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Form 504

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

State: West Indies

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 4195

LOCALITY:

Culebra

Cadastral Survey

1926

CHIEF OF PARTY:

G. C. Mattison

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SEASON'S REPORT ON THE  
● CADASTRAL SURVEY OF CULEBRA ISLAND, WEST INDIES.

STEAMER RANGER APRIL--JUNE 1924, G.C. MATTISON, Commanding.

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Delay in submitting this report is due to the fact that instructions were received to do additional work, but this was later cancelled. Mr. A. Ogram, Aid, who made the survey, has since resigned from the service. He left rather complete notes which are being forwarded by registered mail.

On April 14, 1924, Mr. Ogram was placed ashore at Great Harbor on Culebra with such instruments and equipment as he might need in the survey. All of the personnel in his party were inhabitants of Culebra, Mr. Ogram employing them as hands. The RANGER visited the party at intervals of approximately two weeks to furnish supplies or needed equipment and for consultations.

A great deal of difficulty was experienced as to the number of plots to be surveyed. Apparently there were no records or deeds, and the only authority for the limits of Naval Property are the various notes made by the surveyors. Copies of these were obtained and adjustments made between them as described in the notes. It is probable that other property on the island belongs to the Navy, but without further authority, it was deemed inadvisable to survey any areas outside of those contained in the notes of previous surveys.

Several corners were marked with concrete monuments and brass disks as requested by Naval authorities at St. Thomas. Mr. Ogram used his discretion as to the kind of monuments to be used on some lines. It has been our experience that survey monuments are not safe anywhere on Culebra Island, and it proved a question of choosing the type that would be least conspicuous.

A tracing of the property on a scale of 1/10,000 was furnished the Governor of the Virgin Islands. A copy of the field notes was also turned over to him. The original drawing and the original notes are being forwarded to you under separate cover for disposition.

Respectfully submitted.

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TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

This Title Sheet was prepared by the Field Records Sec.

The Topographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

Field No. \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER NO. 4195

State West Indies

General locality Culebra

Locality Cadastral Survey

Scale 10,000 Date of survey Apr. 14-June 14, 1924

Vessel Ranger

Chief of Party G.C. Mattison

Surveyed by A. Ogram

Inked by Field Party

Heights in feet above \_\_\_\_\_ to ground to tops of trees

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Instructions dated April 8, 1924

Remarks: This Survey was made for the

Navy Department

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