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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 AS SOMBORU PILLBOX II
Japanese World War II fortification

wrong co.
code should
be 010
site not 10'd
on map

and or common same

2. Location

street & number along the southern shoreline of Tumon Beach in Tumon Bay not for publication

city, town Tumon _____ vicinity of

state Guam code 66 county Agana code 01

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Pacific Star Hotel

street & number P.O. Box AM

city, town Agana _____ vicinity of state Guam 96910

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Land Management

street & number P.O. Box 2950

city, town Agana _____ state Guam 96910

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 10 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References

A

5	5	2	6	1	2	0	0	1	4	9	4	0	7	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

the feature and the immediate area that it occupies

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Darlene Moore

organization Micronesia Area Research Center date September 1986

street & number University of Guam telephone _____

city or town Mangilao state Guam

12. 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 D. C. Moore

title _____ date AUG 16 1988

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

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

AI _____

Chief of Registration

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1941-1944 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tumon Beach pillbox was constructed during the Japanese occupation of Guam (December 1941 through July 1944). Although the exact date of its construction is not known, it may have been built during the period from February through June 1944 when the Japanese escalated their efforts to fortify the island. This pillbox was probably constructed under the direction of one of the two Japanese military units assigned to Tumon Bay. These were the 48th Independent Mixed Brigade and part of the 29th Division. It is likely that Guamanian men assisted with the construction of the pillbox.

Tumon Bay was among the most extensively fortified beaches on the west coast. The Tumon Beach pillbox is part of a complex defensive system which extended from Bijia Point in the north to Ypao Point in the south. This structure is significant because it is one of the diminishing number of fortifications which were built during the Japanese occupation to protect the bay from an enemy attack. Although it was not directly engaged in the battles to recapture Guam by American forces, it provides information about the range of variation in Japanese World War II military architecture. Its location, when considered along with other defensive structures in Tumon Bay, provides information about the placement and the spatial distribution of the fortifications which comprised the Japanese defensive system which was designed to destroy the enemy at the beach.

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The pillbox is located 7.0 m inland from the high tide line along the beach of the Pacific Star Hotel. It is constructed of reinforced concrete mixed with crushed coral and sand. Rubble and building material from the construction of the hotel have been piled up against the inland sides of the feature, obscuring the entrance and a portion of the east wall, but the structure appears to be in excellent condition.

The pillbox measures about 2.40 m by 2.70 m. The west wall of the structure extends 1.0 m beyond the rear, probably to provide protection to the entrance which is presently obscured. The extended wall is .30 m thick. The north wall, which has a gun port with view of the northeast portion of Tumon Bay, is .50 m thick. The exterior opening of the embrasure measures .70 m by .26 m. The east wall, which is .30 m thick, has a window with a view of the landward side of the structure. A previous drawing shows an air vent in the south wall. It is likely that the east and south walls are also .30 m thick. Horizontal impressions of the boards used to construct the form into which the concrete was poured are apparent on the exterior surface of the structure.

Previous documentation indicates that the roof is .45 m thick. The top of the roof is 1.25 m above present ground surface. The roof is flat. A row of coral rocks has been cemented to the surface of the north edge of the roof above the embrasure.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: As Sombreru Pillbox II

MULTIPLE NAME: Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR

STATE & COUNTY: GUAM, Guam

DATE RECEIVED: 9/05/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/20/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/06/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/20/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001864

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: Y LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10/5/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*see comments on Tokelau Pillbox
historic name is "As Sombreru Pillbox II"*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER K. Knight
DISCIPLINE Arch
DATE 10/5/88

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ___ summary paragraph
- ___ completeness
- ___ clarity
- ___ applicable criteria
- ___ justification of areas checked
- ___ relating significance to the resource context
- ___ relationship of integrity to significance
- ___ justification of exception
- ___ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed John J. Kroed

Phone (202) 343-9578
Date 10/5/88

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National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

88001864

historic name: AS SOMBRERO PILLBOX II (66-01-1203)

other name/site number: AS SOMBRERO PILLBOX II *

2. Location

street & number: WEST SAN VITORES DRIVE

not for publication:

city/town: TUMON

vicinity:

state: GU county: TUMON code: 010 zip code: 96911

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: PRIVATE

Category of Property: STRUCTURE

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u>ONE</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u>ONE</u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: JAPANESE DEFENSE FORTIFICATIONS

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

D. C. [Signature]
Signature of certifying official

1/17/91
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Carol D. Shull 3-4-91

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: MILITARY

Sub: FORTIFICATION

Current : VACANT/NOT IN USE

Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

NO STYLE

Other Description:

Materials: foundation CONCRETE roof CONCRETE
walls CONCRETE other
LIMESTONE

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C,D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : G

Areas of Significance: MILITARY

Period(s) of Significance: 1941-1944

Significant Dates : 1944

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See multiple resource nomination.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See multiple resource nomination.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: LESS THAN ONE ACRE

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>55</u>	<u>261500</u>	<u>1494075</u>	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.

The boundry of the As Sombrero Pillbox II is shown as a dot on the USGS map reference (66-01-1203).

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.

The boundry includes the features historically associated with the site.

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Guam Historic Preservation

Date: November 2, 1990

Street & Number: 490 Chalan Palasyo Rd.

Telephone: (671) 477-9620

City or Town: Agana Heights

State: GU ZIP: 96919

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service****NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
CONTINUATION SHEET**

Section number 7

As Sombrero Pillbox II (66-01-1203)
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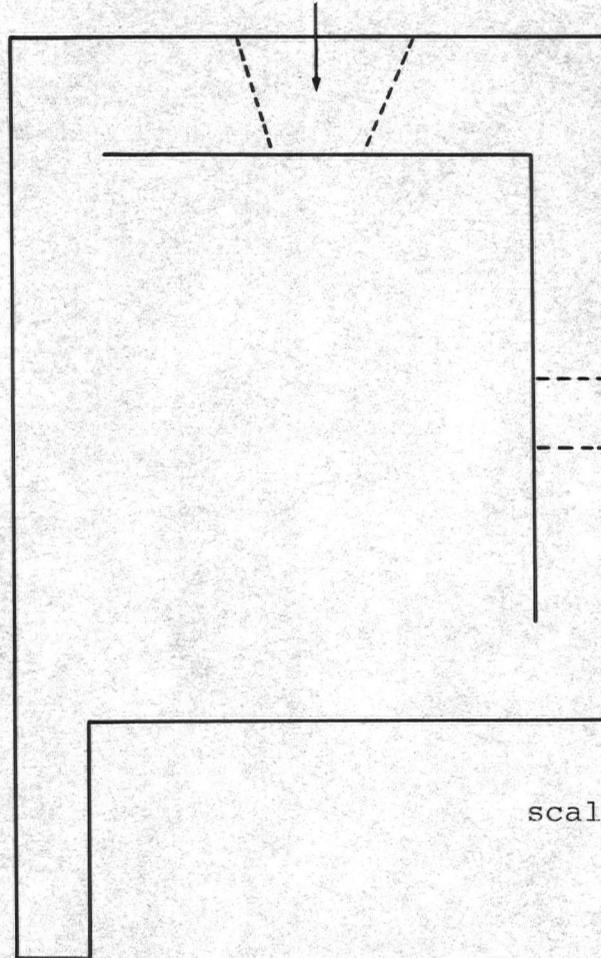
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embrasure



scale: 1cm = 30cm

Plan view

Tumon Beach Pillbox, Tumon Bay, Guam

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001864 Date Listed: 3/4/91

<u>As Sombreru Pillbox II</u>	<u>Guam</u>	<u>Guam</u>
Property Name	County	State

Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

<u><i>Antonietta A. Lee</i></u>	<u>3/14/91</u>
for Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: This property is evaluated at the national level.

The Applicable National Register Criteria includes A and C only. Criterion D is deleted.

The Areas of Significance section includes Engineering.

This information was confirmed with Richard Davis, Deputy SHPO of Guam.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: As Sombrero Pillbox II

MULTIPLE NAME: Japanese Coastal Defense Fortifications on Guam TR

STATE & COUNTY: GUAM, Guam

DATE RECEIVED: 1/25/91

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

3/11/91

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001864

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/4/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See As Sombrero Pillbox II is significant for its role as part of the coastal defenses constructed by the Japanese during their occupation of Guam from 1941 to 1944. The defenses were intended to defend Guam from a U.S. invasion force.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / A + c
REVIEWER Autuonetti / Cee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/4/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
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Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000141