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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received **AUG 22 1988**  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name** Togcha Pillbox

wrong co-code  
should be 010  
not ID'd on map

historic Japanese World War II fortification

and or common Togcha Point pillbox

**2. Location**

street & number along the shoreline of Togcha Point not for publication

city, town Ipan vicinity of

state Guam code 66 county Talofof code 09

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Ambrosio Shimizu

street & number 1221 4th Street

city, town Novato vicinity of state CA 94947

**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

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Togcha Point pillbox is located on the east coast between Togcha River, 1.0 mile to the south, and Ylig River, .7 mile to the north. Built on the raised limestone terrace of Togcha Point, approximately 15.0 m inland from the high tide line and 1.0 m above sea level, the pillbox is set into a depression which was excavated into the limestone to a depth of .45 m. The structure is built of steel-reinforced concrete mixed with small coral fragments and beach rubble. It is in excellent condition.

The exterior of the structure measures approximately 3.30 m by 2.70 m. It is 1.68 m tall from the bottom of the depression to the highest point of the upper surface of the roof. The roof slopes toward the south wall and then forms an angled extension over the wall. The north wall angles to provide protective walls for the entrance located on the northwest corner. Limestone rocks, about .35 m high, form a wall along the west side of the entrance. The rock on the east side has been moved so that it partially obstructs the entrance.

The interior space forms one room which has a height of 1.50 m at the center and slopes to 1.45 m at the south wall. Coral rubble and sand form the floor.

The south and east walls are .50 m thick, while the north and west walls are approximately .30 m thick. A gun port, measuring .30 m wide and .26 m high at the exterior edge, is located in the south wall.

Horizontal impressions of the lumber used to build the form into which the concrete was poured are apparent on the surfaces of both exterior and interior walls.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1941-1944

Builder/Architect

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Togcha Point pillbox was built 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. The pillbox was probably constructed under the direction of the 10th Independent Mixed Regiment assigned to defend the southern end of the island from Umatac to Yona. It is likely that Guamanian men were involved in the construction of the pillbox.

The majority of fortifications on the east coast are strategically located to defend river mouths. The Togcha Point pillbox is unique, because it is not directly associated with a river. However, it is built on the point of land nearest to the reef, and its embrasure faces the portion of the reef directly seaward of the Ylig River. The pillbox may have been part of a more extensive defense system designed to destroy the enemy at the beach. At present, the only recorded remains in the area are this pillbox and the Togcha River pillbox.

Although this structure was not directly involved in the battles to recapture Guam by American forces, it is significant because it provides information about the range of variation in Japanese World War II military architecture. Its unique shape illustrates one of the numerous forms designed by the Japanese to serve as free-standing, concrete pillboxes. It also provides information about the spatial distribution of fortifications in the system designed by the Japanese to defend the coastline of Guam.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 10 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References

A 

5	5	2	5	8	4	0	0	1	4	7	9	2	2	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 96923

# 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. [Signature]

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

Attest:

date \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Tokcha' Pillbox

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: 88001875

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:

- ① identify the site on the USGS map
- ② county code is "010"
- ③ indicate acreage
- ④ indicate level of significance
- ⑤ indicate site meets criterion D
- ⑥ enter "Tokcha' Pillbox" as the historic name

RECOM./CRITERIA Return  
REVIEWER Knowl  
DISCIPLINE Archaeology  
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. Knoverl  
John J. Knoverl

Phone (202) 343-9518

Date 10/5/88

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

88001875

historic name: TOGCHA POINT PILLBOX (66-09-1215)

other name/site number: TOGCHA PILLBOX #

2. Location

street & number: ROUTE FOUR

not for publication:     

city/town: YONA

vicinity:     

state: GU county: YONA

code: 010

zip code: 96914

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: PRIVATE

Category of Property: STRUCTURE

Number of Resources within Property:

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

[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):

Carene Shue 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.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X 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:

- X State historic preservation office
- X Other state agency
- X Federal agency
- X Local government
- X University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: LESS THAN ONE ACRE

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>  55  </u>	<u> 258400 </u>	<u> 1479225 </u>	B	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>
C	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>	D	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>	<u>  —  </u>

   See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:    See continuation sheet.

The boundry of the Togcha Point Pillbox is shown as a dot on the USGS map reference (66-09-1215).

Boundary Justification:    See continuation sheet.

The boundry includes the features historically associated with the site.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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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

Togcha Point Pillbox (66-09-1215)  
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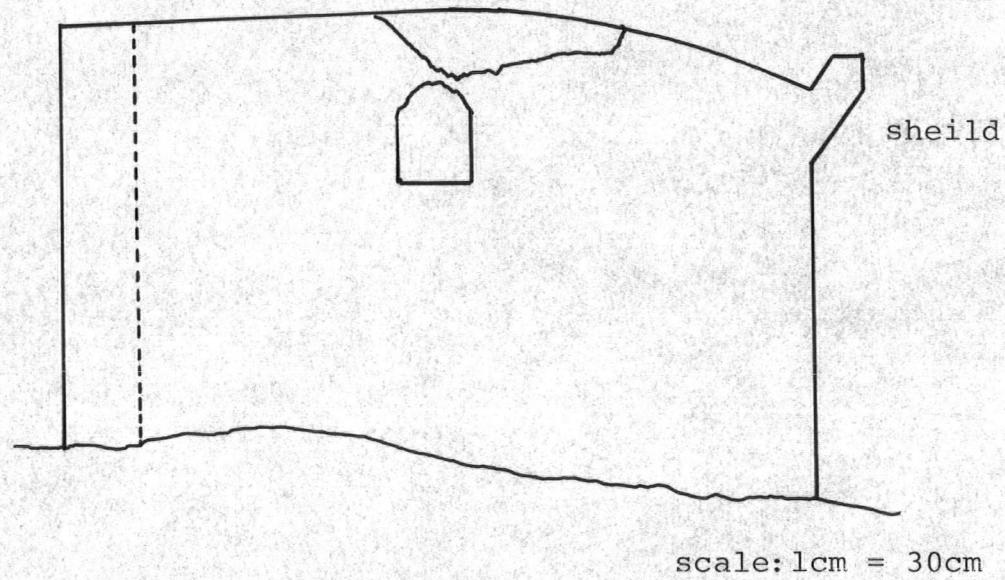
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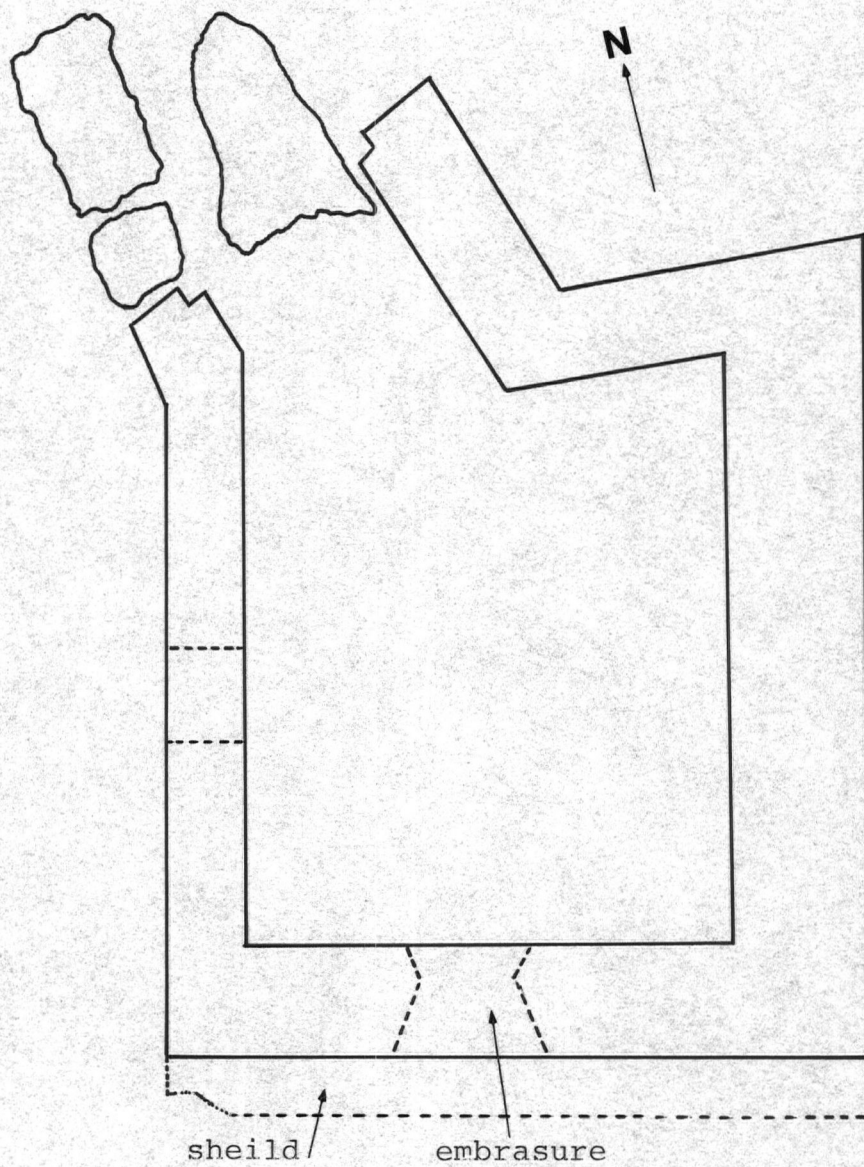
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Profile west wall of  
Togcha Point Pillbox



scale: 1cm = 30cm

Plan view

Togcha Point Pillbox, Guam

AUG 22 1988



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Tokcha' Pillbox

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: 88001875

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/4/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Tokcha' Pillbox 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 protect Guam from a U.S. invasion force.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / a+c  
REVIEWER Antoinette Lee  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
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

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000141