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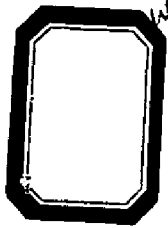
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Locality:

Nearby of Cape San Blas, Florida.

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Chief of Party - P. A. Welter. Assistant.

Write me at: Baltimore Md.
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 My Express Office is: U.S. C&G S. Bache

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Mr. C. Fittmann
 Dept. U.S. C&G Survey,
 Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with instructions from
 Capt. P. A. Melker, Commanding U.S. C&G S. Bache,
 I have the honor to submit herewith
 Descriptive Report on Topographic Sheet
 number 2585.

Respectfully yours
 E. B. Atham,

Assistant U.S. C&G Surveyor.

Descriptive Report to accompany Topographic Sheet
Number, 2585-

This sheet is a recovery of the shore line in the vicinity of Cape San Blas, Florida, on the scale 1 to 20,000 by the party of P. A. Walker, Assist. U.S. Geol. Commanding the U.S. Crs. A. Baehre, during May of 1902.

The general appearance of the Coast is low flat area well wooded. The formation is sand, and is interspersed with low sand ridges lying approximately parallel with the shore line. The region is well timbered, timber of, Pine Palmetto and scrub oak, varying in height up to 80 feet. No indication of fresh water streams or ponds are found along the beach.

The shore line shifts from 20 to 50 metres in each storm. There is, with the exception of that portion of the beach in the immediate vicinity of San Blas light, a gradual washing away, at the rate of 5 to 10 metres per year; authority, Assistant Light Keeper at San Blas.

light. The light house structure at Cape San Blas, was in 1895, standing in 7 feet of water, the spit has made to its present dimensions since that time.

Loading is made by the light house tender in delivering supplies in almost any weather.

The beach consists of hard packed well worn

land, a stranded vessel would hold together
but a short time in heavy weather.

There are but two settlers on the beach
between San Blas and St George Islands lights. One
at Indian Pass and one on St Vincents Island
near West Pass.

Communication to Apalachicola, the nearest town, is
by private conveyance, taking about 12 hours
travel to reach it.

The light keepers go into Apalachicola once per
month for mail and supplies.

E. B. Atham.

United States Coast Survey.

May 31st 1902