

Army Says It Has No Indication Who Bombed Headquarters in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army says it has no indication who bombed one of its headquarters in Frankfurt Thursday night, killing a lieutenant colonel and injuring 13 persons. Frankfurt police declined to comment on speculation that the explosions were a protest against U.S. policies in Vietnam.

"Anyone could have planted the bombs," said a military policeman on duty when they went off about 7 p.m., Spec. 4 Ted Bloyd of Houston, Tex. "There was a tour group going into the building at the time, and anyone could have carried them in a suitcase."

Frankfurt Police Chief Knut Mueller said he saw no reason to call off a demonstration today against the Vietnam war organized by the Communist party. But he said the protesters would be kept away from U.S. installations and he had called in auxiliaries to help control them.

The strongest of the three bombs collapsed the ceiling between the two stories of an officers' club and blew out the windows across the front of the building.

The colonel was killed by a fragment that slammed into his neck as he stood outside the Club Thursday that "we don't intend to have shootouts where they can be avoided," however. He also said he felt the security situation gradually is improving.

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The army said Lt. Col. Paul A. Bloomquist, 39, Salt Lake City, Utah, died of wounds suffered when he was caught by one of the three blasts.

Bloomquist, who served two tours in Vietnam, is survived by his widow and two children, the Army said.

He was not identified pending notification of his family.

Most of the injured—who included one American woman and two German women employed by the club—were inside the club when the blasts went off.

Most of the injured were cut by glass shards from the shattered windows. One underwent surgery.

A second bomb went off in a cafeteria and a third exploded inside the entrance to the main office building, a seven-story structure that has been a U.S. Army headquarters since World War II.

The Army said six MP's were in a guardroom off the entrance hall, but none was seriously injured.

It was the first such bombing of an American installation in the 27 years since World War II that U.S. troops have been stationed in West Germany. But American businesses, the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt and the local America House library often have been targets for rock throwers and fire bombers protesting American actions in the Vietnam war. Similar attacks have been carried out in West Berlin.