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Army Officials Safely Remove UXO Found at Fort Shafter

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Army explosive ordnance disposal personnel safely removed an unexploded ordnance (UXO) found here, today.

Construction workers digging to repair a retaining wall found a suspected UXO at approximately 7:30 a.m., and contacted the Fort Shafter Police.

As a precautionary safety measure, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Emergency Services and the Fort Shafter Police evacuated and cordoned off the surrounding area. They also requested the assistance of the 706th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 303rd EOD Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

The 706th EOD company identified the suspected UXO as a World War II-era 12" naval shell, and transported it to Schofield Barracks for disposal.

All areas were cleared by noon and reopened to normal access.

For information on UXO safety, visit <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/technology/uxo00.html>. Also, if encountering a suspected UXO, stay safe and practice the three Rs: Recognize, Retreat and Report (dial 911).

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March 31: Clarification that the World War II-era 12" shell was the circumference of the shell, with a shell length of 50 inches, according to garrison Department of Emergency Services authorities.