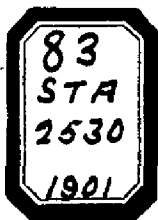


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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT	
Type of Survey	<i>Topographic</i>
Field No.	Office No. <i>2530</i>
LOCALITY	
State	<i>Puerto Rico</i>
General locality	<i>San Juan</i>
Locality	<i>Entrance</i>
<u>1901</u>	
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Topographic Sheet No. 2530

LOCALITY:

*From San Juan Entrance
to Pt. Cero Gorda
westward on the north
coast.*

1901.

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Note:

The sand dunes are shown on all sheets by red circles (dotted) indicating a height of less than ten meters. This plan was adopted in preference to the usual symbol, because of the fact that the dunes were covered with a dense growth of tropical foliage which could not be shown if the usual symbol were used.

The roads are shown in all cases where they were passable. In some cases the roads, which are merely Full-cost Tracks, are pretty well obstructed, but if we were able to get our team over them, they are shown as passable.

Topographic Sheet No. 2530

This sheet extends from the western entrance of San Juan Harbor to Punta Cerro Gorda to the westward, joining sheet No. 2413 of last season's work on the east.

The coast line is nearly all a sand beach bordered by a series of sand dunes of considerable height - covered with a dense growth of low brush. The variation from a sand beach is found in several stretches of coral rock which are common along the coast of Porto Rico - varying in height from 10 to 20 meters.

A line of breakers is seen from a quarter to a half mile off shore - which was impossible to locate - This makes it difficult to approach the coast and landing in a boat is impossible, even on the sand beach on account of the abrupt slope from the water's edge and the heavy surf which is always present on this coast.

Pt. Salinas, an extremely important ^{topographic} feature in approaching San Juan from the west is shown on this sheet.

The country adjoining to the southward reaching to the foot hill a distance of from three

to five miles is devoted to the production of sugar cane. There are many coconut groves in the vicinity of the Rio Palo Seco.

A large lake is shown on the published chart just west of Palo Seco - This lake could not be found, although a big marsh (not shown on this chart as it extends about 3 miles back from the coast) in this vicinity would indicate considerable low country which might easily be inundated during the rainy season. But as it is covered with high marsh grass, it is doubtful.