

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

No.
Light Model Tank, #95

AND/OR COMMON

Windward Hills Japanese Tank

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SW of Yona on
Cross Island Road, Insular Rt. 17

CITY, TOWN

Yona *mc*

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Guam

CODE

066

COUNTY

N/A

CODE

N/A

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jose H. Torres

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 1642

CITY, TOWN

Agana

VICINITY OF

STATE

Guam, 96910

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Department of Land Management

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2950

CITY, TOWN

Agana

STATE

Guam, 96910

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Guam Historic Survey

DATE

August, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN

Agana

STATE

Guam, 96910

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE Unknown

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Windward Hills Japanese tank is a light model tank, (27)95 (1935). This type was 14', 1" long, 6', 11" wide, 7', 3" high and weighed 8.4 tons. It had a 37 mm. model 94 tank gun and two 7.7 mm. machine guns for a crew of three. It was powered by a 6-cylinder diesel engine. Until recently, this particular tank still had the turret and gun attached, but these were taken to be sold for scrap metal. Although the tank is fairly rusty, it is intact enough to withstand being moved.

The tank is located approximately .8 mile east of Baza Gardens, or 1.2 miles west of Rt. 4, on the Cross Island Road. It was previously closer to the road, but was moved back to make room for a garden. It now sits underneath a pandanus tree.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1941 - 1944 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although there is no known record of the movements of this particular tank, it is possible that it was involved in military action during the American recapture of Guam in World War II. It is significant as part of the Japanese military presence on Guam, and as one of the scattered and fast deteriorating relics of the war. It is also considered to be significant by the present day Japanese tourists to Guam.

The significance of this tank is in relation to events occurring within the past 50 years, namely World War II. However, those events have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, for the United States as a whole and for Guam in particular. The 50 year requirement for listing on the National Register of Historic Places should be waived in this case. Two arguments for doing so can be found in the "How To" series, #2, for Summer, 1979.

The first argument concerns the relatively short-lived nature of the resource. Once past the hazards of actual war, this tank has had to withstand the island climate, which is highly corrosive to metal. Rapid evaluation of this particular resource is required if preservation is to be encouraged.

The second argument involves the comparative value of properties, and how they illustrate the historic values in question. Of the World War II sites of Guam on the National Register of Historic Places, most are battlefields and invasion beaches. Their historic significance cannot be questioned, but they are sometimes difficult to interpret. This tank, however, is a vivid and concrete example of the Japanese military presence on the island. Of the three Japanese tanks known to be on the island, this one is the most visible and accessible. Its recognition by the National Register of Historic Places would be of value in illustrating the significance of World War II to Guam.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Tantaum, W.H., IV and E.J. Hoofschmidt, eds., Japanese Combat Weapons, Second World War. WE, Inc., Old Greenwich, Conn. 1968

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 7'

UTM REFERENCES

A

5	5	2	5	7	1	0	0	1	4	8	0	2	2	0
ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING								

B

ZONE			EASTING			NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property to be nominated consists of the tank proper.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Helen Higman Leidemann, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

September 13, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2950

TELEPHONE

477-9620/21

CITY OR TOWN

Agana

STATE

Guam, 96910

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Felix L. Crisostomo
FELIX L. CRISOSTOMO

TITLE

Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

10-2-79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Carol O. Skelton
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12-19-79

ATTEST

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/19/79