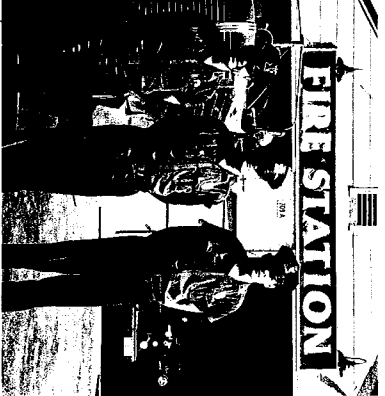
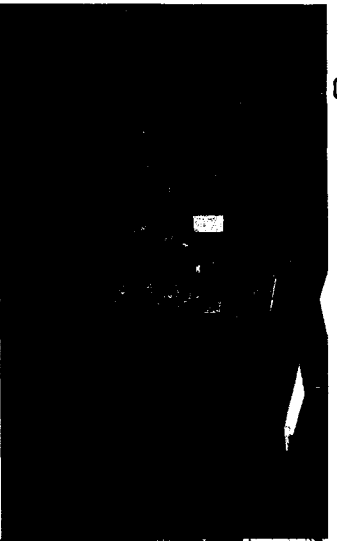
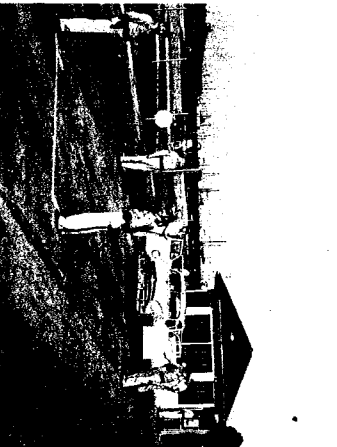


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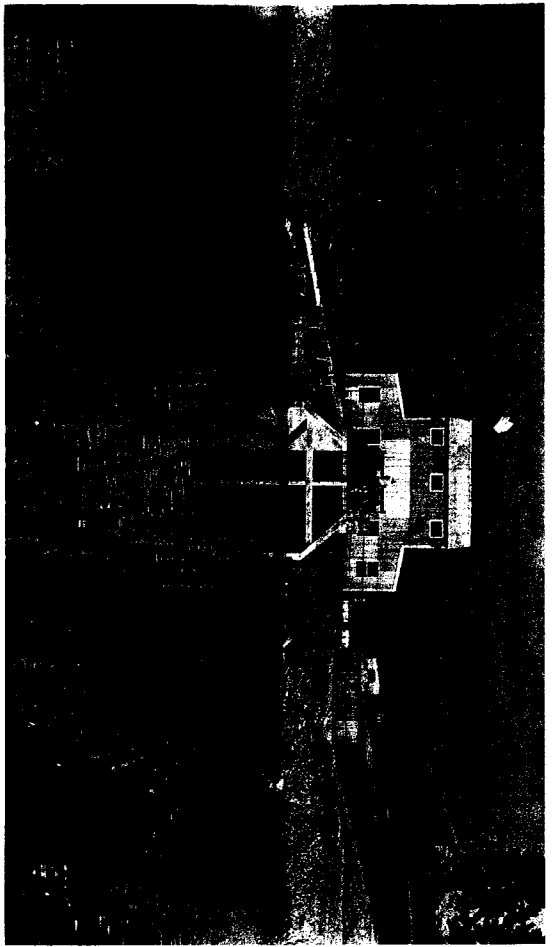
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# LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT



U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE  
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# HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010  
9:00 AM

CADDO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### *Master of Ceremonies*

Mr. Mark Williams  
Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge Manager

### *Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance*

Boy Scout Troop 239  
First United Methodist Church of Marshall

### *“Star Spangled Banner”*

Performed by  
Mr. Devin Crandell

### *Welcome from Harrison County Historical Commission*

Ms. Jennifer Larned – Chair

### *Letters of Recognition*

Colonel Clarence D. Turner  
Chief of the BRAC Division, U.S. Army

### *Presentation of Longhorn Proclamation*

Harrison County Judge Richard Anderson

### *History and Reading of Marker*

Ms. Gail Beil

### *“God Bless the USA”*

Performed by  
Mr. Devin Crandell

### *Closing Remarks*

Mr. Mark Williams

### *Marker Unveiling*

### *Reception at Visitors Center*

#### *Special Thanks:*

Richard and Christina Anderson, Caddo Lake Institute,  
Caddo Packing Company - Pat and Judy Parrish, City of Marshall, Collin's Academy,  
Cypress Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist, Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge,  
Friends of CLNWR, Harrison County Sheriff Office, Lynn and Jerry Lomax, Ramsar  
Wetland Center, Sullivan Funeral Home, Super 1 Foods, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Marshall News Messenger, KMHT Radio, Dr. Carl Turner, Richard LeTourneau,  
Ben Grant, Robert Speight, Jr., Mike Gannon, Texas Parks and Wildlife,  
Greater Caddo Lake Association

## **LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT**

IN 1941, AS THE UNITED STATES PREPARED FOR EVENTUAL ENTRY INTO WORLD WAR II, THE U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT APPROACHED MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS ABOUT OPERATING A LOCAL PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES. INITIALLY CALLED LONGHORN ORDNANCE WORKS, THE PLANT PRODUCED OVER 400 MILLION POUNDS OF TRINITROTOLUENE (TNT) FROM 1941 TO 1945. AFTER THE WAR, THE ARMY PLACED THE PLANT ON STANDBY STATUS. DURING THE KOREAN WAR (1950-53), THE NEED FOR MUNITIONS ROSE AGAIN, AND THE UNIVERSAL MATCH CORPORATION, ALSO OF ST. LOUIS, MANAGED THE SITE, PRODUCING PROPELLANT FUEL.

IN 1956, THIOKOL CHEMICAL CORPORATION BEGAN MANUFACTURING SOLID FUEL ROCKET MOTORS HERE. THIS HIGHLY GUARDED AND CLASSIFIED SITE GREW IN A SERIES OF FIVE EXPANSIONS. IN 1964, ITS NAME CHANGED TO THE LONGHORN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT AND EMPLOYMENT ROSE TO A HIGH OF NEARLY 3,000 PERSONNEL. THE NUMBERS DECLINED WITH THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE EASING OF TENSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND EMPLOYMENT DROPPED TO LESS THAN 1,000 BY 1975.

IN 1987, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION SIGNED THE TREATY OF INTERMEDIATE NUCLEAR FORCES, BEGINNING THE ELIMINATION OF AN ENTIRE CLASS OF MISSILES. IN 1988, THE FIRST DESTRUCTION ON AMERICAN SOIL OF U.S. PERSHING I AND II ROCKET MOTORS OCCURRED AT THE SITE. OBSERVED BY SOVIET AND U.S. OFFICIALS, THE DEMOLITION PROJECT CONTINUED UNTIL 1991. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DEACTIVATION IN 1995, POLLUTION ABATEMENT HAS STEADILY PROVIDED FOR ADAPATIVE REUSE OF THE FORMER WARTIME SITE, NOW PART OF THE CADDO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

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