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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Topographic

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LOCALITY

State

Puerto Rico

General locality

Locality

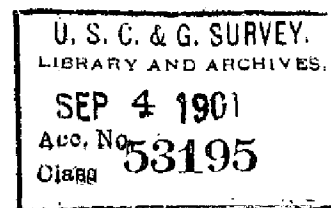
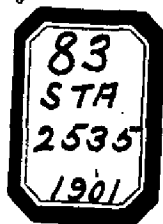
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O. H. Tittmann, Superintendent.

State: *Porto Rico*

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Topographic Sheet No. *2535*

LOCALITY:

*From Pt. Borinquen to
Pt. Jiguera - on the
northwest coast.*

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Topographic Sheet No. 2535-

This sheet extends from Point Borinquen to Point Jiguera - joining sheet No. 2534 on the east and sheet No. 2467 of last season's work on the South

This sheet covers the Bay of Aguadilla on the West Coast - This bay is an open ~~roadstead~~ and is one of the best harbors on the West Coast. Ships anchor within a quarter of a mile off the shore - there are no docks or wharves - so every thing is lightered - The coast is a sand beach between Aguadilla + Pt. Jiguera - A line of sand dunes from five to ten meters in height borders the coast at a distance of about 35 meters back from the shore line - Beyond the sand dunes coconut groves extend the whole length of the coast.

Borinquen Light House on the Northwest corner of the island is shown on this sheet - It is on the lowest point of a small sand beach - and cannot be seen from the Eastward until you approach to within about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. The range of high bluffs & hills starts about 2 miles south of the light house and strikes the coast again about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the light house, leaving quite a flat area ^{on} the point. South of the town of Aguadilla are four rivers

(on the West Coast)

of importance - They are very narrow, so that having a large area to drain, they become raging torrents in a short time after a heavy rain - a rise of from one to two feet per hour is not unusual - There are no roads south of Aguadilla - only trails for horses or mules - and the rivers are often so high that it is not possible to cross - all of the bridges were destroyed by the hurricane of 1899 - and they have never been rebuilt.

A tracing of the town of Aguadilla is included with this sheet - It was made from a map in the possession of the Mayor of Aguadilla.