**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**

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### 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**  
Piti Coastal Defense Gun

**AND/OR COMMON**

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### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**  
1,400 feet ESE of junction of routes 11 and 1

**CITY, TOWN**  
Piti

**VICINITY OF**  
Guam

**STATE**  
Guam

**CODE**  
66

**COUNTY**  
N/A

**CODE**  
410

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### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**  
Government of Guam

**STREET & NUMBER**

**CITY, TOWN**  
Agana

**STATE**  
Guam 96910

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### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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**STATE**  
Guam 96910

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### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**  
Guam Historic Survey

**DATE**  
1974

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**  
Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 682

**CITY, TOWN**  
Agana

**STATE**  
Guam 96910
The Piti Coastal Defense Gun Site is located ca. 75 m SE of the Catholic Church in Piti on USGS Apra Harbor Quadrangle Map (1968). It may be reached by driving the surface roads in Piti to the Catholic church, .2 miles from Marine Drive (Highway 1). The gun is located on the brow of the hill SE of the church in a concrete and earthen revetment. The revetment is 10.5 m wide, 9.5 m long, and 1.2 m in height. Only the N and M walls are concrete; the remainder is earth (possibly destroyed?). The gun mount is located 4 m from the eastern side and 5 m from the N wall. It is 6 m long and trained about 10° to the right out of true. It is a Japanese naval gun of about 5 inch caliber. Its screw breech is open.
The Piti Coastal Defense Gun would have been able to bombard the invading American forces on July 21, 1944, since it was sighted to cover the Asan invasion beach. A secondary use for it may have been to cover the Japanese defenders on Orote peninsula. No written evidence indicates that the gun was actually fired during the invasion. An examination of the site shows no evidence of American bombardment. Since the gun is a screw breech naval gun, it would need to have an underground area or protected place for its charges and projectiles. No such magazine has been found. This suggests that the Japanese never completed the position and it never has been used in actual battle. It is however, an excellent example of a Japanese defensive gun position which is nearly intact. It is one of the three extant on the island and one of the few extant on American soil. In addition, the gun is a remnant of the Japanese coastal defenses of Guam.
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.1 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

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David T. Lotz, Planner

ORGANIZATION

Parks and Recreation Resources Division

DATE

April 25, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Department of Commerce

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 __ 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 Resources 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

6/18/75

DATE

JUN 17 1975
FORM No. 10-300

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
   HISTORIC Piti Coastal Defense Guns
   AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
   STREET & NUMBER 1,400 feet ESE of Junction of Routes one and eleven
   CITY, TOWN Piti
   STATE Guam
   CODE 66

3 CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY _DISTRICT _BUILDING(S) _STRUCTURE _SITE _OBJECT
   OWNERSHIP X PUBLIC _PRIVATE _BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION
   STATUS _OCCUPIED _UNOCCUPIED _WORK IN PROGRESS ACCESSIBLE
   _YES: RESTRICTED _YES: UNRESTRICTED _NO
   PRESENT USE _AGRICULTURE _MUSEUM _COMMERCIAL _PARK
   _EDUCATIONAL _PRIVATE RESIDENCE _ENTERTAINMENT _RELIGIOUS
   _GOVERNMENT _SCIENTIFIC _INDUSTRIAL _TRANSPORTATION
   _MILITARY _OTHER: Unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
   NAME Government of Guam
   STREET & NUMBER
   CITY, TOWN Agana
   STATE Guam 96910

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Department of Land Management
   STREET & NUMBER Administration Building
   CITY, TOWN Agana
   STATE Guam 96910

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE Guam Historic Survey
   DATE 1975
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Department of Parks & Recreation, Post Office Box 682
   CITY, TOWN Agana
   STATE Guam 96910
The Piti Coastal Defense Guns site is located ca. 75 m SE of the Catholic Church in Piti on USGS Apra Harbor Quadrangle May (1968). It may be reached by driving the surface roads in Piti to the Catholic church, .2 miles from Marine Drive (Highway 1).

The guns are located along the brow of the hill at the 100 foot contour SE of the church.

Gun #1 is trained 86° West of North toward the Apra Harbor opening. The Glass Breakwater was not completed until after recapture of Guam from the Japanese.

Gun #2 received a direct hit and has been knocked off its mounted positioning.

Gun #3 is trained 9° West of North to cover the Tepungan Channel through the reef.

The guns appear of equal manufacture, being six m long Japanese naval guns of about five inch caliber with screw breach. Japanese figures are legible on the back of the breech indicating Japanese manufacture.
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Piti Coastal Defense
Guns Site
- NOT TO SCALE -

\[144° 42' 00" E\]

(Traced from 112000 Advance Sheet)
The Piti Coastal Defense Guns could have been able to bombard the invading American forces on July 21, 1944, however they are presently trained to the west of the invasion beach. Gun #1 could have been used to defend Orote peninsula and Apra Harbor.

No written evidence indicates that the guns were actually fired. Since the guns are a screw breech naval gun, they would have needed an underground or protected area for the charges and projectiles. No such magazine has been found. This suggests that the Japanese never completed the positions and that they were never used. This is, however an excellent example of Japanese defensive gun positioning, which is nearly intact. It is one of three existant gun positions on the island, a remnant of the Japanese coastal defenses of Guam.
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.25 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen F. Lander, Planner

ORGANIZATION

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

October, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Box 682

TELEPHONE

646-1279

CITY OR TOWN

Agana

STATE

96910

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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TITLE

Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

10-19-75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/14/75

ATTEST:

DATE

12/21/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSURE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME
HISTORIC Piti Coastal Defense Gun

2 LOCATION
CITY, TOWN Piti
VICINITY OF
COUNTY N/A
STATE Guam

3 PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT Bishop Museum
DATE OF PHOTO June 20, 1974
NEGATIVE FILED AT Department of Commerce, Agana, Guam 96910

4 IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
The Piti Coastal Defense Gun

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

1 NAME
HISTORIC
PITI COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
CITY, TOWN PITI
VICINITY OF
COUNTY
STATE GUAM

3 PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT S.F.L. Department of Parks and Recreation DATE OF PHOTO August, 1975
NEGATIVE FILED AT Department of Parks and Recreation, Agana, Guam 96910

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

PHOTO NO. 2
G-MaG (a) 26:4

Gun #4
**NAME**

HISTORIC

PITI COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

CITY. TOWN

PITI

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

GUAM

**PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

S.F.L. Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE OF PHOTO

August, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Department of Parks and Recreation, Agana, Guam 96910

**IDENTIFICATION**

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Inscription at Rear of Gun #1

PHOTO NO.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH

NAME
HISTORIC PITU COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION
CITY, TOWN PITU VICINITY OF COUNTY STATE GUAM

PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT S.F.L. Department of Parks and Recreation DATE OF PHOTO August, 1975
NEGATIVE FILED AT Department of Parks and Recreation, Agana, Guam 96910

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

GUN #2

PHOTO NO. 4 G-MaG (a) 26:4