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*H. S. Pritchett*, Superintendent.

State: *Georgia*

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

*Top* Sheet No. *2492*

LOCALITY:

*Eastern part of Ty-  
bee Island.*

*1900.*

CHIEF OF PARTY:

*W. C. Hodgkins*

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Descriptive Report  
to accompany Top<sup>c</sup> Sheet No 2492, of the  
eastern part of Tybee Island, Georgia,

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1. General character: low sand beach,
2. Shore is gradually shelving. Weather too moderate to judge well of breakers.  
The sand beach is beaten hard, below high water mark. The low water line is shown on the sheet by a dotted line, as fixed by the plane table survey.
3. In any ordinary storm a ship ought to hold together through one storm.
4. No traveling dunes were observed.
8. There is no vegetation within the limits of this survey except an occasional bunch of coarse beach grass and a few scattered palmettos. Further back on the island there is a forest growth of yellow pine.
9. There is scarcely any arable or grass land. There is a good sized village, inhabited in the summer by some hundreds of visitors from Savannah and elsewhere. There are also frequent excursions from Savannah, the excellent beach being a great attraction.

There is also the permanent military post of Fort Screven and, there are a few regular inhabitants of the island in addition.

There is no trade or commerce. The usual means of communication is by the railroad to Savannah. Small steamers, like tugs, sometimes stop at the fort wharf.

The Savannah River is navigable to the city of that name and 17 to 17½ feet can be carried in at mean low water, though the channel is narrow and crooked.

10. As noted above there is a large influx of summer visitors. There are two hotels, a club house, and a considerable number of private cottages.

11. This is a resurvey, the outline of this part of the island having been surveyed at least twice before this. Changes can be seen by comparing these surveys. The most notable change is a great extension of low flat sand beach on the south end of this part of the island, in front of Lybee Creek.

M. C. Hodek's  
Chief of Party.