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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Top Sheet No. *3666*

LOCALITY:

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CHIEF OF PARTY:

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Scale	1;40,000
Topography by	H. A. Seran and I. M. Dailey.
Date	January---April 1917.
Inked by	I. M. Dailey.
Chief of Party	H. A. Seran.

REPORT TO ACCOMPANY TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET
OF WESTERN LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN.

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This sheet includes the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain from West Rigolets Light House to Point aux Herbes Light House and the northern shore from the Rigolets to Big Point.

Except for a small clump of cypress on the north shore west of the Rigolets the land area shown is all grassy marsh with many small ponds and bayous. Chef Menteur whose entrance is shown is the only large bayou.

The two draws on the long railroad bridge, Point aux Herbes and West Rigolets Light Houses, are the prominent land marks. The two club houses near the N.E. end of the railroad bridge and the club house near signal "Road" are substantial wooden buildings. There are also several shacks occupied at time by trappers and fishermen.

Much of the southern shore was run by sextant. This requires pulling a boat along shore only once where a plane table traverse requires three trips with a boat, besides the grass makes it difficult to see the rod and when it is seen above the grass it is not of much help in sketching as the grass usually hides the shoreline in its vicinity.

The only wagon road in the area shown is a shell road leading from the beach near signal "Road" to the ship-building town of Slidell.

Respectfully submitted,

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