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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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 MARSHALL ISLANDS WAR MEMORIAL PARK

AND/OR COMMON

Mieko Beach

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Dalap Island

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Majuro Atoll, Marshalls VICINITY OF DUD area

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96950

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trust Territory Government (99 year leasehold)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

% District Administrator, Majuro - Marshall Islands

CITY, TOWN

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96950

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Land Management Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Majuro

CITY, TOWN

Marshall Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96950

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Dalap Island

DATE

October, 1953

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Land Management Office, Majuro - Marshall Islands

CITY, TOWN

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96950

STATE

# 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 present site is a replanted beach front park of approximately 487,500 square feet. The area is completely level with coconut trees planted in a regular rectangular grid of 28 feet center for the majority (90%) of the area. The northwest end is barren and being utilized as a baseball diamond. The entire north side of this site is lagoon beach front, approximately 2950 feet in length. The south side is bounded by the main highway. The attached site print is taken from official Trust Territory aerial photograph and shows the site configuration.

The park area has a number of World War II mementos presently in place and the entire area has developed into a collection site for the more spectacular war hardware (zeros, ordnance) from all over the Marshall Islands. This site is recognized as the single collection point in the entire district, and is of even greater significance from the standpoint of the DUD area's having been utilized as the U.S. Headquarters following the capture of the Marshall Islands from the Japanese. (please see section #8).

The area today is basically a dormant site, but is used extensively for picnicing and local festivals. Plans have been completed for the upgrading of the site's facilities together with an accelerated collection program for additional World War II hardware from outer islands (before such items are sold for scrap metal.)

# 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 checked="" 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

1940-1946

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is basically a small portion of the total DUD municipal area of Majuro Atoll which became the U.S. Military's Headquarters Command Center for the Marshall Islands...following defeat of the Japanese in this general area. Majuro Atoll, though not the first landing site by U.S. troops in the Pacific Theatre, was an initial objective in the primary Pacific thrust following Pearl Harbour. This thrust also included wellknown islands from the war years such as Tarawa and Makin Atolls, both of which are not part of the present U.S. Trust Territories.

The site in question was immediately adjacent to the U.S. airfield of that period. It was abandoned in 1971 at which time a new commercial airfield was developed in another location on the atoll. The original airfield however was the first visual impression one had of the atoll and is now remembered by all visitors from the war and post-war years. This association led to the area's development as a collection/recreation point.

The site is included in the master plan for development of the atoll and will continue to be utilized as a living museum/park and recreational area to serve both the needs of the local people in a practical manner while at the same time reminding them of important events from their past.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marshallese islanders.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A	5,9	54,174,0	7,83,44,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	5,9	54,17,8,0	7,83,32,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Gister deBrum; Chairman, Marshall Islands Historic Preservation Committee

ORGANIZATION

Acting Land Management Officer, Majuro Atoll

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Marshall Islands

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 96950

STATE

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  USA

STATE  TTPI

LOCAL  Marshall Islands

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 Neil K. Chase

*Neil K. Chase* 5/20/76

TITLE Branch Chief, Resources/Land Use, Div. Lands/Surveys - TTPI 96950

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

DATE

9/30/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/30/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

