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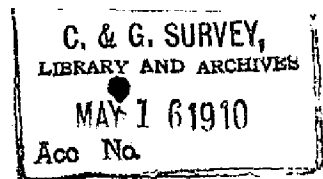
*United States and Canada*  
*Boundary Survey, Point*  
*Roberts Boundary Mon-*  
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Descriptive Report to accompany Topographic Sheet entitled,  
"Topography in the Vicinity of the Pt. Roberts Boundary Monument,  
Washington."

This monument marks the starting point of the land part of the transcontinental boundary between the United States and Canada along the 49th parallel, and was erected in 1861. It had never been connected directly with the triangulation of Georgia Strait, though a triangulation station, "Avenue", had been located and determined in the middle of the vista out through the woods across Pt. Roberts a few meters Westward from where the monument was subsequently placed. The undersigned was directed to make this connection, and while the work was in progress advantage was taken of the opportunity to make a topographic survey of the surroundings of the monument.

The monument stands near the shore on the West side of the peninsula called Pt. Roberts a short distance back from the edge of the steep bluff that rises from the shoreline to a height of about a hundred and fifty feet.

The vista out through the trees across the peninsula years ago and recently cleared out again shows well from the road and from a vessel out in the Strait. It is not a perfectly clear line, however, as the undergrowth has made a good start since it was last cleared. The swath cut through the tall timber is plainly visible.

A wagon road passes along the top on the bluff near its edge

and outside of the monument.

For a considerable distance off shore opposite the monument the water is shallow, there being extensive flats formed by the silt brought down by the Fraser River, which empties into Georgia Strait about eight miles farther North. On this account a landing is not practicable opposite the monument except in a skiff. The best way to reach the monument is by the road from Pt. Roberts village, about a mile South. The village may be reached from the town of Blaine, on the mainland, by mail boat which makes tri-weekly trips.

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