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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Mount Tenjo Fortifications

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

One mile west of Route One northeast of Santa Rita —NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Santa Rita

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Guam

CODE

66

COUNTY

N/A

CODE

410

 VICINITY OF

Guam

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER: Vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Office of Territorial Affairs

STREET & NUMBER

Department of the Interior

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE

D.C. 20240

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
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

1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2950

CITY, TOWN

Agana

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Mt. Tenjo overlooks Apra Harbor and is reached via Navy Housing, Nimitz Hill to Mt. Alutom radio transmitters, turning off onto an improved jeep trail for about one mile, at the sharp right turn take unimproved jeep trail south to Mt. Tenjo. The gun emplacement is located on the west slope just below the crest.

Field observation located the concrete pads and the mountings for the three seven-inch guns. The concrete shell of the command station is still standing but overgrown. The trench is still discernable. All are remains of the military fortifications constructed in the 1920's. No other defenses were constructed on Mt. Tenjo except for trenches and foxholes by the Japanese in 1944 of which shallow depressions still exist.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1915-1944

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the late 1910's the U.S. Navy installed gun emplacements consisting of a battery of three seven-inch pedestal mount guns with associated structures composed of underground magazine, battery command station, and a trench. These were built as a result of the 1915 military reconnaissance of Guam by Earl H. Ellis which recommended that in the vicinity of the harbor the best site for a stronghold was Mt. Tenjo. The report suggests "...the land defenses should consist of:... A stronghold on Mt. Tenjo, consisting of a closed redoubt, with overhead cover, and advanced trenches to dispute the approaches to the plateau on which the peak is situated and to resist the advance over the plateau; two 2.7" guns to be mounted on the west face of the redoubt so as to cover the harbor (these guns will have strong natural protection and, with overhead cover, would be reasonably sure of action until the redoubt is captured); the redoubt to be garrisoned by 300 to 400 men and have the following armament: four 3" landing guns, 12 machine guns, 2 searchlights and a field wireless. A reserve of water and supplies for 100 days and garrison utilities to be provided. The defense above outlined was not intended to hold out for any definite length of time but to hold out as long as possible. If a garrison of 1200 men with extra armament is provided, the Orote Isthmus line can be strongly held, especially if 300 men are placed in the Tenjo Redoubt (to be sacrificed)."

Similarly, guns were located on the western end of Cabras Island and at Orote Point. However, as a result of the 1922 Washington Conference on Arms Limitation, all the guns including those on Mt. Tenjo were removed from Guam between July and October 1931. However the existing remains on Mt. Tenjo are the only pre-World War II American fortifications left on Guam.

On July 21, 1978 the Americans commenced landing at Asan and Agat to liberate Guam from the Japanese during World War II. The immediate objective was to link up the two separate beachheads and secure the heights by taking Mt. Tenjo. On the afternoon of July 23rd, while advancing toward Orote Peninsula, the 22nd Marines received Japanese artillery fire from Mt. Tenjo and adjacent Mount Alutom and Mount Chachao. The Japanese had Mt. Tenjo organized as a strong point of resistance supported by the other mountains.

Finally, on the morning of July 28, Company A 305th Infantry approaching from Agat to the south, moved toward Mt. Tenjo. They encountered only occasional sniping and occupied Mt. Tenjo at 0815. The Japanese had retreated earlier toward the north in their general retirement. Shortly thereafter, 3rd Battalion, 305th moved north and immediately linked up with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, who had the same day taken Mount Chachao. Thus after eight days of fighting, the northern and southern beachheads were joined.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

UTM REFERENCES

A	5, 5	25, 06, 1, 0	1, 48, 47, 0, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Mount Tenjo Fortifications consists of the summit of Mount Tenjo, which is a level two-acre plateau.

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

David T. Lotz, Assistant Park Administrator

ORGANIZATION

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

January 5, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2950

TELEPHONE

477-9620/1

CITY OR TOWN

Agana,

STATE

Guam 96910

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

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

David T. Lotz

TITLE

DATE 1/10/79

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

Bill Leborich

DATE

3/13/79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Bill Leborich*

DATE *March 8, 1979*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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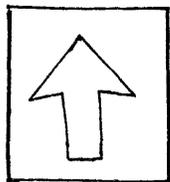
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SITE MAP FORM

SCALE IN _____



North Arrow

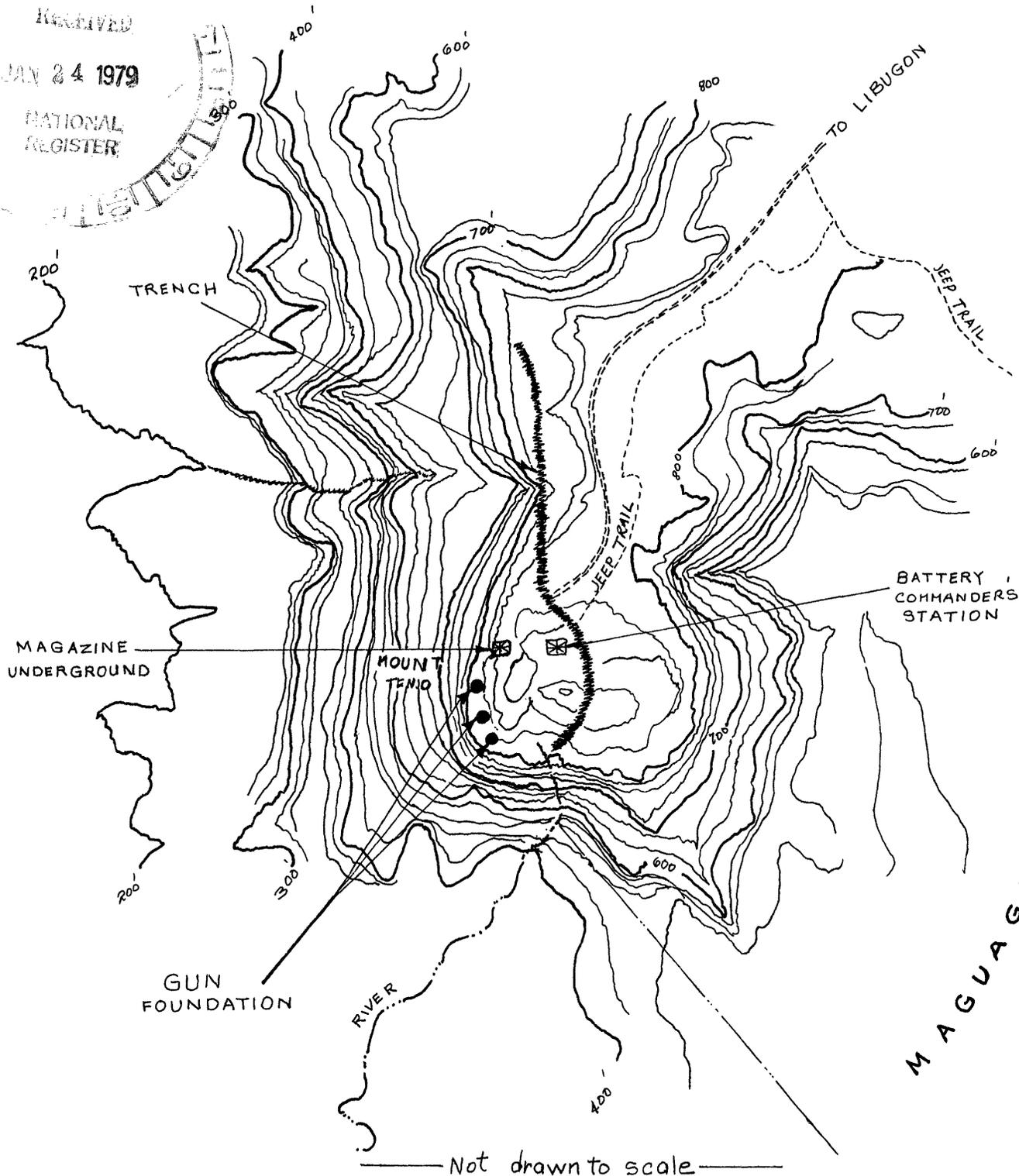
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MAPPING TECHNIQUE: _____

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