### 1. NAME

**HISTORIC**

Asan Invasion Beach

**AND/OR COMMON**


### 2. LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

North edge of Asan

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**PRESENT USE**

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**PRESENT USE**

| AGRICULTURE | MUSEUM |
| COMMERICAL | PARK |
| EDUCATIONAL | PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| ENTERTAINMENT | RELIGIOUS |
| GOVERNMENT | SCIENTIFIC |
| INDUSTRIAL | TRANSPORTATION |
| MILITARY | OTHER |

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**

See continuation sheet

**STREET & NUMBER**

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### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

Department of Land Management

**STREET & NUMBER**

Administration Building

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### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

Guam Historic Survey

**DATE**

1974

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

Department of Parks and Recreation

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Asan Invasion Beach is located between Asan and Adelup Points on the W central coast of the island N of Asan Village on USGS Agana Quadrangle Map (1968). It may be reached by driving to Asan Village on Highway One (Marine Drive). The site lies primarily to the N of the highway. It was one of the two beaches selected for the invasion of Guam. Here the reef is fairly close to the shore (about 100 m) and the bottom and beach are sandy. The Japanese had fortified the reef with cribs of coconut logs, barbed wire, and possibly mines. Just beyond the road were dried up rice paddies; today the village of Asan is located there. Few remains exist today except for a destroyed pillbox near Asan Point and one on Adelup Point; the former forms part of the breakwater on the N side of Asan Point. A marker commemorates the invasion. In addition, a submerged American LVT lies in sixty feet of water within the site.

This site includes within it, the Memorial Beach Park which is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

See verbal boundary description and sketch map for boundary.
Owner of Property

a. Government of Guam
   Agana, Guam  96910

b. Commander U.S. Naval Forces Marianas
   U.S. Pacific Fleet
   FPO San Francisco  96630

Major Bibliographic References

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On the morning of July 21, 1944, the longest American bombardment of the war was lifted and the 3rd Marine Division aboard LST's headed toward shore, Asan Beach. All three regiments of the division landed abreast on the landing beach; the 3rd on Red Beaches 1 and 2 in the N; the 21st on Green Beach in the center; the 9th on the Blue Beach in the S. The Japanese 320th Independent Infantry Battalion defended the area between Adelup and Asan Points. They occupied the high ground overlooking the beaches and also Pillboxes on the points at Asan and Adelup. By 1300 most of the division was ashore and had fought to the foot of the high ridges which overlooked the beaches. The Marines came under heavy flanking fire from both Asan and Adelup Points. At 1715, General Turnage came ashore and established his command post on the left bank of the Asan River.

The invasion marks the first time that war has touched Guam intensely since the Chamorro wars 250 years previously. It also marks the beginning of the American liberation of the island--July 21st is still a holiday on Guam--and the end of Japanese rule. Militarily, the Asan Beach was regarded by both sides as the most important; the Americans landed their best assault division of the 3rd Amphibious Corps there and the Japanese reinforced their units on the high ridges above the beaches. Later, they directed their strongest counterattacks against the 3rd Marine Division on the beachhead.


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 124

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The site boundary includes the beach area up to the property lines or up to Route One, which ever is further inland. It also includes Guam owned lots within the site boundary. It does not include structures since they are all non-contributing. It includes the water area. Also see attached sketch map.

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

David T. Lotz, Assistant Park Administrator

Department of Parks and Recreation

P.O. Box 2950

Agana

Guam 96910

DATE: January 10, 1979

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: [Signature]

DATE: 1/11/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
1. Asan Invasion Beach
2. Asan, Guam
3. Alejandro B. Lizama
4. December 20, 1978
5. Department of Parks and Recreation, Guam
6. West end of invasion beach showing water, beach, and post war paved area, looking SE.
7. Photo No. 2

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looking
western

South best from the
most part of Asan Beach
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6. Central portion of invasion beach looking east.
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