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Topographic Sheet No. 2468

LOCALITY:

Cucharas Pt. To
Cristillo Pt. South coast

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This sheet embraces the shore line from Pt. Cuchara, the junction with Roswell Hopkins’ work, to Criollo Pt. The shore line is generally low, swampy and covered with a dense mangrove growth with a few pieces of sand beach, and then at Pt. Ventura we have rather a rough and rocky bluff for a few miles. This bluff is from 15 to 30 feet high and is thickly covered with brush & cacti.

Guayanilla Bay is the first harbor west of Ponce. This is a pretty sheet of water and is a good safe harbor for moderate sized vessels, but a pilot would be necessary for taking a vessel in, as the channel is not wide and there are many coral reefs. The Playa of Guayanilla is on the north shore of the Bay and is about 2 miles from the town of Guayanilla—they are connected by a very bad road—the railroad runs close by called the “Feero camino de Puerto Rico.” This railroad runs from Ponce to Yaqueo—it follows the shore line until you reach Guayanilla Bay and then follows the Yaque River to the town of Yaqueo, about 12 or 14 miles distant. There are quite a number of small islands near the coast between Cuchara Pt. and Pt. Gutierrez.
These are low and flat and are covered with a dense growth of mangrove and brush, they are all of a coral formation. The general character of the country adjoining the coast is rough and hilly - the mountains being covered with brush and trees. Talladao is a small collection of houses and shacks on the Talladao River. The Valdeviato sugar plantation is at this place. It is quite extensive and produces fine cane. The Guayanilla River is just west of the Playa de Guayanilla and empties into Guayanilla Bay - the Yauco River empties into the western part of this bay, it formerly came out just east of Pt. Ventana, but its course has been changed by violent storms, which are of frequent occurrence on this island. The waters of all these rivers is used for irrigating the large sugar plantations adjoining.

A wagon road runs from Ponce to Guayanilla almost parallel with the railroad. This road is so bad during the rainy season that it is impassable. No roads exist from Guayanilla to Pt. Grillo - the country is rough and broken being covered with a heavy growth of brush and small trees.

Las Salinas is a salt pond at the
Eastern end of this sheet, it is shallow and full of soft black mud and is connected with the Ocean by a narrow crooked passage.

Flamenco Lake near the west end of the sheet is dirty looking pond surrounded by a dense mangrove growth the water is shallow and full of stinking mud. The water is fresh and used by the natives but it is not very palatable.