U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Henry S. Bache, Superintendent.

State: Porto Rico

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2476

LOCALITY:

Magaynez Bay from Gunwills Pt. to Algarrobo Pt.

West Coast

1900

CHIEF OF PARTY:

John Nelson, Assist.
This sheet joins sheet No. and extends from Guanigibo Pt. to Pt. Algarrobo on the north, or from Latitude 18° 07' to Lat. 18° 14'. This sheet covers the town & Bay of Mayaguez, on the W. 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 18,000 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 important 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. and this river is the which runs just
not of Mayaguez — There are lots of small lagoons and mangrove swamps 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. Carpenters are all lightened to draw ships for a distance of about 1/2 mile. A beautiful Military road connects Mayaguez with St. German and also with Añasco. The Ferro Camí de Puerto Rico connects Mayaguez with Aguadilla. Granijito 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 Customs House Warehouse in the Playa. U.S. Army barracks are situated in Mayaguez.