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Ordnance found at the former Camp Barkeley tested negative

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – An unexploded ordnance item uncovered Wednesday at a private utility company's construction project near Abilene was found to be empty. The ordnance item was of a type that could have been configured to contain a chemical agent. Experts from the Army's Technical Escort Unit arrived early Friday morning to determine if the item contained a chemical agent. The item was x-rayed and determined to contain no chemical agent.

The ordnance item is 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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