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LOCALITY:

*Maguayez Bay from
Guanigibo Pt. to Algarrobo
Pt.*

West Coast.

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This sheet joins sheet no. and extends from Guanigibo Pt. to Pt. Algarroba on the north, or from Latitude $18^{\circ} 09'$ to Lat. $18^{\circ} 14'$. This sheet covers the town & Bay of Mayaguez, on the west coast of Porto Rico. The shore line is a fine sand beach from one end to the other. There is a range of hills in the vicinity of Guanigibo Pt. about 45 meters high and also in the vicinity of Algarrobo Pt. These hills run around in a semi circle and form a sort of Amphitheater in which the town of Mayaguez is situated. Mayaguez is the prettiest city on the island of Porto Rico and has about 18000 inhabitants. It has a very pretty harbor which is almost land locked by a series of coral reefs about 2 or 3 miles off shore. The houses are well built and the streets are wide & clean - and they have the only line of street cars on the island. It is quite an important shipping point for sugar & coffee - it was considered the most import port on the island until a few years ago - Lumber yards - saw mills and ice factory are to be found here. The Rio Grande, also called the Rio Guanigibo runs in to the sea just north of Guanigibo Pt. another river is the which runs just

north of Mayaguez - There are lots of small lagoons and mangrove swamp near the south end of the sheet and above these we find Cocoa nut, orange, and pine apple groves to the northern limits of the sheet. There is an iron dock at Mayaguez belonging to the Government, but it is not in use, and has no flooring. Cargoes are all lightened to & from ships for a distance of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. A beautiful Military road connects Mayaguez with St. German and also with Añasco. The Ferro Caril de Puerto Rico connects Mayaguez with Aguadilla. Guaniguito is a collection of cottages built along the beach for about a mile distant and it is just south of the Playa of Mayaguez - A fixed red light is shown of the Custom House warehouse in the Playa. U.S. Army barracks are situated in Mayaguez.