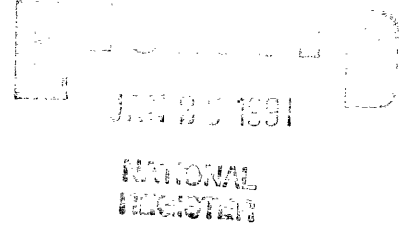


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: MERIZO PILLBOX (66-06-1188)

other name/site number: MALESSU! PILLBOX

2. Location

street & number: ROUTE TWO

not for publication:

city/town: MERIZO

vicinity:

state: GU county: MERIZO code: 010 zip code: 96916

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: PRIVATE

Category of Property: STRUCTURE

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u>ONE</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u>ONE</u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: JAPANESE DEFENSE FORTIFICATIONS

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

NO STYLE

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof CONCRETE
 walls CONCRETE other _____
 LIMESTONE

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: _____.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C,D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : G

Areas of Significance: MILITARY

Period(s) of Significance: 1941-1944

Significant Dates : 1944

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.
 X See multiple resource nomination.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See multiple resource nomination.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: LESS THAN ONE ACRE

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>55</u>	<u>247750</u>	<u>1467050</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ___ See continuation sheet.

The boundry of the Merizo Pillbox is shown as a dot on the USGS map reference (66-06-1188).

Boundary Justification: ___ See continuation sheet.

The boundry includes the features historically associated with the site.

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11. Form Prepared By

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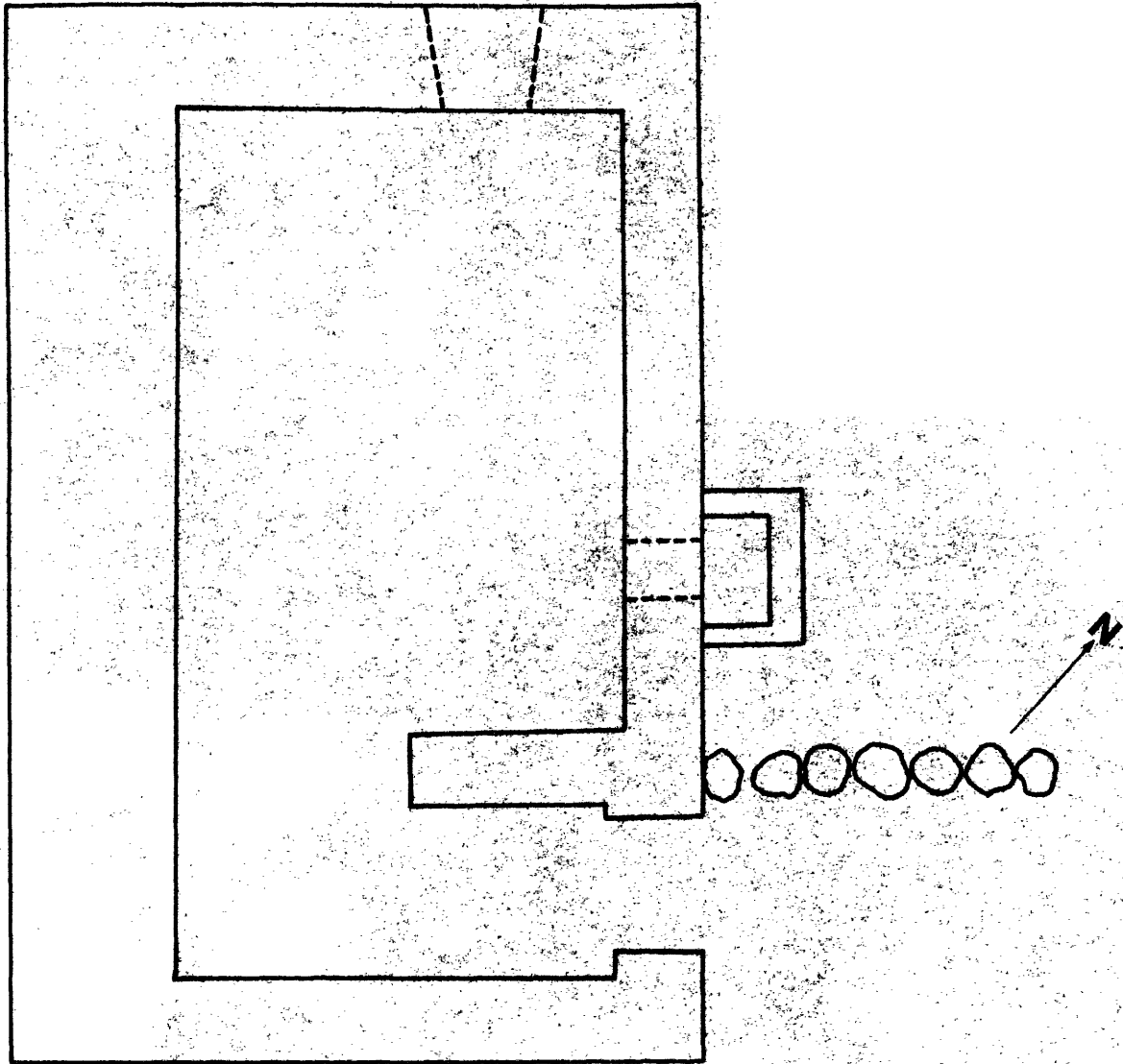
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Merizo Pillbox (66-06-1188)

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The Merizo Pillbox is located on the beach berm about 15.0m inland from the high tide line and 100.0m south of the mouth of the Geus River. Built of steel-reinforced concrete mixed with basalt rocks, the structure is in excellent condition, although vegetaton is growing on dirt which has accumulated on the roof. In addition, a mound of sand reaches the roof along the south wall.

The rectangular structure measures 3.90m by 2.40m and 2.42m high, although portions are exposed .75m above present ground surface. The embrasure in the west wall has a view of Merizo pier. The gun port, presently situated at ground level is partially buried by sand. The top of the gun port is .87m below the top of the roof. It is not clear whether the structure has sunk since its construction, however the interior is partially filled with standing water. An air vent and the entrance are in the north wall which is .25m thick. A U-shaped shaft, .30m high, was built on the exterior side of the air vent. A short interior wall is located on the right side of the entrance. The entrance is 1.25m high and .75m wide. The roof is .50m thick. Horizontal impressions of the boards used to build the form into which the concrete was poured are apparent on the exterior walls of the structure.



scale: 1cm = 25cm

Plan view
Talona Beach Pillbox, Merizo, Guam

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001872 Date Listed: 3/4/91

<u>Malessu' Pillbox</u>	<u>Guam</u>	<u>Guam</u>
Property Name	County	State

Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

<u><i>Antoinette A. Rice</i></u>	<u>3/14/91</u>
Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: This property is evaluated at the national level.

The Applicable National Register Criteria includes A and C only. Criterion D is deleted.

The Areas of Significance section includes Engineering.

This information was confirmed with Richard Davis, Deputy SHPO of Guam.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)