

UXO Provides Christmas Surprise 75 Years Late

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Augsburg, Germany Nearly 54,000 residents were not able to spend Christmas at home due to a forced evacuation effort scheduled for the disposal of the approximately 2-ton British WWII era bomb. The bomb dropped by the British Air Force back in the 1940s was found during construction work. However, Authorities responding to the initial call decided to hold off on the render safe operation due to the nearly 1-mile exclusion zone that was required.

Instead, the biggest evacuation in post-war German history was scheduled for Christmas day mainly due to the fact the traffic in and around the area is very light around the holidays.



In addition to the people who were evacuated, over 2,500 personnel including rescue workers, police, firefighters, and volunteers who spent Christmas working in support to the bomb disposal operation.