

STATE Puerto Rico ✓	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY CABRAS ISLAND San Juan	135 9p
INDEX NUMBER PR, 7-SAJU, 11	MONUMENT The Fort of El Canuelo		
REPRESENTED IN NEGATIVE FILE	H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO. PR-52	<u>History:</u> El Canuelo is located about fourteen hundred yards across	
PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS	the harbor entrance from El Morro Castle. Its. original name was San Juan de la Cruz.		
PUBLISHED DRAWINGS	The first fort on the site of El Canuelo was erected in 1608. The exact date of the		
<p>LEADS</p> <p>FN- 8; N125</p> <p>GPO 6-8369</p>	<p>present structure cannot be ascertained with present available sources. Built by the Corps of Engineers of the Spanish Army for the Spanish Crown on two levels. The entrance level is approximately 8' above mean low water. It consists of two vaulted</p> <p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY (over)</p>		

chambers with connecting passageways, a cistern and masonry staircase to the upper level. The upper level originally had housing facilities for the troops quartered in the fort. The outer walls are shell walls, constructed as are the foundations, from cut sandstone blocks laid in coursing with a rubble and fill. Vaults are constructed from brick. The walls are covered with a lime stucco. There are indications that the structures on the upper level were covered with conventional flat brick roof carried on wood beams and rafters.

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