

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 **Piti Coastal Defense Gun**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **1,400 feet ESE of junction of routes 11 and 1**

seven

CITY, TOWN

Piti

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Guam

STATE

Guam

CODE

66

COUNTY

N/A

CODE

410

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 **Government of Guam**

STREET & NUMBER

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 96910

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Guam Historic Survey**

DATE

1974

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 682

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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Piti Coastal Defense Gun Site is located ca. 75 m SE of the Catholic Church in Piti on USGS Apra Harbor Quadrangle Map (1968). It may be reached by driving the surface roads in Piti to the Catholic church, .2 miles from Marine Drive (Highway 1). The gun is located on the brow of the hill SE of the church in a concrete and earthen revetment. The revetment is 10.5 m wide, 9.5 m long, and 1.2 m in height. Only the N and W walls are concrete; the remainder is earth (possibly destroyed?). The gun mount is located 4 m from the eastern side and 5 m from the N wall. It is 6 m long and trained about 10° to the right out of true. It is a Japanese naval gun of about 5 inch caliber. Its screw breech is open.

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
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<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 1944

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Piti Coastal Defense Gun would have been able to bombard the invading American forces on July 21, 1944, since it was sighted to cover the Asan invasion beach. A secondary use for it may have been to cover the Japanese defenders on Orote peninsula. No written evidence indicates that the gun was actually fired during the invasion. An examination of the site shows no evidence of American bombardment. Since the gun is a screw breech naval gun, it would need to have an underground area or protected place for its charges and projectiles. No such magazine has been found. This suggests that the Japanese never completed the position and it never has been used in actual battle. It is however, an excellent example of a Japanese defensive gun position which is nearly intact. It is one of the three extant on the island and one of the few extant on American soil. In addition, the gun is a remnant of the Japanese coastal defenses of Guam.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.1 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

ML / HM

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C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David T. Lotz, Planner

ORGANIZATION

Parks and Recreation Resources Division

DATE

April 25, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Department of Commerce

TELEPHONE

646-1279

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Chief, Parks and Recreation Resources Division

DATE

MAY 02 1975

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

DATE

6/18/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

JUN 17 1975

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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1 NAME

HISTORIC Piti Coastal Defense Guns

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1,400 feet ESE of Junction of Routes one and eleven
CITY, TOWN Piti CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Guam
STATE Guam VICINITY OF CODE 66 COUNTY N/A CODE 410

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Government of Guam

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Agana STATE 96910
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Department of Land Management

STREET & NUMBER Administration Building

CITY, TOWN Agana STATE Guam 96910

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Guam Historic Survey

DATE 1975
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Department of Parks & Recreation, Post Office Box 682

CITY, TOWN Agana STATE 96910

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The guns are located along the brow of the hill at the 100 foot contour SE of the church.

Gun #1 is trained 86° West of North toward the Apra Harbor opening. The Glass Breakwater was not completed until after recapture of Guam from the Japanese.

Gun #2 received a direct hit and has been knocked off its mounted positioning.

Gun #3 is trained 9° West of North to cover the Tepungan Channel through the reef.

The guns appear of equal manufacture, being six m long Japanese naval guns of about five inch caliber with screw breach. Japanese figures are legible on the back of the breach indicating Japanese manufacture.

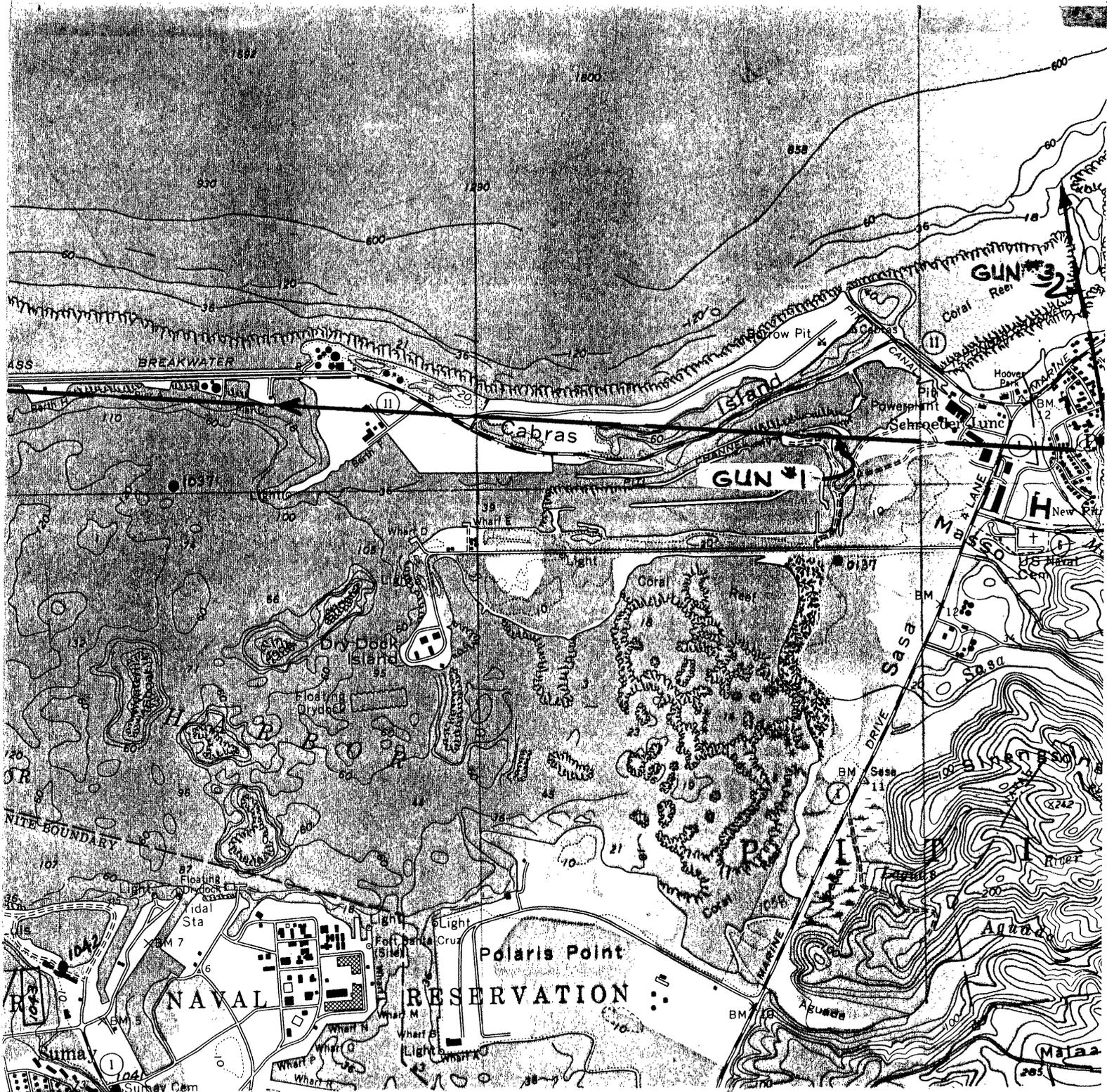
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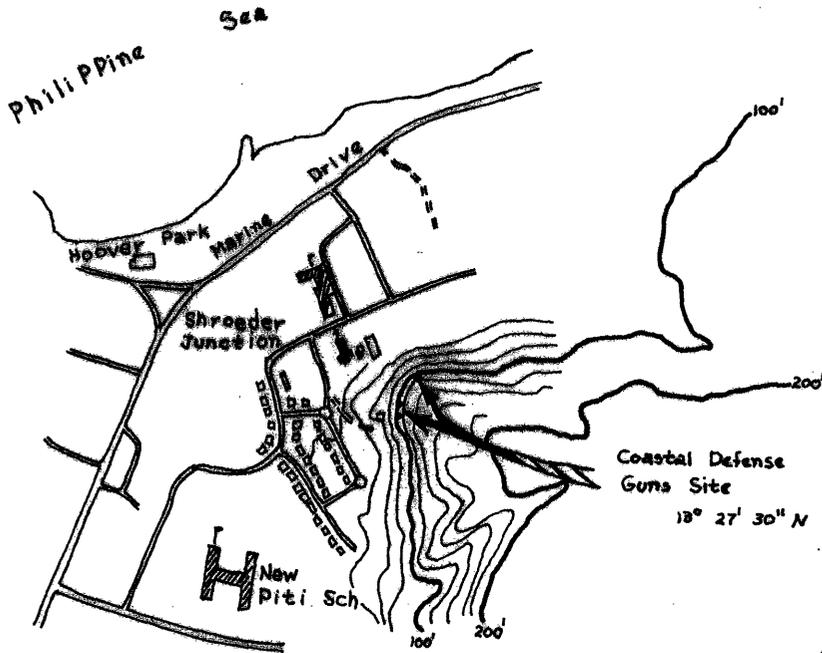
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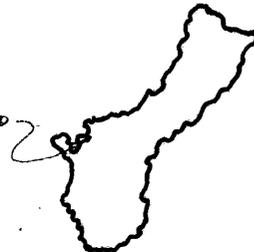
**Piti Coastal Defense
GUNS SITE**
-- NOT TO SCALE --

144° 42' 00" E



(traced from 1:12000 Advance Sheet)

AREA DETAILED



8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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SPECIFIC DATES

1944

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Piti Coastal Defense Guns could have been able to bombard the invading American forces on July 21, 1944, however they are presently trained to the west of the invasion beach. Gun #1 could have been used to defend Orote peninsula and Apra Harbor.

No written evidence indicates that the guns were actually fired. Since the guns are a screw breech naval gun, they would have needed an underground or protected area for the charges and projectiles. No such magazine has been found. This suggests that the Japanese never completed the positions and that they were never used. This is, however an excellent example of Japanese defensive gun positioning, which is nearly intact. It is one of three existant gun positions on the island, a remnant of the Japanese coastal defenses of Guam.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen F. Lander, Planner

ORGANIZATION

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

October, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Box 682

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Agana

STATE

96910

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Robert SP Cury

TITLE Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE 10-14-75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12/4/75

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12-21-75