

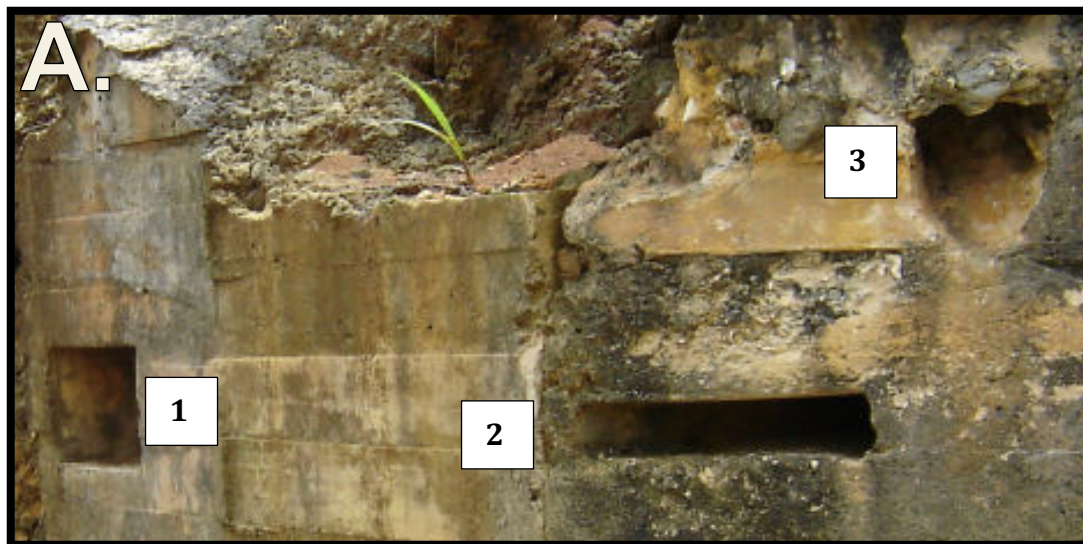
EXPERIENCE Pillbox Perspective at Apaca Point



YOUR NATIONAL PARK Student Name: _____

Follow the sidewalk to the beach on your left. Look for the pillbox at the shore. Look into the openings of the pillbox. Answer the following questions.

1. Look at Picture A. Match the numbered openings with the correct label.



2. What do you see inside Opening #3?

3. Why do you think that Opening #3 has the extra hole in it?

4. Imagine that you are an American Soldier walking in from the reef. Do you think that it would be easy or hard to see the Japanese soldiers hiding inside the pillbox? _____

5. Look at Picture B. Now imagine that you are a Japanese soldier hidden in the pillbox. Would it be easy or hard for you to see the American soldiers as they walk across the bay?

6. If you were on Guam during the invasion where would you feel safer, in the pillbox or walking across the bay? _____

7. Now walk back to the grassy area to look for the pillbox entrance. Who do you think built the pillbox and cave? _____

8. Use two words to describe how you would feel if you were forced to build the pillbox and dig the cave through rock to make it. _____



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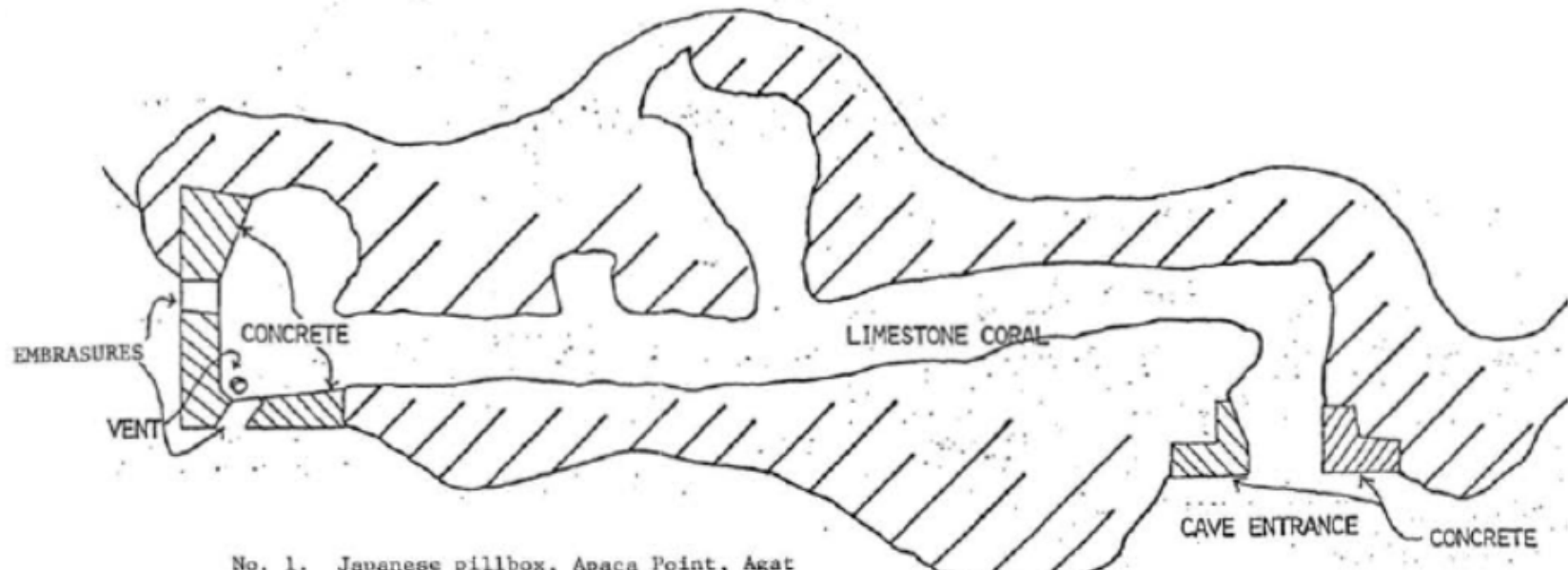
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**** Special note:** If tides are high shoes may get wet while exploring the pillbox.

Answer Key

1. Another opening or hole
2. It was a booby trap. If an American soldier dropped a grenade through the top opening of the air vent the grenade would fall outside the pillbox not into it. The extra hole is on the side of the air vent wall to block the grenade from falling into the pillbox.
3. Rifle Slit: **1** Air Vent: **3** Machine Gun Slit: **2** 4. Hard 5. Easy 6. In the pillbox
7. The Chamorro people were forced by the Japanese to build it.
8. Answers will vary.

Additional Information: The term “**pillbox**” was probably used because most pillboxes look like the boxes in which medical pills were once sold.



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