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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

** Tonota n Guns and Caves
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Nantaku Village

__VICINITY OF
E

STATE

COUNTY

CODE

TTPI

muen lo.

Pruk District

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

__OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

__BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

OTHER: *visiting*

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Yano Boon

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Nantaku Village

VICINITY OF

STATE

TTPI

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Presently Not In Existence

STREET & NUMBER

Agency Consulted: Land Commission, Truk

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Presently No In Existence

DATE

Agencies Consulted: Land Commission __FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

and Land Management, Truk

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

During World War II in the west flance of the hills overlooking Moen Harbor the Japanese army has excavated defensive positions. One of the caves is housing a naval gun of English origine directed to the harbor. Other caves were used for military personnel and shelter from aerial bombing.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | History |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The caves are in an attractive surrounding and would offer a pleasant site with beautiful view for the casual visitor and representative remains of recent history and military engineering.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Not Known

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approxim. 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	5, 6	3, 7, 3, 5, 2, 0	8, 2, 3, 2, 6, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
	Not Applicable		
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Technical Advisor, Truk District Historic Preservation Committee

Tabor J. Haring - District Planner

ORGANIZATION

Gov. of T.T.P.I.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

Moen, Truk

DATE

6/11/75 / April 13, 1976

TELEPHONE

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STATE

TTPI

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE TTPI

LOCAL Truk District

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 Neil K. Chase

TITLE Chief, Branch of Resources & Land Use, Div. Lands/Surveys DATE TTPI May 20, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

ATTEST: [Signature] DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 9/30/76

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Jonathan Guns and Caves
State Just Territory Working Number 6.21.76.3604

7600221
Truk
~~Trust~~

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

UTM can't be checked

CONTROL

pl
6-28-76

I guess we can accept this as an advance nomination **HISTORIAN**
we need a great deal of information, however, How many *W.P. Luce*
caves? when were guns placed there? Were they used *8/17/76*
during the war? How many remain? - A sketch map
would be helpful as would more information on the guns

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Not enough documentation
to make a professional assessment - - -* *SA Janel*
8/17/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

YES

KEEPER

Wm
9/30/76

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered **SEP 30 1976**
Federal Register Entry 11-2-76 Re-submit _____ INT:2106-74



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Date Entered SEP 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ongeluluul	Babelthuap Island vicinity Palau District
German Cemetery	Eastern Caroline Islands
Sokehs Japanese Artillery Road and Pohndolap Area	Eastern Caroline Islands
Tonnachau Mountain	Iras, Moen vicinity Truk District
Marshall Islands War Memorial Park	Majuro Atoll - Marshalls - DUD Area
Chief Agriculturist House	Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
Japanese Army Headquarters	Dublon Island Eastern Caroline Islands
Wiichen Men's Meeting House	Peniesene Village vicinity Truk District
Tonotan Guns and Caves	Nantaku Village Truk District

Also Notified

Regional Director, Western Region

PR Mott 9/30/76

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Neil Chase
Chief, Land Resources Branch
Department of Resources and Development
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 8/17/76
Reviewer: INITIALS: wpc KP
NR DOE
SEP 30 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Tonotan Guns and Caves

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: Nantaku
CITY, TOWN: Moen Island
STATE: TTE
VICINITY OF: Truk District
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
COUNTY: code

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):
FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST
NA

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1, unknown-4, not applicable-7
EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2, unknown-5, not applicable-8
ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3, unknown-6, Not applicable-9

CONDITION - EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, DETERIORATED, RUINS, UNEXPOSED, Unexcavated, UNALTERED, ALTERED, Reconstructed, Excavated, ORIGINAL SITE, MOVED, Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted, Yes-unrestricted, No access, Unknown

historic district? YES, NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES, NO, Saved? YES, NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- CAVE

now- CAVE

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC, CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, RELIGION, entertainment
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC, ECONOMICS, LAW/Gov't/politics, SCIENCE, health
- AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, LITERATURE, recreation
- ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, MILITARY, settlement
- ART, EXPLORATION, MUSIC, socio/cultural
- COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, PHILOSOPHY, TRANSPORTATION, urban & commun
- COMMUNICATIONS, INVENTION, POLITICS/GOVERNMENT, OTHER (SPECIFY), planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: NA

architect/m.builder: _____

landscape/garden designer: _____

interior decorator: _____

engineer: _____

artist/artisan: _____

builder/contractor: _____

ETHNIC GROUP: Japanese

NAMES: personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events World War II

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): c. 1941-45 ✓

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: _____

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1941-45

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) .2

I believe they mean 2 acres

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~A series of caves, at least one of which contains guns placed there during WW II by the Japanese~~

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

caves used as gun emplacements and air raid shelters by the Japanese during World War II

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: NA

architect/m.builder: _____

engineer: _____

landscape/garden designer: _____

artist/artisan: _____

interior decorator: _____

builder/contractor: _____

ETHNIC GROUP: Japanese

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

events World War II

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

✓ c. 1941-46
19

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: _____

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

1941-45

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.2

I believe they mean 2 acres

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

~~A series of caves, at least one of which contains guns placed there during WWII by the Japanese~~

✓ Series of caves excavated by Japanese Army during ^{WWII} ~~World War II~~ for gun emplacements, and air raid shelters used in defense of Moen Harbor; one of the caves contains a naval gun of English origins directed at the harbor.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

caves used as gun emplacements and air raid shelters by the Japanese during World War II

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2/16/76