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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Topographic

Field No.

Office No.

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LOCALITY

State

Puerto Rico

General locality

Locality

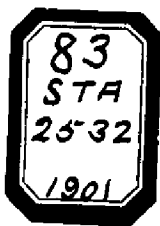
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CHIEF OF PARTY

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O. H. Jettmann, Superintendent.

State: *Porto Rico*

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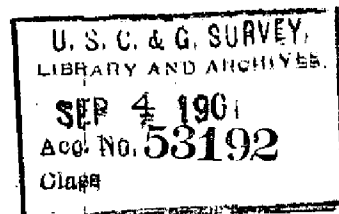
LOCALITY:

*Rio Manati to the
Arecibo Lt. Ho. North
Coast of Porto Rico*

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John Nelson, Assist.



Topographic Sheet No. 2532

This sheet extends from the Rio Manati to Arecibo Light House - joining sheet no. 2531 on the East and no. 2536 on the West.

The shore line consists mainly of coral bluffs with short stretches of intervening sand beach.

Landing is difficult all along this part of the coast because of the heavy sea - Breakers are seen off the coast from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distant.

The outline of a large marsh is shown on this sheet, which is shown on the published chart as a lake - It can scarcely be called so, however as a large portion of this area has been reclaimed and planted in sugar cane - It is possible that part of this swamp might be called a lake and covered with water during the rainy season.

The Arecibo Light House is on the high bluff at the entrance to the Anchorage of Arecibo - about one mile from the town of Arecibo - This anchorage is very poor - large vessels have to lie ^{off} quite a distance from the coast and then they remain only long enough to receive a cargo of sugar and it is frequently so rough & dangerous from the heavy

swell, that they are unable to load and are forced to put off with out loading - This frequently happened during the last season, with the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company.

When it is possible to take on on cargo, lighters have to be used, as there are no docks - The bar at the mouth of the Arceibo River makes it impossible for boats of size to come in; and navigation at this point is dangerous except for experienced boatmen.