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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Guam
COUNTY: N/A
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAR 4 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Hill 40

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SW of Agat off I.R. 2A  
0.2 miles E of Bangi Island

CITY OR TOWN: Agat CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Guam

STATE: Guam CODE: 66 COUNTY: N/A CODE: 0105

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Unused

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dionicio C. Aguigui

STREET AND NUMBER: c/o General Delivery

CITY OR TOWN: Agat STATE: Guam CODE: 66

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN: Agana, STATE: Guam CODE: 66

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Guam Historic Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974  Federal  State  County  Local

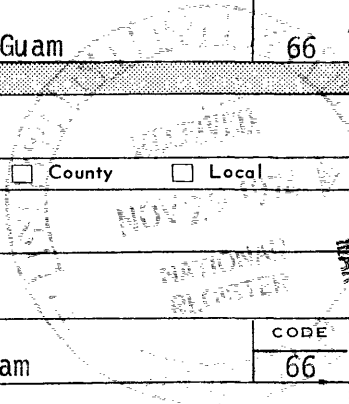
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Commerce

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 682

CITY OR TOWN: Agana STATE: Guam CODE: 66

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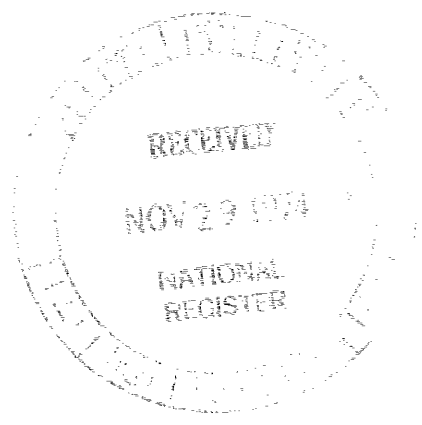


**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hill 40 is located on the SW coastal plain 300 to 350 m E of Bangi Point and Bangi Island between the Gaan River and AuauCreek on the USGS Agat Quadrangle Map (1968). It may be reached by driving to Bangi Point on Highway 2. Park and walk E to a low hill rising out of the level plain. Hill 40 is the low N/S trending loaf-shaped knoll some 40 to 60 feet high and 250 to 300 m in length. Its condition at the time of the battle is unknown. Some small depressions (ca. 1 m in diameter) may be the remains of the preliminary naval bombardment. No remains of the battle itself are found today. The hill is covered with tangantangan (*Leucaena* sp.) and a few coconut palms (*Cocos* sp.).



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **July 21, 1944**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <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"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hill 40 was the scene of some of the most vicious fighting of the Agat Invasion beachhead during the invasion of Guam. The 4th Marine Regiment of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade took the hill during the landings on July 21, 1944. At 2230, the Japanese launched a counter attack which wrested the hill from the Marines. The Marines then regrouped and pushed the Japanese from the hill once more. A second Japanese counterattack. On the morning of the 22nd of July, the hill was in American hands.

The Japanese practice of counterattacking if they could not hold or beat off the initial landing was put to good practice here. Much of the defending Japanese 38th Regiment was destroyed as a result, and Colonel Tsunetaro Suenaga, Agat area commander, was himself killed on the battle. After this battle, little Japanese resistance was encountered on the right flank of the beachhead. As an intergral part of the overall landing and invasion stratagey, Hill 40 was a crucial area to recapture. Its successful retaking was a critical operation, and it forms an important part of the Agat Invasion Beach area and the WWII battlefields on the island.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lodge, O.R.  
1954 Recapture of Guam. Historical Branch, G-3, U.S. Marine Corps.

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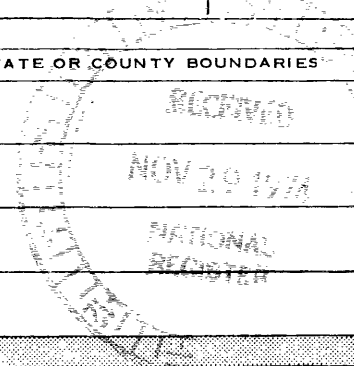
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	13° 22' 35" N	144° 39' 07" E		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	13° 22' 35" N	144° 39' 11" E				
SE	13° 22' 26" N	144° 39' 13" E				
SW	13° 22' 26" N	144° 39' 09" E				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 acres

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: Guam Inventory Team

ORGANIZATION: Bernice P. Bishop Museum DATE: August, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1355 Kalihi St. P.O. Box 6037

CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu, STATE: Hawaii 96818 CODE: 58

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [Signature]

Title Director of Commerce

Date NOV 20 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/4/75

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-25-75