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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey Topographic

Field No. Office No. 2469

LOCALITY
State Puerto Rico
General locality From Pt. Brea
Locality To Pt. Jocori
South Coast 1940

CHIEF OF PARTY
John Nelson

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LOCALITY:

From Pt. Barra to Pt. Tocora, South Coast.

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CHIEF OF PARTY:

John Nelson Assist.
This sheet joins Sheet No. on the west at "East Flag" and shows the shore line from Pt. Buso to Pt. Jorobado, on the south coast of Porto Rico. The shore line generally low & marshy with a great amount of Mangrove Swamp - just East of Mataie Island are the Salinas Salt works, salt is made in pools by the evaporation of salt water which is pumped by windmills. Other Salt works are near Jorobado Pt. Parguera the only semblance of a town is a collection of small houses & huts. No roads exist, only the remains of washed out cart tracks can be found, and it is only possible to get over these in a very dry season, the only means of getting along is by boat. No good water can be found - that used by the natives is backwash. The hills around Parguera and also along most of the shore line consist of a series of round knobs from 10 to 100 meters high. The only means of getting stores & forage is by boat or packtrain from Ponce or Mayaguez. Numerous Mangrove and coral islands are found all along the coast. The topography was accomplished under the most
trying difficulties - there are many lines of coral reefs extend from 1 to 3 miles from the shore. The interior is a rolling hilly country covered with small trees and dense brush.