

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

Dungcas Beach Defense Guns

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Lot 2147-1W

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Tamuning

VICINITY OF

STATE

Guam

CODE

0850

COUNTY

CODE

**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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Meitetsu Micronesia Dev. Inc. c/o Fred Bordallo, Attorney

STREET & NUMBER

Box 91033

CITY, TOWN

Agana

VICINITY OF

STATE

Guam 96910

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Department of Land Management

STREET & NUMBER

Administration Building

CITY, TOWN

Agana

STATE

Guam

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Staff Survey

DATE

June 1975

FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN

Tamuning

STATE

Guam 96910

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dungcas Beach Defense Guns are located due east of Alupat Island on the Cliff bordering the beach commonly known as Dungcas Beach on the east side of Agana Bay. The site can be reached by driving east from Agana on Marine Drive. Turn north at Camp Watkins road. Proceed along Camp Watkins road for a distance of about 900 meters. Turn west towards the beach on the Old Sleepy Lagoon road to the beach. Proceed on foot on a trail between the Cliff and the beach about 120 meters south. The Defense Guns are located almost directly due east of Alupat Island, which can be used as a reference point for locating the site if future development occurs.

The tunnels are cut into the cliff wall composed entirely of coral limestone. One can observe numerous fossils of sea shells, marine worm holes, and etc. The entire walls of the tunnels have a thin black charcoal or soot deposit, and from this one can determine where small sections of the walls have caved in naturally, or someone has tried to dig a small section of the wall away. The makeup of the coral is extremely soft and requires practically no effort to dig into it. Several fires have been lit inside the tunnels, perhaps by picnickers in the area. There is accumulated debris from use as a picnic area; also the two gun bunkers have a large deposit of debris that has been pushed down from the top of the cliff. Debris consists of hollow concrete blocks, re-bar, boards, and general construction debris. The area has also been used as a dump site from houses built along the top of the cliff. At the inland entrance of the tunnel some sort of construction has taken place, possibly a house foundation. The entrance has been locked off by wire over re-bar and a sort of roof of boards has been constructed. A cement wall has been built on the entrance, perhaps it was used as a house foundation, remnants of which still exist. All this construction has taken place in the last 20 years or so, and is not part of the original structure erected during World War II.

The artillery guns are located at both beach openings of the tunnels, with the tunnels leading to a possible retreat exit and a ravine, which may have included a camouflaged living and sleeping area. The artillery gun #1 includes heavy armor around the barrel, possibly to allow a larger round to be fired or perhaps a faster firing rate.

Note continuation sheets of map shown present gun orientation and site layout.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1942

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These two guns were part of the artillery that the Japanese 48th Independent Mixed Brigade, part of the 29 Division, used in defense of the Agana shoreline. The two guns position are indicated in maps used by the Japanese Forces as references to the location of their defense positions. These two guns as well as the tunnels used in conjunction with the two defense positions suffered very little destruction during the American Invasion. From the condition of the guns, bunkers, and tunnels, it is fair to assume that the individuals involved in the gun's operation were disposed of by small arms fire, rather than bombardment from the air.

The Japanese occupied Guam initially by an invasion through the Agana reef cut (now the Agana Boat Basin) and thus may have felt this was an important beach area to defend. The range of these guns is such that they could have been used to shell the Agat Beach area where U.S. Marines landed to retake the island in 1944.

These guns were probably used to bombard the American invading forces in the Agana area. The site was considered secure by the American Forces on July 31, 1944.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lodge, Major O.R. USMC, THE RECAPTURE OF GUAM, 1974

"Operations in the Central Pacific, Course of Guam Island Operation",  
October 16, Japan Monographs, No. 48 Microfilm.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5 Acre

UTM REFERENCES

500					
A	5, 5	2 5 8 9 7, 0	1, 4, 9, 2 4, 8, 0	B	
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C				D	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Stephen F. Lander, Planner II

December 1975

ORGANIZATION

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 682

TELEPHONE

6461279

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Robert JPC*

JANUARY 9, 1976

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

DATE

12/22/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST

DATE

12/20/74

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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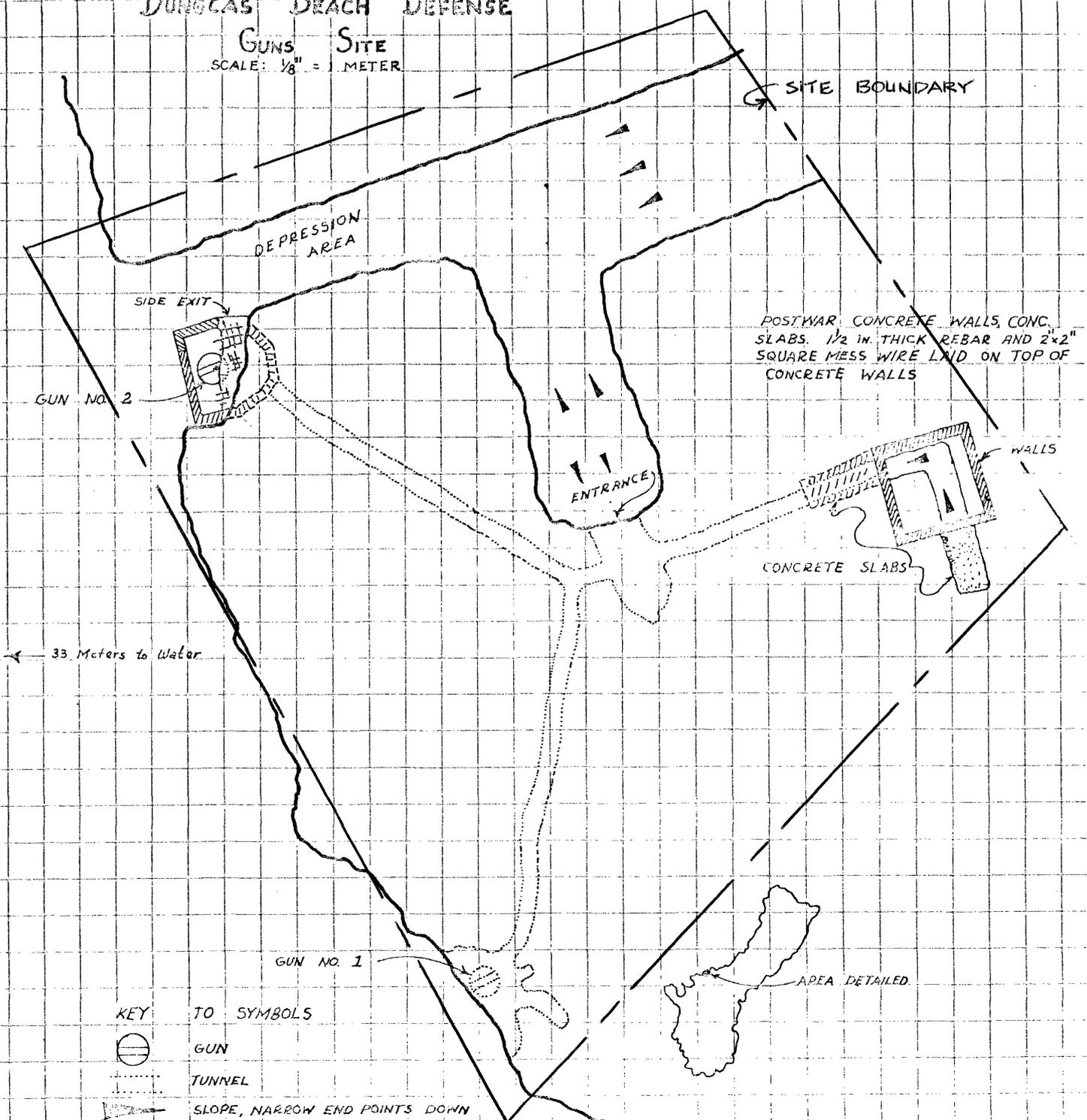
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DUNGLAS BEACH DEFENSE

GUNS SITE  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1 METER



← 33 Meters to Water

- KEY TO SYMBOLS
-  GUN
  -  TUNNEL
  -  SLOPE, NARROW END POINTS DOWN

POSTWAR CONCRETE WALLS, CONC. SLABS, 1/2 IN. THICK REBAR AND 2x2" SQUARE MESH WIRE LAID ON TOP OF CONCRETE WALLS

