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When the Japanese Army occupied Guam, they carved out areas of the coral coastline and used them as gun nests to defend the island. Many of these fortifications are visible today when you walk the waterfront. When I lived here in Guam in 1979-80, the waterfront where I lived (Tipalao Bay) had many of these nests, and the coral walls surrounding them were full of bullet divots from being shot at.

On the plane ride over, I sat next to a man who lives on the island. I told him that I remembered that in 1978 a Japanese Soldier was found in the caves in the jungle. He had been hiding there since WWII. The man told me that a soldier was found hiding as recently as 2001. Bet he was happy to get a shower.

The other nice thing about the coastline is the many odd formations of coral that stick up out of the water.

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