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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 AS SOMBRERU PILLBOX III
Japanese World War II fortification

wrong co. code
should be 010
not 10'd on map

and or common West Matapang pillbox

2. Location

street & number along the shoreline at the west side of Matapang Park

city, town Tumon vicinity of

state Guam code 66 county Agana code 01

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"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Department of Parks and Recreation, Government of Guam

street & number

city, town Agana vicinity of state Guam

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Land Management

street & number P.O. Box 2950

city, town Agana state Guam 96910

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The pillbox is located along the western boundary of Matapang Beach 9.0 m from the high tide line. Built of steel-reinforced concrete mixed with coral and beach rubble, the structure is in excellent condition. It appears to be in its original position.

While the overall dimensions are 4.0 m by 2.70 m, the pillbox has a complex configuration. It has six exterior walls. Sand is banked against the exterior of the south or inland wall which is .25 m to .30 m thick. A small air vent is located in the south wall. The west wall, about .45 m thick, has a gun port with a view of the center portion of Tumon Bay. The northeast wall, .50 m thick, has a gun port with a view of the northeast portion of Tumon Bay. The entrance and an air vent are located in the east wall.

An interior wall divides the space into two rooms, each having an embrasure. The interior height of the structure from the present sand floor to the ceiling is 1.35 m. Horizontal impressions of the boards used to build the form into which the concrete was poured are apparent on the exterior and interior walls.

The roof slab of the structure is about .25 m thick. To this a conglomerate of concrete, coral, and glass fragments measuring about .15 m to .20 m thick has been added to the exterior surface of the roof. This conglomerate is heaped higher in the center than at the edges of the roof. Over the entrance to the structure, the roof has been reinforced with a cement strip, .20 m wide, .05 m to .20 m high, and 1.50 m long. Impressions of tabi prints and a possible Japanese character are apparent in the cement of the roof. The exterior height of the structure is 1.45 m above ground surface.

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 type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1941-1944

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The West Matapang pillbox was constructed during the Japanese occupation of Guam, a period of time extending from December 1941 through July 1944. Although the exact date of its construction is unknown, it may have been built in the spring of 1944. One of the two Japanese military units assigned to Tumon Bay, the 48th Independent Mixed Brigade or part of the 29th Division, may have been in charge of its construction which probably also involved a work force made up of Guamanian males.

Tumon Bay was among the most extensively fortified beaches on the west coast. Therefore this structure was part of a complex defensive system which extended from Bija Point in the north to Ypao Point in the south. This structure is significant because its unique shape illustrates the variety of free-standing pillboxes located along the coastline of Guam. It also provides information about the spatial distribution of defensive positions in the system designed by the Japanese to defend the coastline of Guam.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 10 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References

A

5	5	2	6	1	4	0	0	1	4	9	4	1	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

the feature and the immediate area that it occupies

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 Darlene Moore

organization Micronesian Area Research Center date September 1986

street & number University of Guam telephone _____

city or town Mangilao state Guam 96923

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 D. C. Moore

title _____ date AUG 16 1988

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

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

date _____

Attest:

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY As Sombreru Pillbox III
NAME:

MULTIPLE Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: GUAM, Guam

DATE RECEIVED: 9/05/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/20/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/06/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/20/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001887

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: Y LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

 ACCEPT ✓ RETURN REJECT 10/5/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*See comment on Tokcha Pillbox
historic name is "As Sombreru Pillbox III"*

RECOM./CRITERIA
REVIEWER
DISCIPLINE
DATE 10/5/88

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ___ summary paragraph
- ___ completeness
- ___ clarity
- ___ applicable criteria
- ___ justification of areas checked
- ___ relating significance to the resource context
- ___ relationship of integrity to significance
- ___ justification of exception
- ___ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTM's ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

 Signed John J. Knorr Phone 202 943 19518

 Date 10/15/88

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

88001887

historic name: AS SPMBRERO PILLBOX III (66-01-1204)

other name/site number: AS SOMBRERO PILLBOX III *

2. Location

street & number: WEST SAN VITORES DRIVE

not for publication:

city/town: TUMON

vicinity:

state: GU county: TUMON code: 010 zip code: 96911

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: PUBLIC/STATE

Category of Property: STRUCTURE

Number of Resources within Property:

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

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

Name of related multiple property listing: JAPANESE DEFENSE FORTIFICATIONS

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

D. C. [Signature]
Signature of certifying official

1/17/91
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the
 National Register

 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the
 National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain):

C. [Signature] 3-4 91

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: MILITARY

Sub: FORTIFICATION

Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub:

7. Description

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.

8. Statement of Significance

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>261400</u>	<u>1494150</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

The boundry of the As Sombrero Pillbox III is shown as a dot on the USGS map reference (66-01-1204).

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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Organization: Guam Historic Preservation

Date: November 5, 1990

Street & Number: 490 Chalan Palasyo Rd.

Telephone: (671) 477-9620

City or Town: Agana Heights

State: GU ZIP: 96919

JAN 25 1991

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section number 7

As Sombrero Pillbox III(66-01-1204)

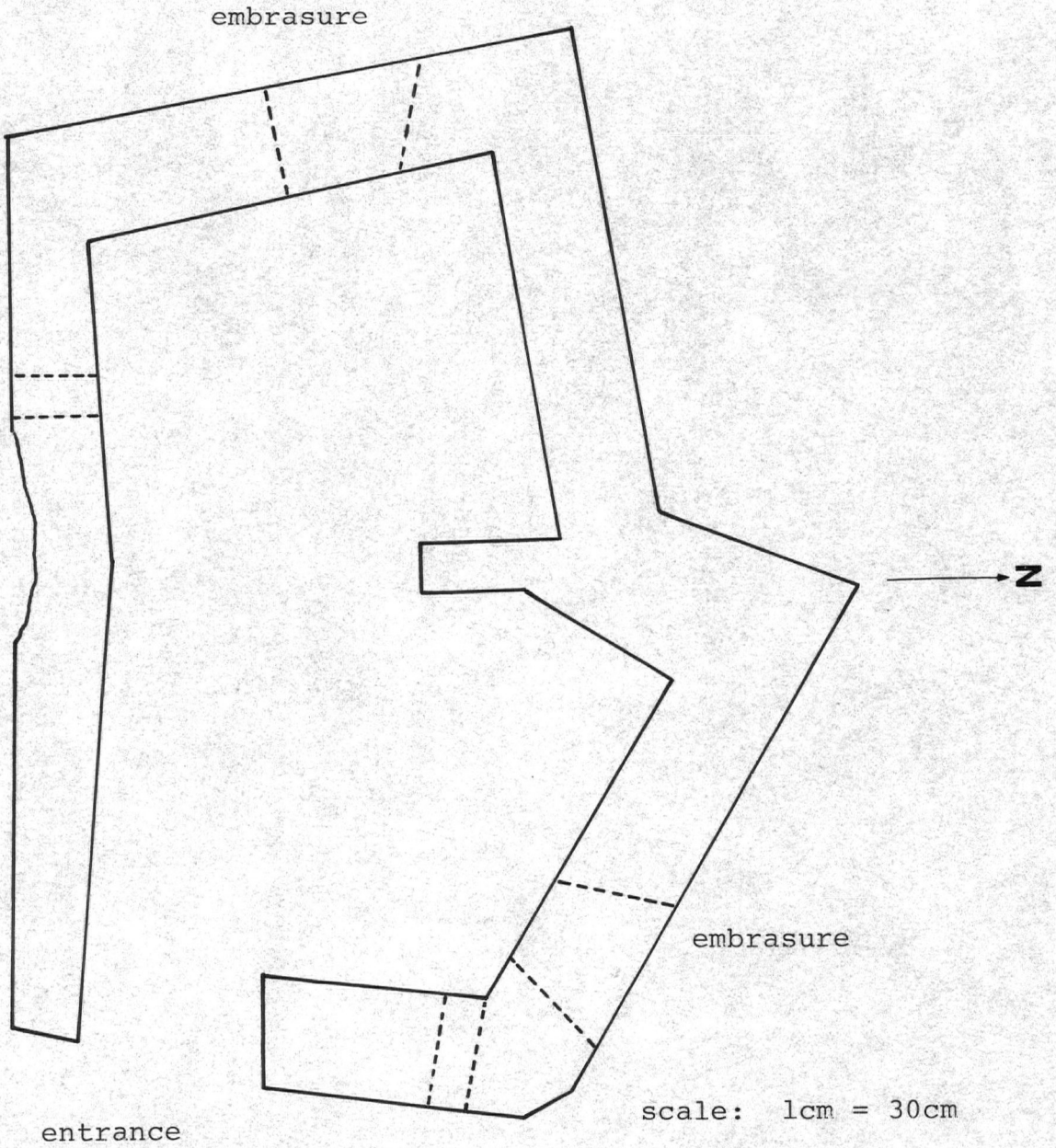
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entrance

Plan view

West Matapang Pillbox, Tumon Bay
Guam

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: As Sombrero Pillbox III

MULTIPLE NAME: Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR

STATE & COUNTY: GUAM, Guam

DATE RECEIVED: 1/25/91

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

3/11/91

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001887

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/4/91 DATE 3/4
CPJ

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The As Sombrero Pillbox III is significant for its role as part of the coastal defenses constructed by the Japanese during their occupation of Guam from 1941 to 1944. The defenses were intended to defend Guam against a U.S. invasion force.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A+C
REVIEWER Rutledge Gase
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/4/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
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- ___context
- ___relationship of integrity to significance
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- ___other

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OTHER COMMENTS

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_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

A black and white photograph of a stone bunker or pillbox. The bunker is rectangular and built from rough-hewn stones, with a small, dark rectangular opening on its side. It sits on a sandy or dirt ground. To the right of the bunker, a white sign is mounted on a wooden post. The sign has the following text: "PRIVATE PROPERTY", "OFF - LIMITS", "TRESPASSERS WILL BE", "PROSECUTED", and "MGT. GUAM DAI-ICHI HOTEL". A vertical white and black striped pole stands to the left of the bunker. In the background, there are several trees, including palm trees, and a dark-colored car is parked on the left side of the frame. The scene is outdoors, likely in a tropical or subtropical environment.

PRIVATE PROPERTY
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PROSECUTED
MGT. GUAM DAI-ICHI HOTEL

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000141