**1 NAME**

**HISTORIC**

Asan Ridge Battle Area

**AND/OR COMMON**

Asan Ridge, Bundschuh Ridge and Chorrito Cliff

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**2 LOCATION**

**STREET & NUMBER**

Between Asan and Nimitz Hill

**CITY. TOWN**

Asan

**STATE**

Guam

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**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

_(See Continuation Sheet)_

**NAME**

Jason Guam, Inc.

**STREET & NUMBER**

Post Office Box 8013

**CITY. TOWN**

Tamuning

**STATE**

Guam 96911

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**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

Department of Land Management

**STREET & NUMBER**

Administration Building

**CITY. TOWN**

Agana

**STATE**

Guam 96910

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE**

Guam Historic Survey

**DATE**

1974

**FEDERAL X STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL**

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 682

**CITY. TOWN**

Agana

**STATE**

Guam 96910
The Asan Ridge Battle site is located immediately inland (S) of Asan Village and Bay between Asan and Adelup Points on the USGS Agana Quadrangle Map (1968). From NE to SW Chorrito Cliff, Bundschuh Ridge, and Asan Ridge are the high ground which dominates the terrain above the Asan invasion beach. Chorrito Cliff, whose shoulder touches the sea near Adelup Point, is ca. 100 feet high. Bundschuh Ridge, a nose of rock jutting out just below Fonte Plateau, measures ca. 300 feet in height. Asan Ridge varies in height from 100 to 150 feet. Two branches of the Asan River, which empties into the sea near Asan Point, trisect the western area of the ridges. At the time of the battle, the flat areas leading up to the ridges were rice paddies. The lower slopes of the ridges were covered with kunai (?) grass, while the tops of the ridges were concealed by undergrowth and some coconut palms. Although the Japanese realized that the high ground overlooking the beach and the rice paddies created a natural defensive position, they nevertheless dug many caves on the slopes of the ridges. On the lower slopes of Asan Ridge they constructed coconut log bunkers—these have not yet been located or examined. Mortars and 40 mm guns were located on Fonte Plateau, a position which commanded the entire beachhead. Two concrete pillboxes, one incomplete, were located at the top of Chorrito Cliff. Nearby was a battery of 4 inch (?) guns which, owing to their being unfinished positions, did not take part in the battle.

The concrete pillboxes are the only remains of the battle so far located. The top of Chorrito Cliff shows evidence of heavy shelling. The ridges are now covered by almost impenetrable undergrowth.
Arthur, Robert A. and Kenneth Cohlmia

n.d. Guam, Operations of the 77th Division (21 July-10 August, 1944), American Forces in Action Series Historical Division, War Dept., Washington, D.C.
On July 21, 1944, the 3rd Marine Division landed and moved across the rice paddies at the base of the ridges. The Japanese 320th Independent Infantry Battalion, which held the ground between Adelup Point and Asan Point, poured down heavy defensive fire on the Marines who began to scale the ridges. The Chorrito Cliffs were taken by noon but Adelup Point did not fall until 1500. Bundschuh Ridge, which dominated the central high ground of the beachhead, was attacked but could not be taken because of heavy defensive fire. Here Marine Captain Geary Bundschuh lost his life leading an attack up the ridge on July 21. On July 22, Bundschuh Ridge was attacked again and the Japanese abandoned the position. A few Marines reached the top but were driven back by 90 mm mortar fire. On July 23rd, General Turnage, commander of the 3rd Marines, ordered the Marines to attack the ridge again. They met with resistance, and the terrain—gullies, ridges, and valleys— favored the enemy defense. The Japanese counterattacked, but it was broken up by Naval gunfire. Bundschuh Ridge was taken without resistance on July 25th. By July 26th the ridges had been secured and Gen. Turnage ordered his troops to take Fonte Plateau. That attack began the next day.

American efforts to take Chorrito Cliffs, Bundschuh Ridge, and Asan Ridge involved some of the most vicious fighting of the entire campaign to liberate Guam. This area was the most important Japanese defensive position on the beachhead. When it fell and Fonte Plateau with it, effective Japanese resistance collapsed.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Crowl, Philip A.

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

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ca. 550 acres
UTM REFERENCES
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY
NAME / TITLE: David T. Lotz, Planner
ORGANIZATION: Parks and Recreation Resources Division
DATE: April 25, 1975
STREET & NUMBER: Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 682
TELEPHONE: 646-1279
CITY OR TOWN: Agana
STATE: Guam 96910

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

TITLE: Chief, Parks and Recreation Resource Division
DATE: MAY 02, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE: JUL 14, 1975
## National Register of Historic Places Property Photograph Form

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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
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**COUNTY**  
N/A

**STATE**  
Guam

### 3 PHOTO REFERENCE

**PHOTO CREDIT**  
David T. Lotz

**DATE OF PHOTO**  
Feb. 21, 1975

**NEGATIVE FILED AT**  
Department of Commerce, Agana, Guam

### 4 IDENTIFICATION

**DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET**

Asan Ridge Battle Area West End

**PHOTO NO.**  
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Bishop Museum

DATE OF PHOTO June 20, 1974

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Bundschuh Ridge Pillbox

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