

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: February 21, 2014

Name of Marker: Explosion Rocks Tolar

County: Roosevelt

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text
 New Marker

NMDOT District: 2

NMDOT Highway: U.S. Route 60

Suggested Site for Installation: same

New Text:

At noon on November 30, 1944, a train carrying war materiel and 160 500-pound bombs headed for the Pacific derailed in Tolar. The train soon caught fire and the bombs exploded. The blast, which damaged or destroyed nearly every building in Tolar, could be heard 60 miles away. One person was killed as a result of the explosion.

Word Count: 58

Previous Title: N/A.

Researcher/author: Randy Dunson

Source(s): "One Death from Tolar Blast," *Clovis News Journal*, December 1, 1944 and "Train Blows Up at Tolar," *Portales Daily News*, November 30, 1944.

Text Approved by CPRC on Date: _____

CPRC/staff Comments: _____

For Referral to: NMDOT District 2