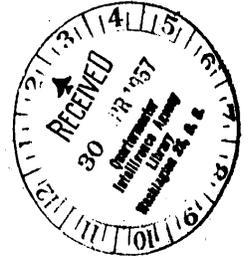


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FOREWORD

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The scale of map coverage is generally about 1:100,000.

Interpretation of entries

It has been necessary to express in code numbers and letters some of the information in the gazetteer in order to accommodate it to the machine method of tabulation.

Name.—Approved standard names and unapproved variant names appear in the first column. The variant names are always cross-referenced to the standard names by use of the word "see." Where part of a name is underlined, the use of the nonunderlined part is optional. Where two or more names are approved for a feature, each is identified in parentheses and any or all may be used. Names that include specific and other elements (except names of populated places) are alphabetized by specific part; thus Mont des Accords is listed as Accords, Mont des. Diacritical marks include the acute accent (as in Abéard), the grave accent (Rivière), the circumflex (Crête), the dieresis (Caraïbe), and the cedilla (François). The same marks are to be used on both capital and lowercase letters.

Designation.—The second column contains designations or abbreviations of designations, as follows:

ANCH	anchorage	MTS	mountains, massifs
BANK	bank	PASS	pass
BAY	bay	PEAK	peak
BCH	beach	PEN	peninsula
BGHT	bight	PKS	peaks
CAMP	military camp	PLN	plain, savanna
CAPE	cape	PLNT	plantation
CHAN	channel	POND	pond
CLIF	cliff, bluffs	POPL	populated place
CNAL	canal	PT	point
COVE	cove	PTS	points
DEPT	department	RCKS	rocks
ESTY	estuary	RDGE	ridge
FALL	waterfall	REEF	reef(s)
FORT	fort	ROCK	rock
HEAD	headland	RSVR	reservoir
HILL	hill	SALT	salt flat
HLLS	hills	SECP	section of a city
INLT	inlet	SHOL	shoal
INTS	intermittent stream	SITE	site, ruins
ISL	island, islet	SPA	spa
ISLS	islands	SPRG	spring
LAGN	lagoon	STR	strait
LAKE	lake	STRM	stream
LDNG	landing	UPLD	upland, heights, plateau
MRSH	salt marsh		
MT	mountain		

Latitude and longitude.--Coordinates, in the third and fourth columns, are for finding purposes only. They were read to the nearest minute.

Administrative division.--The number in the fifth column, 733, is the area number assigned to the French West Indies.

Locational reference.--The number in the last column indicates a map or chart on which the feature may be located by its standard name or a recognizable variant of its standard name, as follows:

- 01 A. Meunier, *Carte de la Guadeloupe et Dépendences*, Service Géographique du Ministère des Colonies, 1st ed., 1938; scale 1:100,000.
- 02 *Carte Routière et Touristique de la Martinique*, Ministère des Travaux Publics et des Transports, Institut Géographique National, Paris, 1951; scale 1:100,000.
- 03 *Carte du Département de la Martinique*, Institut Géographique National, Paris, 1951; scale 1:50,000.
- 04 *Carte de la Martinique*, Ministère des Travaux Publics et des Transports, Institut Géographique National, Paris, 1950; scale 1:20,000.
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- 07 M. R. Clairon, Girard et Barrère, *Carte de la Guadeloupe et Dépendences*, Paris, 1940(?); scale 1:100,000.
- 08 *Atlas des Colonies Françaises*, Société d'Éditions Géographiques, Maritime et Coloniales, Paris, 1934, plate XXXVII, "Martinique"; scale 1:250,000.
- 09 *Lesser Antilles--South*, 1:1,000,000, Sheet ND-20, American Geographical Society, New York, provisional ed., 1927.
- 10 [French hydrographic charts], Service Hydrographique de la Marine, Paris; various dates and scales.

The code 00 is used for cross-references and for the standard names to be found only on references other than those listed above.

Glossary of generic terms

The following terms occur in the standard names listed in the gazetteer. Each of the meanings given applies in the case of one or more of the names.

acul	cove
anse	cove, bight
arête	ridge
baie	bay, anchorage
bains	baths, spa
baleine	shoal, reef, rock
banc	bank
basse	reef
bassin	pond
bras	stream
camp	military camp
canal	canal, channel, inlet, stream
cap	cape
cascade	waterfall
caye	key, island, rock, reef, bank
champ	plateau
cohé	cove
col	pass
colline	hill
crête	ridge
cul-de-sac	bay, cove
dos	mountain ridge
embarcadère	landing
étang	lake, lagoon, inlet
falaise	cliff
faux-piton	peak
fond-blanc	shoal
fonds	anchorage

fort	fort	pointe	point
gouffre	headland	port	cove
grotte	cave	presqu'île	peninsula
haut	height, mountain	propriété	settlement
hauteurs	heights	quartier	settlement
havre	anchorage, bay	rade	anchorage
île(s)	island(s)	ravine	ravine, stream
îlet(s)	islet, island(s)	récif	reef
îlot(s)	islet, island(s)	rivière	river, stream
lac	lake, lagoon	roche(s)	rock(s), hill(s)
loup	shoal	rocher(s)	rock(s), mountain(s); island(s)
manche	lagoon	saline	salt marsh
marigot	cove	saut	waterfall
massif	massif	sèche	bank
mont	mountain, hill	sommet(s)	peak(s)
montagne	mountain, hill	source	spring
morne	mountain, hill; headland	trou	cove, bight, anchorage
mouillage	anchorage		
mouton	rock, reef		
passage	channel		
passé	channel, pass		
péninsule	peninsula		
pic	peak, mountain		
piton	peak(s), mountain(s)		
plateau	plateau		

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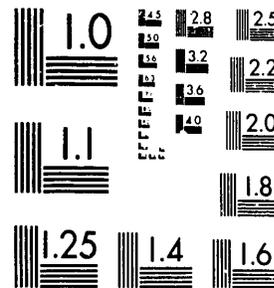
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