**Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

*(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)*

### 1. NAME

**COMMON:**

Agat Invasion Beach

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

STREET AND NUMBER:

0.1 miles W of Agat Village

CITY OR TOWN:

Agat

STATE:

Guam

COUNTY:

N/A

**ENTRY DATE**

MAY 4 1975

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

ENTRY NUMBER

MAR 4 1975

**ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

Yes:

- Occupied
  - In Process
  - Preservation work in progress

- Unoccupied
  - Restricted
  - Unrestricted

### 2. LOCATION

**Coastline NW of Agat from Jobe Beach**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

0.1 miles W of Agat Village

CITY OR TOWN:

Agat

STATE:

Guam

COUNTY:

N/A

CODE:

66

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Recreation
- Ranch

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNER'S NAME:**

Government of Guam

CITY OR TOWN:

Agana

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Department of Land Management

STREET AND NUMBER:

Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Agana

STATE:

Guam

CODE:

96910

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**STATE:

Guam**

**COUNTY:

N/A**

**ENTRY NUMBER**

MAR 4 1975

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

1974

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

Department of Commerce

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Post Office Box 682

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Agana

**STATE:**

Guam

**CODE:**

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### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**

Guam Historic Survey

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

1974

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

Department of Commerce

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Post Office Box 682

**CITY OR TOWN:**

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Agat Invasion Beach is located on the W coast of the island S of Orote Peninsula between Bangi Point and Togcha Beach on USGS Agat Quadrangle Map (1968). It may be reached by driving to Agat Village on Highway 1; the site occupies the beach and areas immediately inland.

Agat Beach is the site of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade landings on July 21, 1944. It was defended by the Japanese 38th Regiment under the command of Colonel Tsunetaro Suenaga. The 1st Battalion, 38th Regiment, and the 9th Company, 19th Independent Mixed Regiment. The landing beaches, N to S, were Yellow 2, White 1, and White 2. They were located between the southernmost part of Old Agat Village and the Gaan River. The reef at this point goes our about 1000 m making the initial approaches long and hazardous. The beach and the areas behind it were strongly fortified with obstacles such as barbed wire, antiairboat mines and even buried aerial bombs. On the beach itself, 20 m inland from the high water mark, was an almost continuous line of trenches ca, 0.8 m wide and 1.0 m deep. These trenches were supplemented occasionally by rifle and machine gun pits. Between Agat and Bangi Point were 25 pillboxes constructed of a variety of materials; concrete, palm logs, sand bags, earth, coral rocks. On Gaan Point, two reinforce concrete strongpoints held two 75 mm mountain guns, one 37 mm gun plus positions for machine gunners and riflemen. Also located between Gaan Point and Agat were two concrete emplacements holding 40 mm guns. The Marines encountered highly effective defensive artillery and mortar fire while landing; 24 amtracks were knocked out. Initial resistance was stronger than at the Asan Beachhead, but the Marines overcame the heavy rifle and machine gun fire and entered the ruins of Agat by 1130. Gen. Shepherd came ashore at 1145 and set up his command post in a coconut grove ca. 70 m SE of Gaan Point. The 4th and the 22nd Marine Regiments continued their advance and by nightfall had reached a line which ran from Agat, the foothills of Mt. Alifan, Hill 40, to Bangi Point.

Remains of the Japanese beach defenses still exist. On Gangi Point is a pillbox in good condition; an incomplete concrete gun emplacement is on Bangi Island as well as a concrete machine gun emplacement. On Gaan Point is a reinforced concrete strongpoint; and the remains of concrete and coconut log bunkers and pillboxes are scattered along the beach at Gaan Point. At Apaca Point is the ruins of a pillbox and embrasure. The invading Marines reported coming under heavy fire from a 75 mm gun on Yona Islet; no such gun position has yet been found. Also unlocated are gun positions on Neye Island and the cliffs of Orote Point.
### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (cont.)

- **Jualin, Asuncion C.**
  - Gen. Delivery, Agat 96915
- **Salas, Pedro L.G. & Remedio M.**
  - c/o Commissioner of Agat, Guam 96915
- **Anderson, Maria O.**
  - Gen. Delivery, Agat, Guam 96915
- **Okiyama, Jesus C.**
  - P.O. Box 722, Agana, Guam 96910
- **Sablan, Josefa C.**
  - c/o Commissioner of Agat, Guam 96910
- **Calvo Finance Company**
  - P.O. Box ER, Agana, Guam 96910
- **Antonio B. Won Pat**
  - P.O. Box 3549, Agana, Guam 96910
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

- July 21, 1944

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Asan and Agat invasions were the first time that war had touched Guam extensively since the earlier Chamorro wars. These invasions mark the beginning of the American liberation of the island; July 21st is still a holiday on Guam. They also mark the end of the Japanese occupation of the island. Militarily, the Agat Beachhead was a secondary invasion beach; the Asan beachhead was the most important landing area in the eyes of both the invading Americans and the defending Japanese, however, the Agat landing completed one side of a princer movement which would capture the primary American targets; Apra Harbor and Orote Peninsula with its airfield. As an important example of the heavy fighting that occurred on U.S. territory during this period in America's history.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crowl, Philp A.

Lodge, Major O.R.
1954 The Recapture of Guam. Historical Branch, G-3 Division, Headquarters, U.S.M.C.

Arthur, Robert A. and Kenneth Cohlmia
n.d. Guam; Operations of the 77th Division (21 July - 10 August, 1944), American Forces in Action Series, War Dept., Washington D.C.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 95 Acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Guam Inventory Team
ORGANIZATION: Bernice P. Bishop Museum
STREET AND NUMBER: 1355 Kalihi St. - Post Office Box 6037
CITY OR TOWN: Honolulu
STATE: Hawaii
CODE: 96718
058

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 criterias and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name __________________________
Title: Director of Commerce
Date: NOV 20 1974

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2-25-25