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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT	
Type of Survey	<i>Topographic</i>
Field No.	Office No. <i>2469</i>
LOCALITY	
State	<i>Puerto Rico</i>
General locality	<i>From Pt. Brea</i>
Locality	<i>to Pt. Juncos.</i>
<i>South Coast</i>	
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Henry S. Pritchett, Superintendent.

State: *Porto Rico*

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LOCALITY:

*From Pt. Breca to
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This sheet joins sheet No. on the west at "East Flag" and shows the shore line from Pt. Breca to Pt. Jacou, on the South coast of Porto Rico. The shore line generally low & marshy with a great amount of Mangrove Swamp - Just East of Mattei Island are the Salinas salt works, salt is made in ponds by the evaporation of sea water which is pumped by windmills. Other salt works are near Jarobardo Pt. Parguera the only semblance of a town is a collection of small houses & huts no roads exist, only the remains of washed out cart tracks can be found, and it is only possible to get over these in a very dry season the only means of getting along is by boat, no good water can be found - that used by the natives is brackish. The hills around Parguera and also along most of the shore line consist of a series of round knobs from 10 to 100 meters high. The only means of getting stores & forage is by boat or packtrain from Ponce or Mayaguez - numerous mangrove and coral islands are found all along the coast. The topography was accomplished under the most

trying difficulties - There are many lines of coral reefs extend from 1 to 3 miles from the shore. The interior is a rolling hilly country covered with small trees and dense brush.