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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Guam
COUNTY:	N/A
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

MAR 4 1975

COMMON: Agat Invasion Beach

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION *Coast line NW of Agat from Teacher Beach*

STREET AND NUMBER: *S to Blunco*  
0.1 miles W of Agat Village

CITY OR TOWN: Agat

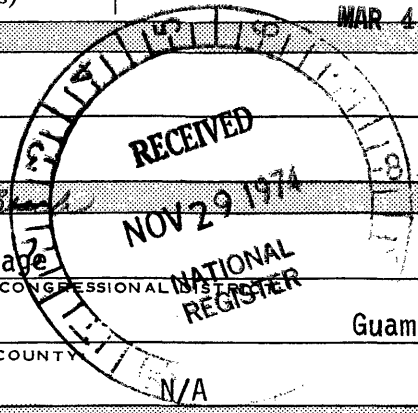
STATE: Guam

CODE: 66

COUNTY: N/A

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Guam

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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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) <u>Recreation Ranch</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Government of Guam

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Agana

STATE: Guam

CODE: 96910

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: 96910

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: Agana

STATE: Guam

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

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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 out 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, antiboat 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 reinforced 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 Bangi Point is a pillbox in good condition; an incompleated 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.



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(Number all entries)

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



**6. 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**

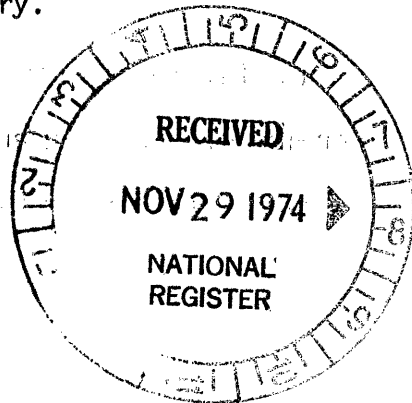
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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

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.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 1960 Campaign in the Marianas. Office, Chief of Military History, Dept. of the Army, Washington, D.C.

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

Arthur, Robert A. and Kenneth Cohlma  
 n.d. The Third Marine Division. Infantry Journal Press, Washington D.C.

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

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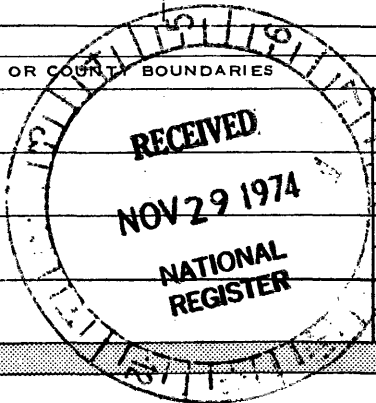
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	13°	23'	33" N	144°	39'	32" E			
NE	13°	23'	32" N	144°	39'	37" E			
SE	13°	22'	8" N	144°	39'	07" E			
SW	13°	22'	42" N	144°	39'	02" E			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **95 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. - Post Office Box 6037**

CITY OR TOWN: **Honolulu** STATE: **Hawaii 96718** CODE: **058**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Director of Commerce**

Date: **NOV 20 1974**

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

*A. B. Montrose*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **3/4/75**

ATTEST:

*Charles Asken*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **2-25-75**

66-02-1054

AT INVASION BEACH

23° 33' N	144° 39' 32" E
23° 32' N	144° 39' 37" E
22° 38' N	144° 39' 07" E
22° 42' N	144° 39' 02" E

