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Proposed Boundaries of San Juan National Historic Site

Featured here is a photograph from a 1954 report regarding the proposed boundaries of San Juan National Historic Site. This photograph shows one of the sentry boxes in the Escambron Battery. This, along with the walls and sentry boxes in the San Geronimo and San Antonio Battery, composed the First Line of Defense. The sentry box and wall on the Caribe Hilton property are remains of these walls.

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The National Archives at
Philadelphia research room is
open to the public Monday
through Friday from 8:30 am to
3:30 pm. Observances of
federal holidays are an
exception. Researchers can also
call to schedule an appointment
to view textual records in our
text research room.

The report, compiled by the Superintendent, Architect, and Park Historian at San Juan National Historic Site, provided recommendations for expanding the boundaries of the park. Using photographs, maps, and supporting text, the report put forth that the fortification of San Juan was of such significance that it should be preserved in its entirety. The following is a quote from the report: “The fortification of San Juan is one of the outstanding architectural structures of the New World. It is the impressive manifestation of a nation whose policy shaped the history and development of the Americas. It has the power to stir profoundly the mind and emotion of visitors. It is fundamental and of national interest that this unique aspect of the American Story be preserved.”

This report, like many records found in our National Park Service holdings, documents the ways that National Parks expand and evolve. Want to learn more about the history of the National Park Service? Check out our online catalog at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/> and make an appointment to view our holdings at the National Archives at Philadelphia by calling (215) 305-2044 or emailing us at philadelphia.archives@nara.gov.

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Upcoming Events and Initiatives:

The National Archives at Philadelphia does not have any upcoming onsite events. However, there are many NARA programs available online. See a notable example below:

[Introduction to the Captured German Records at the National Archives](#)

Archivist Rachael Salyer discusses records from RG 242, the National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized, and offers strategies for starting your historical or genealogical research using the Captured German Records.

Presentation materials available at www.archives.gov/calendar/know-your-records.

Tune in on (or after) December 14, 2016 to learn more about Captured German Records at the National Archives:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acIqTF3Xq0A>



Reminders

Our offices and research facilities will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016, in observance of Christmas Day, and January 2, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day.

 Follow the National Archives at Philadelphia on [Facebook](#) and [Tumblr](#) for featured highlights from our collection! We'll be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service throughout 2016 by highlighting some of our many NPS records.

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