U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

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State: P. R.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2491

Locality: Eastern part of Culebra Is.

1900

Chief of Party: W. C. Hodgkins
Descriptive Report
to accompany Topographic Sheet No. 2491,
Eastern part of Hanlebra, etc., Porto Rico, on 1:10,000

1. The general character is hilly but of moderate elevation. The relief is broken, apparently by erosion and seems to have a rock base.

2. The shore line is generally bold and rocky, with sand beaches in the coras and with occasional coral reefs fringing the shore. The sand is composed of broken coral and shells and is generally beaten hard, at any rate near the water. The low water line is shown by a dotted line along the sand beaches. On the rocky shores the low water line does not differ much from high water.

3. No record of a strandrip.

4. No travelling dunes.

5. No natural terrena, unless the sand beach north of Duck Point may be so considered. This beach is low, bushy and nearly flat, with a shallow pond or lagoon (often dry) in the bushes behind the beach.
6. There are frequent cliffs of black or gray rock, apparently of volcanic origin. There is no evidence of springs.

7. There is no evidence of recession, and there appears to be little erosion at present. There are no salt marshes.

8. The hills are generally covered by a scruffy forest growth, 20 to 30 ft high. There are a few coconut and banana trees near the occasional habitations.

9. About 90% of the land is wooded and 10% in pasturage along this shore. There are no villages and few inhabitants. These live in palm huts. There is no trade. Communication is by boat or by footpaths or bridle paths across the hills. There are no roads, railroads, canals, rivers or fences.

10. There are no "resorts".

11. This is the first survey by the United States. Loubre was surveyed in 1862 by the British. Since that time it has been settled but there seem to be no other changes.

12. There is no evidence of any change of shore line.

W.C. Hodges