogrammetry Instructions No. 22 4-26-48. The shoreline inspection was done in accordance with "Supplemental Instructions - Shoreline Inspection" for Photogrammetric Parties dated March 18, 1944. The shoreline inspection and the identification of triangulation station SUB BEACH and traverse station QUON was done on the 9" x 9" photographs NOM 1-7, NOM 1-9 through 17, NOM 1-40. Triangulation stations CITY, SATELLITE WEST BASE and SATELLITE EAST BASE were identified on 18" x 18" photographs SEW-15, -003 and SEW-15-037. Some field editing was done on a photostatic copy of the map manuscript. The mean high water line was visited along the full length of the manuscript, ~~but was not indicated either on the manuscript or photographs.~~ Distances were measured from the high water line to identifiable points at intervals along the shoreline. These points were pricked and circled in red ~~on the photographs.~~

ADEQUACY OF COMPILATION The compilation seems to be very complete and adequate, particularly so considering it was done without benefit of previous field inspection.

MAP ACCURACY A good indication of the map accuracy was obtained by a traverse run from SUB BEACH to the west edge of the manuscript for the purpose of locating hydrographic signals along the beach. Points along this traverse checked excellently with the positions of detail on the manuscript such as identifiable buildings and drainage. ~~The building on the shoreline near the western limits was~~  
RECOMMENDATIONS. None. ~~not on RS 384 on T-9654 before Review. See item 64 of the Review Report.~~

EXAMINATION OF PROOF COPY. The manuscript was not shown to any residents in the area for security reasons, thus their assistance in locating possible errors was not obtained.

REMARKS. Only one day was available in the field edit with the photographs as they were not received aboard ship until 31 July. At this time the ship was working off Wales, the work in the vicinity of Nome having been completed. Comdr. Riddell and the following members of his 1950 Photogrammetry Party greatly assisted in this field work on Sept. 16; V.E. Serena, R.H. Skelton II, and J. Chamberlin.

October 11, 1950

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 ENS., USC&GS

Approved and forwarded:

*Thos. B. Reed*  
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 CDR., USC&GS  
 Comdg. Ship PIONEER

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Survey No. T-9654

NOME, Alaska

Name on Survey

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K
	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	
<u>Otto<sup>er</sup> Creek</u> ✓									1
<u>Florence Gulch</u> ✓					✓				2
<u>McDonald Creek</u> ✓					✓				3
<u>Tripple Creek</u> ✓					✓				4
<u>Lost Creek</u> ✓					✓				5
<u>Derby Creek</u> ✓					✓				6
<u>Little Derby Creek</u> ✓					✓				7
<u>Cunningham Creek</u> ✓					✓				8
<u>Irene Creek</u> ✓					✓				9
<u>Laurada Creek</u> ✓					✓				10
<u>Moss Gulch</u> ✓					✓				11
<u>Stevens Gulch</u> ✓					✓				12
<u>Washington Creek</u> ✓					✓				13
<u>Birthday Gulch</u> ✓					✓				14
<u>Nome River</u> ✓					✓				15
<u>Osborn Creek</u> ✓					✓				16
<u>Zeaman Gulch</u> ✓					✓				17
<u>Quincy Gulch</u> ✓					✓				18
<u>St Michael's Creek</u> ✓					✓				19
<u>Anvil Creek</u> ✓					✓				20
<u>Little Creek</u> ✓					✓				21
<u>Snake River</u> ✓					✓				22
<u>Dry Creek</u> ✓									23
<u>Bourbon Creek</u> ✓									24
<u>Newton Gulch</u> ✓									25
<u>Left Fork</u> ✓									26
<u>Peluk Creek</u> ✓									27
<u>Martin Creek</u> ✓									28

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Names underlined in red are approved

7-23-52

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additional names

8-15-52

Review Report T-9654  
Planimetric Map  
August 26, 1952

62. Comparison with Registered Topographic Surveys.-

T-2518	1:40,000	1900
T-6927 (PI-A-50)	1:2,500	1950

Except for the shoreline around NOME Harbor, the remainder of the coastal shoreline of T-9654 shows little change since the above 1900 survey.

For interior features, such as drainage, topographic relief and planimetry this survey supersedes T-2518 for nautical chart purposes.

T-6927 supplied detailed information at 1:2,500 scale for the area immediately adjacent to Nome Harbor and was accomplished by the same field party that provided field information for this contemporaneous survey.

63. Comparison with Maps of other Agencies.-

1. NOME Special Map, USGS, 1:62,500 1906
2. NOME, Alaska, USGS, 1:250,000, 1951
3. Reconnaissance Map of Seward Peninsula, USGS, 1:500,000, 1918 reprint 1935.

The "landing area" just below ANVIL PEAK on the USGS map(2) is now the scene of mining operations as shown on T-9654.

Some ditches on the 1951 USGS map are shown as abandoned. This survey shows all ditches without distinction since the field party provided no information on that score.

Hachures, showing topographic relief to the north of Nome, compare favorably with the relief depicted more specifically by contours on the USGS 1906 map.

64. Comparison with Contemporary Hydrographic Surveys.-

H-7844	1:20,000	1950
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Other than horizontal control and shoreline, there is no detail common between the above survey and T-9654.

Topographic station, SOGA 1950, established for H-7844 is next to the last station in an open traverse extending about 3 miles west from SUB BEACH (USE) 1944. This is the same

traverse referred to in the third paragraph of the Field Edit Report on page 12 of this Descriptive Report. This station, described by the hydrographic party as the south gable of an abandoned log cabin, is 1 mm. west of the position of what appears to be the same building on T-9654.

East of 165° 10' and west of 165° 30' are the areas mentioned in the last paragraph of Item 22 of the Photogrammetric Plot Report, page 7, as being at a slightly smaller scale than 1:20,000. SOGA 1950 falls in the area west of 165° 30' and probably accounts for the difference in position of SOGA on H-7844 and the south gable of the cabin on T-9654.

Since SOGA 1950 falls in a questionable area of the topographic survey, T-9654, the signal has not been shown. See Item 67 below.

65. Comparison with Nautical Charts.-

Provisional Chart 9383 A	1:20,000	August 1950
Chart 9380	1:400000	August 1950

RS 384 and T-9654 before review served as base compilations for the above provisional chart. Changes and additions made to T-9654 during review are as follows:

1. Planimetry was extended to 64° 35' latitude.
2. Considerable additions were made as to marsh, drainage, mining areas and buildings.
3. Minor corrections throughout the length of the coastal shoreline were made to conform to eight measurements locating the MHW line submitted by field edit.
4. Relief shown by hachures was considerably revised during review after stereoscopic examination. See Item 63 above.

66. Miscellaneous.-

- (a) FIELD EDIT - was not the complete operation that this term implies and consisted only of shoreline inspection, control identification, and some road and building identification of RS 384 which served as a preliminary compilation for T-9654.
- (b) LANDMARKS and AIDS TO NAVIGATION - positions for lights and the tower at the entrance to Nome Harbor will be **found** on Chart Letter 183 (1951) submitted by the field edit party.
- (c) HOLIDAY - the holiday in the northeastern portion of the survey is due to lack of photo coverage.



67. Adequacy of Manuscript.-The area west of the red line mentioned in Item 22 of the Photogrammetric Plot Report as being of doubtful accuracy is the area west of 165° 30' (the red line now deleted).

The comment under Item 64 above regarding the traverse station, SOGA 1950, would tend to confirm the doubtful accuracy of this area. And the comment in the third paragraph of the Field Edit Report that the traverse checked the details on the manuscript would tend to confirm the accuracy of the area east of 165° 30'.

The area east of a second red line mentioned in Item 22 of the Photogrammetric Plot Report as being of doubtful accuracy is the area southeast of a line (the red line now deleted) drawn from a point where 165° 15' crosses the shoreline to the source of BIRTHDAY GULCH.

Within the limits described in the preceding three paragraphs, T-9654 complies with project instructions and bureau standards.

Reviewed by:

L. M. Gazik per Sm.  
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