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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

*Topographic* Sheet No. *2654*

LOCALITY:

*Chesapeake Bay - Eastern*  
*Show: from Chescones-*  
*see Creek to Craddock*  
*Creek.*

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Topographic sheet Chesapeake Bay, Eastern Shore  
From Chesconnessex to Craddock Creek.

The vicinity shown on this sheet is in Accomac County Virginia and on the Eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay. The area shown is a level sandy country well wooded and watered. Considerable marshes are on the Bay shore above Pongteague Creek the area rapidly diminishes below that creek. There are now sharp indentations along this shore line. The outer beaches are composed of hard compact sand. There are no very heavy seas and a wreck would probably hold through several storms. Whenever the low water line appreciably differs from the mean high water line it is shown by a dotted line. The shore line on exposed points has receded about three inches of a metre per year. In the creeks there is but little change.

The original forest trees have been almost all cut, there is a second growth of pine and some oak and gum trees, height of trees 40 to 80 feet. Tilled land and forest are of about equal area. The farming operations are such that approximately an equal amount of pines are

required to furnish fertilizer for the area tilled. Onancock, at the head of the creek of the same name is the largest town shown on this sheet. It is the Commercial Center of the peninsula, population approximately one thousand. There are no summer or other resorts on the sheet. At Harborton, on Pongateague Creek there is a factory for the manufacture of fish oil and fertilizers, this with numerous saw mills at which barrel staves are sawed and made into barrels are the only manufacturing interests.

The Baltimore Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company operates a line of boats through Onancock to Baltimore four times a week each way. Also a line of steamers into Pongateague, Nantuxa and Occohannock Creeks to Baltimore two times a week each way.

Roads are fairly good in summer but very poor in winter. There is but little increase in the wealth of the Community. Trucking and Corn are the main crops. Poultry, hogs, cattle and horses are raised to a considerable extent. School system fair, there are high schools at Onancock and Pongateague villages.

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