Blasts at U.S. Base in Germany Kill 3

HEIDELBERG, Germany, May 24 (AP)—Bombs went off tonight in two cars parked inside the United States Army's European command headquarters compound, killing three American servicemen and injuring five other persons.

It was the second bomb attack on an Army compound in West Germany in the last two weeks. An American lieutenant colonel was killed and 13 persons were injured May 11 by three bombs that shattered the officers' club of the Fifth Corps headquarters in Frankfurt.

An Army spokesman said today that the almost simultaneous blasts in cars parked some 150 yards apart had blown a hole in a wall of a data-processing building at the Heidelberg compound and had shattered glass in a movie theater and officers' club at Heidelberg's Campbell Barracks. The post is headquarters for the European command's 190,000 men, most of them in Germany.

The three dead, an Army officer and two soldiers whose identities were not immediately released, were near the dataprocessing center when the first bomb exploded. The Army said that three military personnel and two civilians had been treated for cuts.

The second blast went off 10 to 15 seconds later in a car parked on a large lot facing the officers' club and theater.

Reports from the scene said United States military policemen had seized three Germans in connection with the blasts. An Army spokesman could not confirm this report immediately.

In a filmed television interview broadcast shortly after the blasts, Interior Minister Hans Deitrich Genscher said that those being sought in recent terrorist attacks were largely identifiable with what is called the Baader-Meinhof gang. The leftist extremist group has been sought for the last two years in connection with a series of bank robberies, car thefts and other acts of violence.

A group calling itself the "Red Army Action" claimed responsibility for the three bombs that shattered the headquarters and officers club in Frankfurt on May 11. The group also said it bombed German police buildings May 12 in Munich and Augsburg.

The military police cordoned off the Heidelberg post, situated about a mile from the commercial heart of this medieval university city. The area has been under tight security along with other United States installations in West Germany because of the bombing in Frankfurt.

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