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## **Ordnance found at the former Camp Barkeley, near Abilene, Texas**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS -- Several unexploded ordnance items were uncovered Wednesday at a private utility company's construction project near Abilene. Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams from Dyess Air Force Base responded and secured the munitions within hours. One of the items was an artillery round which may contain a chemical agent. Experts from the Army's Technical Escort Unit are expected to arrive early Friday morning to determine if the item contains a chemical agent. There were no injuries and the artillery round is in stable condition. The public is not in danger of exposure to the agent.

The ordnance items are likely associated with the former Camp Barkeley, which was located approximately 12 miles southwest of Abilene. The former Camp Barkeley consisted of 77,000 acres and was used during World War II as an infantry training center. After the war, most of the property was returned to private ownership. The camp is one of over 790 formerly used defense sites managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District.

For more information about the former Camp Barkeley, contact Clay Church at the Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1310.

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