

STATE: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**
 COUNTY:
Ponape District
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 ENTRY DATE
DEC 19 1974

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Spanish Wall
 AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Alphonso XIII

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Likin Kel
 CITY OR TOWN:
Kolonia
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
N/A
 STATE: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands** CODE: **075** COUNTY: **Ponape District** CODE: **5000**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN:
Saipan, Mariana Islands STATE: **TTPI** CODE: **075**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Attorney General, Office of the High Commissioner
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 CITY OR TOWN:
Saipan, Mariana Islands STATE: **TTPI** CODE: **075**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Micronesia Parks
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1972** Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Resources and Development
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
 CITY OR TOWN:
Saipan, Mariana Islands STATE: **TTPI** CODE: **075**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

When Fort Alphonso XIII was constructed, it consisted of approximately one-half mile of high walls completely enclosing a courtyard on two sides where residences and administrative structures were situated. The other two sides were the seacoast and were not fortified. The wall had numerous batteries, at least two entrances and a walkway. Toward the exterior a wide glacis extended to prevent a secret approach from the jungle to the fort.

The wall was constructed of local rock and much of this was coralline. The mortar used was made from lime obtained by burning shell and coral to ash - the sand was coral sand. The wall stood about eight foot high and had a parapet that varied from two to three feet. It was approximately five feet thick at the bottom and narrowing to three feet at the top. Local earth fill was used in the center. At this time, the portion of the wall remaining contains two arches. They are in a bad state of deterioration as the sides have cracked and the top of the arch is sagging. The rock in the wall is rough, jagged and in size ranges from 4" to two feet. There is approximately seven hundred feet of the wall left and it is in various stages of deterioration.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1887**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spanish Wall is a remnant of Fort Alphonso XIII whose construction started in late 1887 after a rebellion of Ponapeans killed several Spanish and drove other Spanish to a ship in the harbor, in July 1887. However, three Spanish warships arrived on October 29 with the new Governor Don Luis Cardarso and several hundred soldiers.

After securing the area the Spanish constructed Fort Alphonso XIII which had high walls and batteries enclosing a wide courtyard in which residences and administration buildings were located. Thus the fort continued to be utilized by the Spanish as the administrative headquarters for the colony and a strong point during local disturbances.

In 1899, Germany acquired Ponape by purchase along with the other Micronesian islands after Spain lost the Spanish - American War. Shortly thereafter German forces occupied Kolonia. The second German Governor, Dr. Hahl had the vast majority of the fortifications torn down shortly thereafter. The remainder is what stands today.

However, the fort was used during the rebellion of 1910 which resulted from a dispute and murders over road building. When the revolt started on October 18, the German forces stayed at the fort until reinforcements arrived on November 26 on the Germania.

Ultimately, the revolt was crushed on February 23, 1911 during whose time the fort served as a German headquarters.

Since then, the fort has not been utilized and today it is maintained as a park.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hambruch, Paul. Results of the South Sea Expedition,
Friederichsen, De Gruyter, and Co. Hamburg, 1932.

Fischer, John L. The Eastern Carolines, Human Relations
Area Files Press, New Haven, 1957.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		158°	13'	08"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.85

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David T. Lotz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Parks and Recreation Resources Division, Department of Commerce

DATE: Nov. 29, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 682

CITY OR TOWN: Agana

STATE: Guam 96910

CODE: 66

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Neil K. Chase

Title Chief, Resources & Land Use

Date December 3, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Neer
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

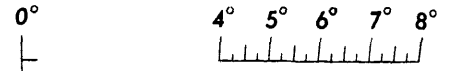
Date 12/19/74

ATTEST:
Wm. H. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date 12.18.74



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