

## THE MOTOR VESSEL "E. LESTER JONES"

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January 29, 1940, is the date set for the launching and since the vessel is being completely equipped on land, it will be ready for delivery almost immediately after launching. \*\*

As mentioned in *Field Engineers Bulletin* N° 12, 1938, the vessel is named for Colonel E. Lester JONES, who was Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey from April 15, 1915, until the time of his death on April 9, 1929, and who was responsible in a large measure for the initiation of a long range plan of extensive survey operations which are still in progress in Alaska waters where the new ship will be placed in service. Colonel JONES was furloughed from the Bureau for military duty in France during the World War. The American Legion has expressed its appreciation of his services in the presentation of a plaque, illustrated below, which will be mounted on the new vessel.




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(\*) Detailed data concerning this new Motor Vessel, as given in the official specifications, were reproduced in the *Hydrographic Review* of May 1939, Vol. XVI, N° 1, page 10.

(\*\*) The trials were carried out at the same time as those of the Surveying vessel Explorer, and the motor vessel E. Lester Jones reached a maximum speed of 10 knots for a draught of 7 feet 8 inches.