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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2646

Locality:
Potomac River - Indian Head to Cane Runney Creek

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Chief of Party:
J. W. Dunn

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FILE: Indian Head Naval Reservation to Pomonkey Creek.

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ASSISTANCE IN CAMP.

The characteristic formation of the country geologically considered is that usually found-drift with areas of gravel and beds of marl. The shores present occasional cliffs of clay of considerable height—from seventy to one hundred feet. The land falls from Indian Head toward the Pomonkey on the West and the Mattawoman on the East, forming the water-sheds of those streams. After crossing the west branch of the latter stream the land rises to the height of 150 feet.

But little erosion along the river shore and there is no evidence of either emergence or subsidence. The marshes and undrained areas of the coastal areas are not over one eighth of the entire area. The marshes proper would be difficult to drain but not impossible.

The trees are generally of secondary growth and indications are many that they cover areas once under cultivation. There are but few trees higher than sixty feet. Nearly all valuable timber has been cut off. The usual fruits of the temperate zone around—the principal ones are apples, cherries, peaches, plums, apricots and the usual berries native to the soil and region.

The proportions of arable, wooded and grass lands are as 50, 40 and 10.

There are but two villages, Indian Head and Clmont,